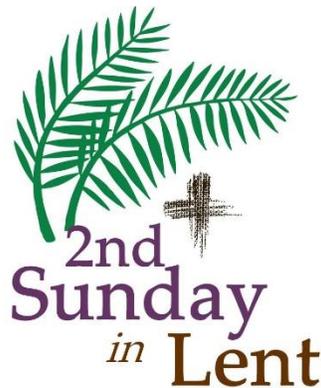


THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

# Digital Worship



February 28, 2021

Rev. Christopher Buresh

*As we enter this time of digital worship, we do so alongside the Body of Christ in a spiritual space while we abstain from doing so in a physical space. Please participate by reading aloud along with the leader the parts of the service which are **bolded** and standing where you find the + symbol.*

*We will also be sharing virtually in Holy Communion. We would invite those who desire to partake to prepare by setting up a space with elements suitable for eating and drinking. Suggestions for these elements include bread, crackers, wine, juice or water.*

*Be sure to read the important notes following the service portion of the bulletin.*

## + THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



## + THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## + THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Lector: Kristie Traverso

### **Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

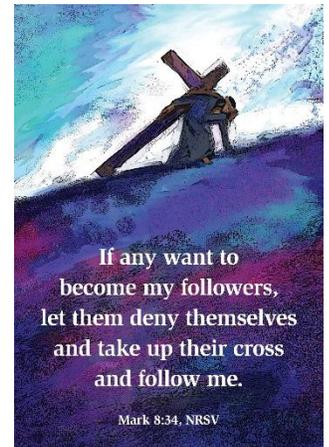
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Romans 4:13, NRSV

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



Here ends the Holy Gospel.

## THE SERMON: **"Tempted by Pride"**

## THE ANTHEM: ***"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"***

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## + THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead**

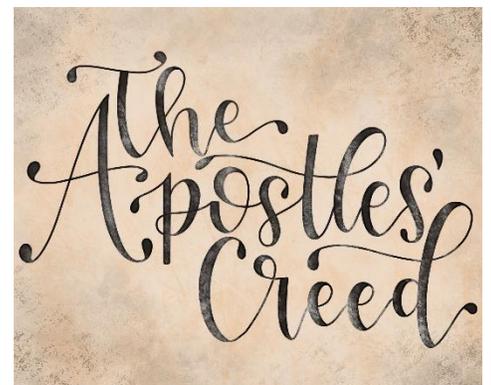
**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## + THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Uplift our congregation, the community in Coronationville and the whole Body of Christ. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



Your mercy  
**is Great**

## THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## THE OFFERING

*We invite you to continue in your faithful support of God's work by contributing electronically during our season of meeting in a virtual world. Please see our website homepage for further instructions on how to participate in electronic giving.*

### + THE OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### + THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### + THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.  
Come to this meal and be fed.

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.



Holy Communion

## + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## + THE BLESSING AND SENDING

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord's face shine upon us with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## ***Service Notes:***

*Today's chancel flowers are given by Carol Miller in loving memory of her parents.*



## **Our intercessions include:**

**the bereaved:** the Meter family upon the death of June, the Lange family upon the death of Sherrill's father, Duane Lingquist.

***In-Person Worship has resumed.*** Services are held at 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Sundays, and 10:30 am and 7:30 pm on Wednesdays, each limited by the current capacity limits of our region. Please call the church to make a reservation beginning on the Monday prior to the service. You can make one call for both Sunday and Wednesday. Thank you!

***Our mid-week Lenten services*** are contemplative as we reflect on how we have been restored through Christ. Please join us in-person at the times above or online at 5:30 pm on our YouTube channel.

***In-Person Sunday School begins today, February 28.*** Please make a reservation for your child by the Thursday prior, so we can be properly prepared. Thank you!

***COVID Vaccine*** – Shawn Erickson is willing to help those who have no or limited access to the internet or have no technology resources to be able to set up a COVID vaccination appointment. If you need help because of these issues, please call Shawn at 708-514-5994 to partner up to help you get your vaccine scheduled!

One of our members is involved with ***“Lasagna Love” an organization that provides a lasagna meal to families in need*** during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are looking for people in need of a meal. If you know anyone in need of a homemade lasagna meal, please pass along the following website for them to sign up: [www.lasagnalove.org](http://www.lasagnalove.org). Thank you!

***Faith Discussion*** has moved its meeting time to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month beginning in February. They meet at 7:00 pm and will meet in-person in the Galilean Room. Feel free to join this “faithful” group. Contact DJ Janzen for more information. The next meeting date is Tuesday, March 9.

***Flower dates available for the next few months:***

March: 7, 14 and 28

April: 11, 18, 25

May: 16, 23

***The Flower Chart*** is located on the bulletin board next to the office door. If you're interested in signing up, you can either stop by the church, call the church office or email [donna@good-shepherd-church.com](mailto:donna@good-shepherd-church.com) with your date(s). Thank you!



***Good Shepherd responds to the needs presented by COVID***

Members of the Missions Committee expressed great concern about how best to provide for people near and dear to Good Shepherd who have experienced financial hardship due to the challenges of COVID-19. In that spirit, funding was set aside to assist people who are struggling financially due to loss of their expected income. If you are in need, please call the church office and we will arrange to discuss the situation and how we can help.

***As a community of faith, we strive to stay connected as we together journey through life. Please see the weekly calendar below to see what is happening this week at Good Shepherd.***

**During This Week:**

|     |          |  |
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| SUN | 9:00 am  | In-Person and Virtual Worship                                  |
|     | 9:00 am  | Sunday School on YouTube                                       |
|     | 11:00 am | In-Person Worship  |
|     | 11:00 am | In-Person Sunday School  |
| MON | 7:00 pm  | 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation on Zoom |
|     | 8:00 pm  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation on Zoom                     |
| TUE | 10:30 am | Bible Study on Facebook  |
|     | 7:30 pm  | Deacons' Meeting   |
| WED | 10:30 am | In-Person Lenten Service                                       |
|     | 5:30 pm  | Virtual Lenten Service   |
|     | 7:30 pm  | In-Person Lenten Service                                       |
| SAT | 3:50 pm  | Bowling League   |
| SUN | 9:00 am  | In-Person and Virtual Worship                                  |
|     | 9:00 am  | Sunday School on YouTube                                       |
|     | 11:00 am | In-Person Worship  |
|     | 11:00 am | In-Person Sunday School  |
|     | 11:30 am | Sunday School Zoom (Preschool)                                 |

*Also, know that Pastor Chris is happy to set up a zoom meeting or phone call with anyone who wants or needs to chat during this time. You are not alone! May you see God at work in and around you this week ahead.*