



Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome to Shepherd of Life

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We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend the morning with us. As we worship, pray, and sing together, we hope that God's Spirit will fill your heart, and bring you joy and peace.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Worship Service

10:00 Worship Service and Education Classes for all ages (Children and Adult)

We practice Open Communion. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who are sensitive to gluten.

Please give us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you by filling out one of the yellow cards found in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.

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All are welcome in this place!

GATHERING

[The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God]

Prelude

Welcome

Invocation

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

People: Amen

Confession and Forgiveness

(Congregation stands)

Leader: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

People: You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Leader: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

People: Amen

Gathering Hymn

"Gather Us In"

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(Congregation may be seated)

Apostolic Greeting

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

People: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

Leader

People



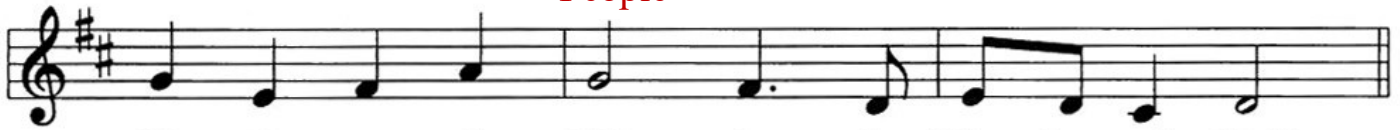
1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the

Leader



King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and

People



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!

People



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit-y of God! _____

Prayer of the Day

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

[God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song.]

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

[These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.]

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm of Praise

Deep with - in I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Fol - low me, I will bring you back, you will
be my own, and I will be your God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

[For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.]

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

(Congregation stands and sings)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter

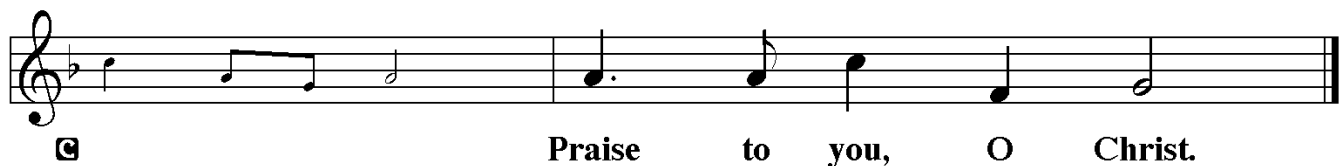
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

[After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.]

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord



(Congregation may be seated)

Message BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE WEEPING

Pastor John Foster

Hymn of the Day

“City of God”

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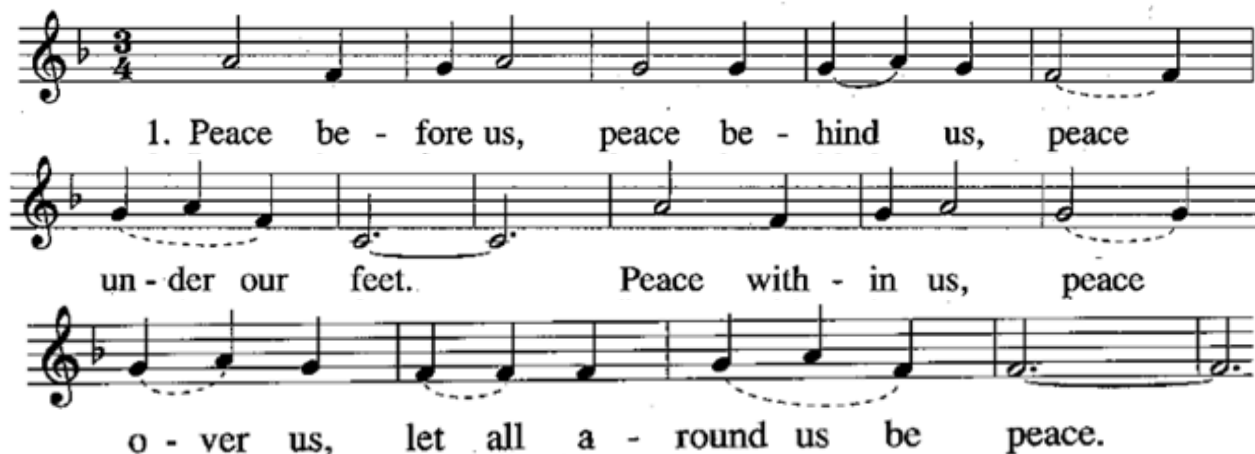
Opportunities for Growth and Service

Joys and Concerns

(If you have a prayer concern or prayer of thanksgiving you would like included in the bulletin, please call the church office.)

Prayers of the Church

(Sung before and after prayers)



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace
un - der our feet. Peace with - in us, peace
o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.

Apostle's Creed *(Congregation stands)*

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(As a sign of God's peace, please take a moment to greet those around you.)

MEAL

[God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.]

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

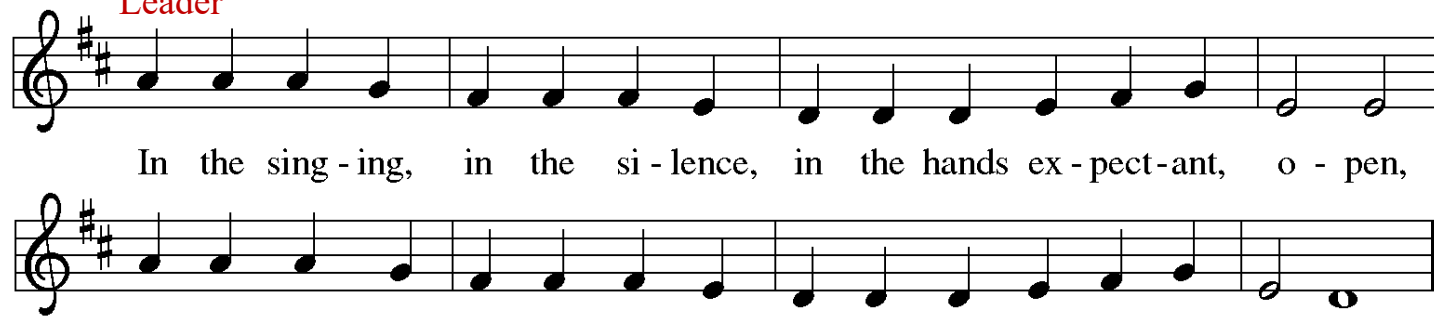
[Your offerings support Shepherd of Life's ministry here, in our community, and around the world through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrificial response.]

Presider: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: Amen.

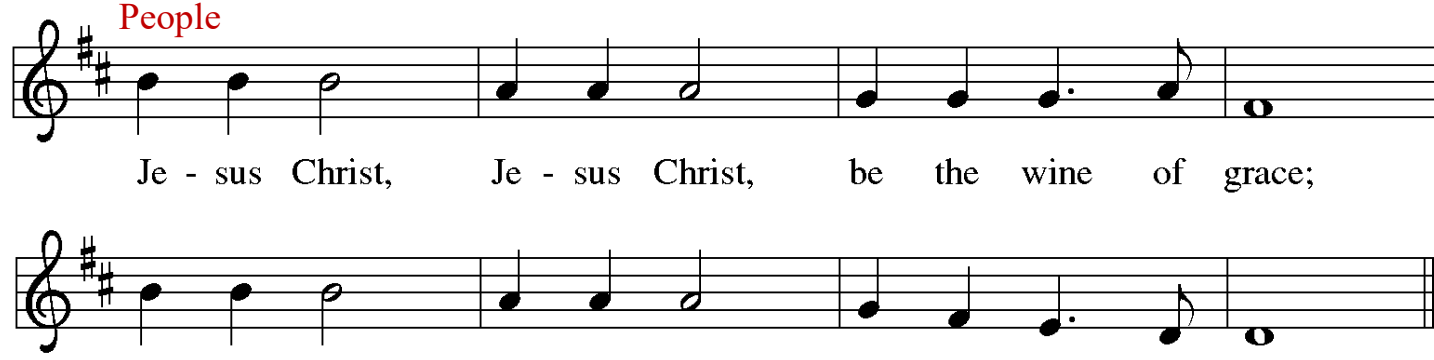
Pre-Communion Canticle

Leader



In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - spect - ant, o - pen,
in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,

People



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

People: **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.**

(Congregation may be seated)

Holy Communion

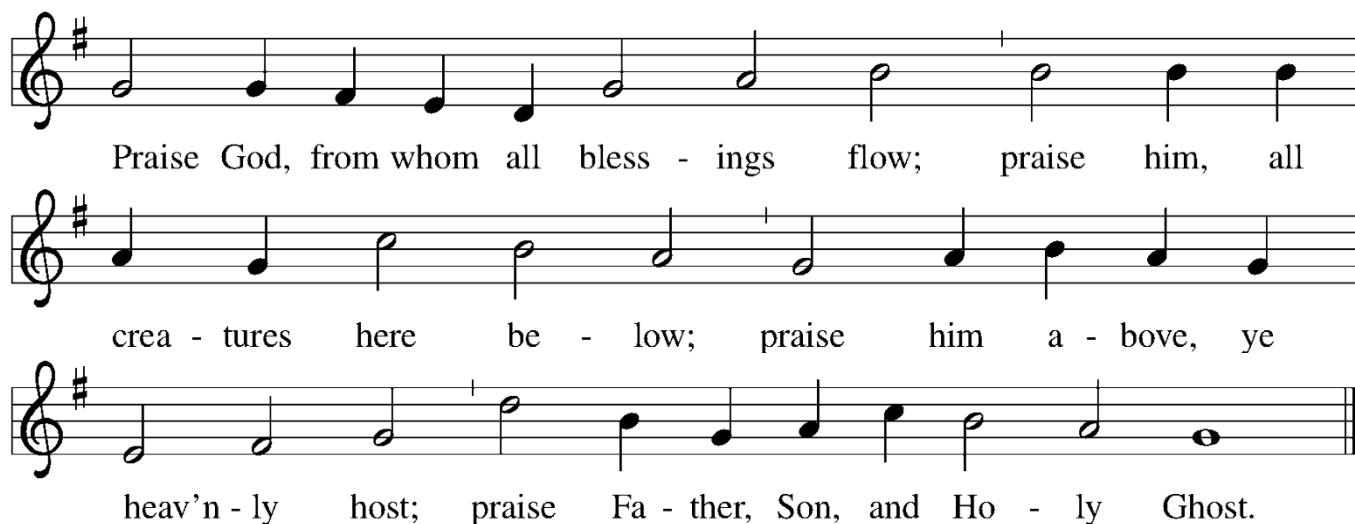
[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer gluten-free wafers mention that to the pastor or to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

Communion Hymns

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(Congregation stands)

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SENDING

[God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.]

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



2/17
Queen Esther Garlick
Jordan Lee

2/18
Sara Thomas

2/22
Alan Kohutek



2/20
Dave and Marcia
Thomas



Coffee time is sponsored by Bonnie & Joe Johnson in celebration of the anniversary of Mike & Bonnie Marrs.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



8:30 AM

10:00 AM

Minister Assistant

Judy Siefken

Pat Walter, Susan Voise,
Scott Bernhart

Altar Guild

Dennis & Lois Bashore

Candy Collins and Kay Fox

Greeter

Jan Rogerson

The Jorgensens

Prayer of the Day

Jeff Hecht

John Jager

Reader

Dana Blevins

Nora Coronado-Meyer

Ushers

Jeff & Beth Clark

Scott & Lisa Mohon

Coffee Clean-up

Alexis Allen

Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY at 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School:

Our topic is "Healing the Man with the Withered Hand". Meg Kretschmer is our helper.

Junior High and High School:

Today we continue our interdenominational studies series with Mrs. Tina. Karla McConnell is our helper.

FAMILY CHIME CHOIR

Join us in the Sanctuary after the
10:00 am service



We ♥ our teachers!!

LITTLE SHEPHERD CHILDREN'S CENTER
IS LOOKING FOR CRAFT SUPPLIES
DONATIONS OF ALL KINDS TO HELP
STOCK OUR TEACHERS RESOURCE ROOM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS TO DONATE DURING
YOUR UPCOMING SPRING CLEANING,
PLEASE PASS THEM TO STEPHANIE HOWARD
OR DROP THEM BY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

(LEFT OVER RIBBON, CONSTRUCTION
PAPER, PAINTERS TAPE, CARD STOCK,
TISSUE PAPER, GLUE STICKS, PLASTIC
LIDS, FABRIC SCRAPS, POST ITS, STICKERS,
PAINT BRUSHES, SPONGES, SEQUINS,
POMPOMS, STAMPS, SCRAPBOOK PAPER, ETC.)



Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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City of God

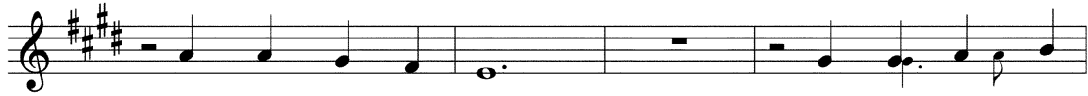
Verses 1, 2



1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of



sleep!
day. A new day is dawn - ing
The One who has loved us




for all those who weep. The peo - ple in
has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all



dark - ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our
kind - ness has called us to be a light for his



long - ing has con-quired the night.
peo - ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain 



Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be



turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our



love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3



3. God is light; in him there is no



dark-ness. Let us walk in his light, his



chil - dren, one and all.



O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your



words. Pro-claim to my cit-y



the day of her birth.

D.S.

Verse 4



4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your



voice. Pro-claim the good tid-ings



that all may re - joice!

D.S.

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Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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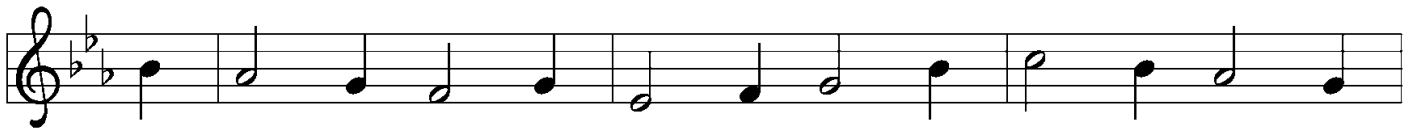
Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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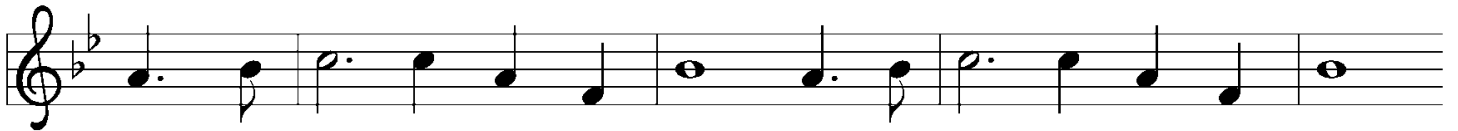
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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

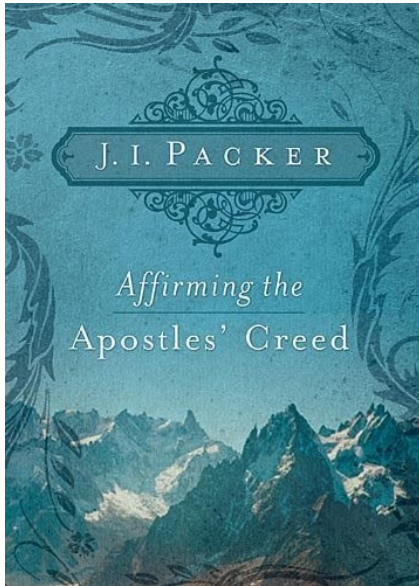
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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10 AM in the Admin. Building
for a study based on J. I. Packer's
"Affirming the Apostle's Creed"

Today's Topic
THE FATHER ALMIGHTY



Fourth Friday Female Fellowship - February Edition

Join us on February 28th at 6:30 pm at Al's Hamburgers

At 1276 N Fielder Rd in Arlington,

Please contact Tami Parker at 214-673-4620

or Rhonda Banks at 214-923-1428 if you plan to attend.



ASH WEDNESDAY *Service*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY



**ARE BACK BEGINNING
March 5 at 5:45PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Our Lenten Soup Suppers start back up on March 5 right before our Ash Wednesday Service. Please join us for some soup before worship. If you like to cook we would love for you to share your favorite soups this Lenten Season.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to bring a soup or to join our dish dogs to help with clean up.

Thank you...

The Lord has blessed this church in so many ways, not the least of those blessings is the generous spirit of its members

Our Women's Ministries bake sale was a huge success! We raised just over \$1000 in one morning. Thank you to our bakers, our workers, and everyone who attended the bake sale. As we have highlighted previously, this money is used in many ways to reach out and uplift our community.



BIG WEDNESDAY IS OVER FOR THE SEASON

We learned so much together this fall and winter about our neighbors and their faiths and we enjoyed some amazing dinners and fellowship. Thank you to our cooks, our dish dogs, our attendees, our tech guru and organizer Pastor Mark, and of course to our presenter Rev. Dr. Marie Purcell for bringing us together!!

THANK YOU KIM DOEGE!!

Thank you to Kim Doege for the generous gift of her time and expertise as we work on a new start at Little Shepherd Children's Center with our new director, Stephanie Howard. Kim has spent the last two weeks at LSCC helping to clean, organize and support the center during this transition. Her presence while helpful in the administrative sense, has also served to reassure the staff that this transition is a positive one and that the future is bright for LSCC!



Caring Ministries

We come to you with Thanksgiving...

For the many ways this congregation supports one another, it's ministries, and the surrounding community

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- *For Jim Rogerson who is in treatment for cancer*
- *For Rollie Voise who is on hospice*
- *For Dave Thomas who is receiving chemotherapy*
- *For Kay Graham who is recovering from hip surgery*
- *For Buck Parker who is having a difficult time with an infection in his leg*
- *For Kay Fox who is recovering from the flu*
- *For Connie Woehr who is struggling with severe gastrointestinal issues*
- *For Ronnie Ward who is struggling with COPD*
- *For Rhonda Banks who is recovering from oral surgery on her jaw*
- *For John Foster who has a broken arm*
- *For Theresa Jorgensen's friend, Jen who is battling breast cancer*
- *For Brady Allen's friend, Caden who is hospitalized with the flu.*

The Lord has compassion for...

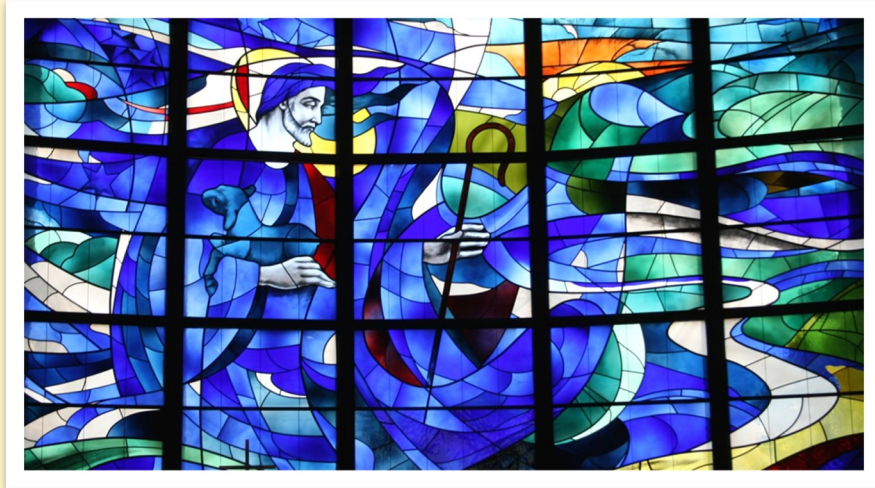
For the Higginbotham family following the passing of Laura's mother, Juanita Simpson

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

Wolz family friend; April; Frank Gomez's sister, Angela

- *If you have a prayer request please contact Theresa Jorgensen at theresaajorgensen@gmail.com.*
- *There are prayer shawls in the chapel available for you to take to someone who is in need of comfort.*
- *Our James 5 Ministry can arrange pre-surgery prayers in our chapel for you. Contact Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.*

THE STORY OF THE BLUE LAMB

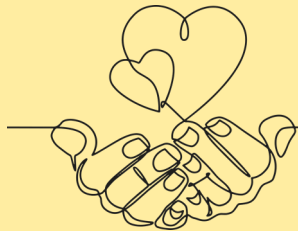


We believe the Lord is our Shepherd, that goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and that one day we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever! We also believe that God wants you to know these blessings as well.

As a reminder that this promise is for all, we invite you to take this moment to gaze at our window. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is gently holding a lamb. We love that it's not black or white. It's blue, an artistic and beautiful reminder that every single Child of God is unique, special and welcome here.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

Here at Shepherd of Life we focus our attention on three important concepts found in the Bible: a calling given to us by Jesus, a recognition of the importance of community in our walk of faith, and an acknowledgement that we are a group of imperfect human beings who get it wrong sometimes. So, what are we about here at Shepherd of Life? Very simply this...



Loving God and Neighbor Together

As Best We Can!

You can visit us online at www.bluelamb.org. Also look for us on



GIVE ONE FOR MISSION
Your "Give One for Mission" Dollars are going to the ELCA Disaster Response for the LA Fires this Quarter

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