

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Digital Worship



February 21, 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.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through 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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Lector: Emie Choquette

### **1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

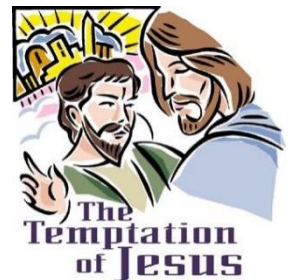


### **Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."



Here ends the Holy Gospel.

## THE SERMON: "Tempted by the Body"

## THE ANTHEM: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

Vocalist: Aaron Basch Pianist: Adam Basch

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930.

Music: A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003.

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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**

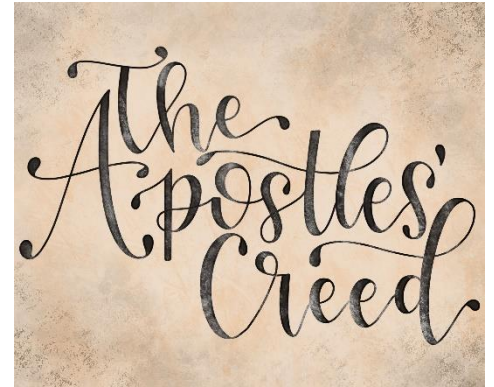
**On the third day he rose again;**

**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 mercy  
**is Great**

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time.

Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance;  
teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders and those who serve in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen ministries of care and concern in our congregation, in Coronationville and around the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

**Amen.**

### 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

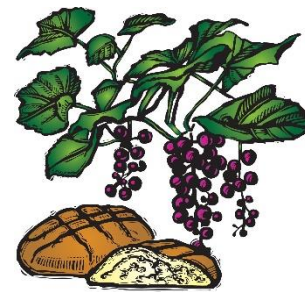
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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 Nancy Harrington in loving memory of her parents, Clara and Joseph Lucsay.*



### **Our intercessions include:**

**the bereaved:** Warren and Carol Meneou and Lael and Char Mathis upon the death of their friend, Grace Gamuaf; the Junge family upon the death of their friend, Nadine Powers.

***In-Person Worship has resumed.*** Services are held at 9:00 and 11:00, 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. Thank you!

***This week marks the beginning of the Lenten services on Wednesdays.*** These services are contemplative as we reflect on how we have been restored through Christ. In-person services will be held at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm with the online service at 5:30 pm on our YouTube Channel

***In-Person Sunday School will begin on Sunday, February 28. More to come from Lori ☺***

***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*** will be moving 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 this Tuesday, February 23.

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

February: 28

March: 7, 14 and 28

April: 11, 18, 25

***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:**

SUN	9:00 am	In-Person and Virtual Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School on YouTube
	11:00 am	In-Person Worship
	11:30 am	Sunday School Zoom Activity (Grades K - 2)
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
	7:00 pm	Faith Discussion (Galilean Room)
WED	10:30 am	In-Person Lenten Service
	5:30 pm	Virtual Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	In-Person Lenten Service
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

***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.***