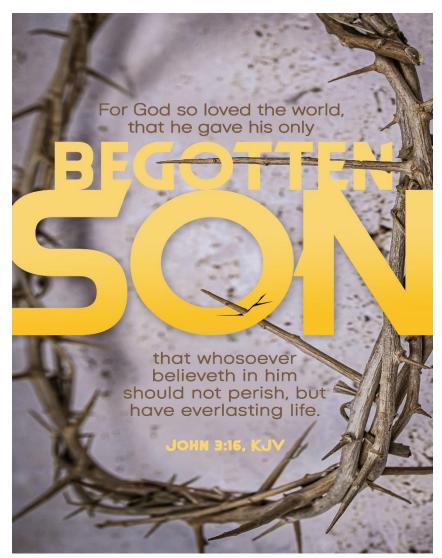
# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Worship...Serve...Grow...Connect



Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023 – 8:30AM

# Welcome & Announcements

(Please stand)

**Opening Hymn** God, Thy name; 1 Ho ly we praise Lord of all, we glad 2 Hark! The hymn gel ce les tial An choirs a -3 Lo, the a pos tles' ho ly train Join Thy cred sa -4 Thou art King of Glo ry, Christ; Son of God, yet ∆ 5 Ho ly Fa ther, ho Son, Ho ly Spir - it, -ly -fore Thee. Thy ter claim. bow be All on earth scep bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser a - phim, name hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, to Mar - y. born of For us sin ners sac ri - ficed, -name Thee; three we Though in es sence on ly one, fi - nite Thy All in heav'n a bove a - dore Thee. In ing Fill the heav'ns with In un \_ ceas cho - rus prais-ing, And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to death As to а Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the Un - di - vid ed And, a - dor God we claim Thee ing, -ing Thy reign. vast do - main. Ev er last is sweet ac - cord: Ho \_ ly, ho ly, ho ly Lord! goes set of sun Through the Church the song on. Thou pened bars of death, hast 0 heav'n to faith. bend the knee While the we own mys ter - y.

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# Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- С Amen.

## **Opening Sentences**

- [**P**] O Lord, open my lips,
- С and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

# **Confession and Absolution**

In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown **P** laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

# P Heavenly Father,

we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +↓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.

# Service of the Word

# Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, Your ways are justice and truth; strengthen our faith in Christ that we find in Him alone to be the way and the truth and the life. Keep the eyes of our faith focused on our Redeemer, and in the end, take us to be with Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen.

(You may be seated)

# **First Reading**

# Genesis 12:1–9

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

# Second Reading

# Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 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.

#### **Children's Message**

## (Please stand)

## **Holy Gospel**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

#### С Glory to You, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### С Praise to You, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

#### Sermon Hymn What won-drous love is this, 0 my soul, 0 my soul! What 2 When T was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When 3 To God and the Lamb will sing, will sing; To to T T when from death I'm free, And I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And $\widehat{}$ O my soul! What won-drous love is this That won-drous love is this, T was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -I will sing; To God and God and to the Lamb to the Lamb, Who when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll caused the Lord of bliss То the dread-ful curse bear for my neath God's righ teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my is the great Ι AM, While mil-lions join the theme, Ι will His love for And through e - ter - ni -I'll sing sing me, ty soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul! Christ laid a - side His crown soul. soul. for my soul, for my While mil-lions join the theme, sing, T will sing, T will sing. I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on. on. Text and tune: Public domain

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John 3:1-17

#### Sermon

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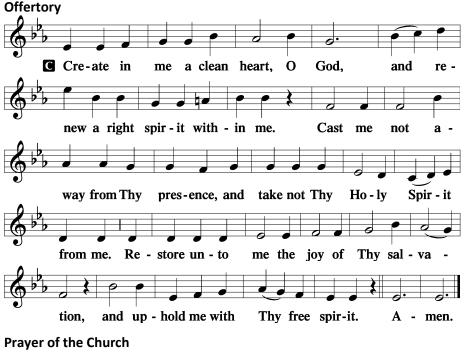
# Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life +1 of the world to come. Amen.

(You may be seated)

# Offering

(Please stand)



- **A** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Pastor Ted Diedrick

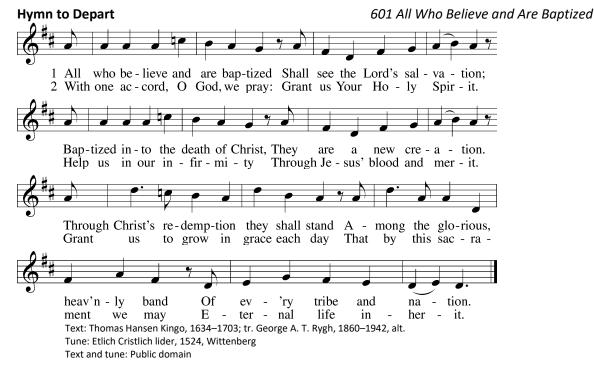
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Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Benediction

- C Amen.



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