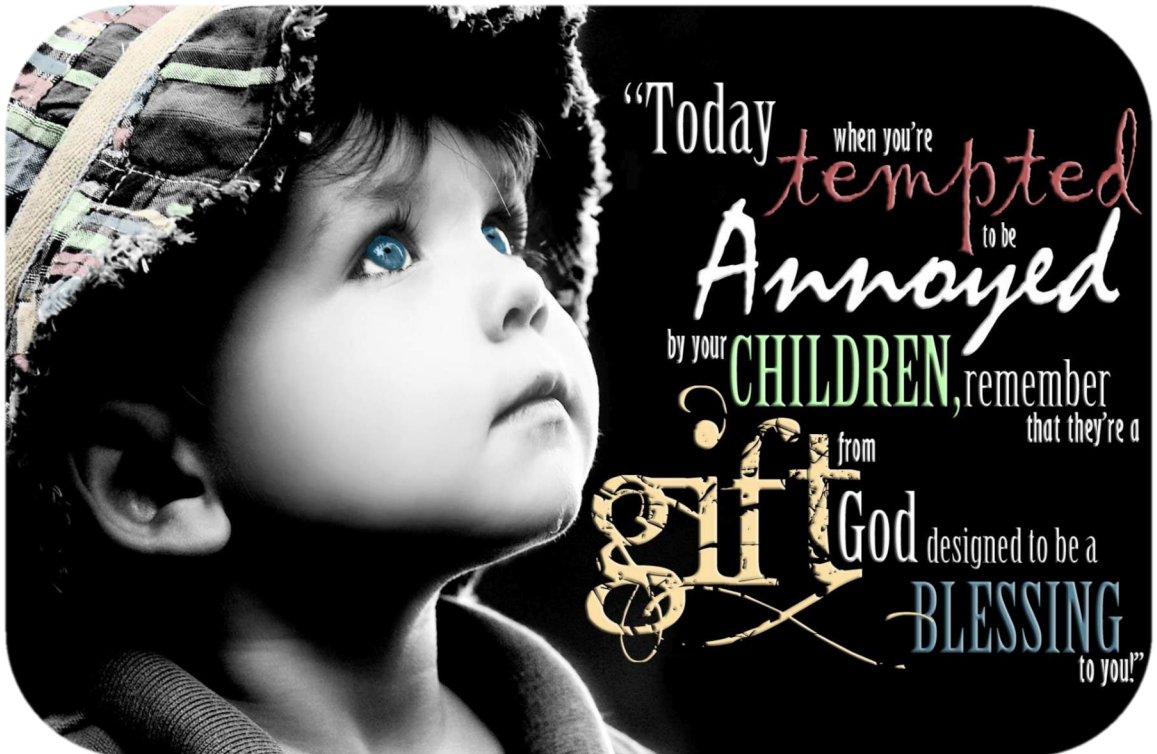


January 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> in the year of our LORD 2025  
Christian Education Sunday



**Worship Notes:** Raising God-fearing children is costly, worrisome, exhausting, but most of all a life-long joy and blessing. They are hand-made gifts of God to parents. Christians are intent on helping Christian parents carefully instruct youth to know and trust God's Word in every area of life: from latest devices, hot topics, fads and jobs. We don't want them to wander from Jesus, but get closer to Him.

In Luke 18 and Matthew 19 Jesus said, "Don't hinder the children! Let them come to Me!" Good direction from our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.



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Welcoming Song: 607 *Ten Thousand Reasons*

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to  
come, from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the  
dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth.

**To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and  
has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father  
– to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

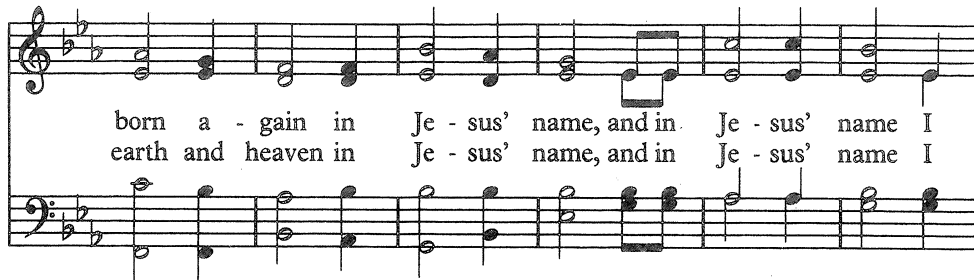
Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence in His Word and promis-  
es that we will receive His mercy and we will find grace to help us in our time of  
need. Lord God, forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake.

*We silently confess to God our sins and ask for mercy*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. God sent His only  
-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus became the atoning sacrifice for our  
sins and the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of  
Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the  
Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been  
2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in



born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I  
earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I



come to you, to share his love as he told me to.  
 come to you, to share his power as he told me to.


*Refrain*



He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,



free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -



cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

## THE WORD OF GOD

RESPONSORY BASED ON Psalm 103 TLB

I bless the holy name of God with all my heart. Yes, I will bless the Lord and I will not forget the glorious things He does for me. He forgives all my sins.

**I bless the holy name of God with all my heart. Yes, I will bless the LORD.**

He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with loving-kindness and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things! My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

He gives justice to all who are treated unfairly. He revealed His will and nature to Moses and the people of Israel. He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry and full of kindness and love.

**I bless the holy name of God with all my heart. Yes, I will bless the LORD.**

He never bears a grudge, nor remains angry forever. He has not punished us as we deserve

for all our sins. For His mercy toward those who fear and honor Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west.

**I bless the holy name of God with all my heart. Yes, I will bless the LORD.**

He is like a father to us, tender and sympathetic to those who reverence him. For He knows we are but dust and that our days are few and brief, like grass, like flowers, blown by the wind and gone forever. But the loving-kindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting to those who reverence Him; His salvation is to children's children of those who are faithful to His covenant and remember to obey Him!

**I bless the holy name of God with all my heart. Yes, I will bless the LORD.**

The LORD has made the heavens His throne; from there He rules over everything there is. Bless the LORD, you mighty angels of His who carry out His orders, listening for each of His commands. Yes, bless the LORD, you armies of His angels who serve him constantly. Let everything everywhere bless the Lord. And how I bless him too!

**I bless the holy name of God with all my heart. Yes, I will bless the LORD.**

## **Bible Reading**

Genesis 45:3–15 EHV

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. <sup>4</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me, please." They came closer. He said, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For two years now the famine has been in the land, and there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

<sup>7</sup> God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God, and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord over his entire household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> Hurry, go up to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall live in the land of Goshen, where you will be close to me—you, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will take care of you here, for there are still five years of famine. Otherwise you will come to ruin, you, and your household, and all that you have.'"

<sup>12</sup> Pay attention. Your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You shall tell my father all about my position of honor in Egypt and about everything that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

<sup>14</sup> He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. <sup>15</sup> He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.

## Bible Reading

### Luke 9:28–36 EHV

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup> Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes away your things, do not demand them back

<sup>31</sup> “Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in order to be paid back in full. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the unthankful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

**Good Shepherd School Children: *AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD***

## Bible Reading

### Romans 12:14–21

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. <sup>16</sup> Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves. <sup>17</sup> Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath. For it is written, “Vengeance is Mine; I will repay,” says the LORD. <sup>20</sup> But: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## The Profession of Christian Faith

We believe in one **God, the Father**, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one **Lord, Jesus, Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of

one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in **the Holy Spirit**, the LORD, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY

#731 *OH, HOW GOOD IT IS*

#### Instruction in the Word

TEXT: Genesis 45:8 ***So it was not you who sent me here, but God.***

THEME: God's gracious plan even blesses our messes

#### OFFERINGS GATHERED

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

*Reflecting the first time Jesus Christ instituted His Supper, we also offer His Supper to those who are publicly united with us in the profession of the Christian faith.*

*If you are visiting from another church body, it would be wise to speak with your pastor about the differences that still separate our church bodies. Continue to ask Jesus to unite His people around His Word and Sacraments.*

*If you are a communicant from one of our W/ELS sister congregations, Jesus has united us in the Word proclaimed and practiced. Please come and receive His Supper with us.*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O LORD GOD of heaven and earth. We praise and thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ. We remember the great acts of love through which He ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**By Your incarnation, LORD Jesus, You became one with us. By Your perfect life, You kept God's will for us. By Your innocent suffering and death, overcame Satan's power over us. By Your rising from the grave, You freely gave us new life.**

Holy Spirit, Invited by Your grace and instructed by Your Word, we approach our Lord's Supper with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood.

**Preserve us in the one true faith until we feast with Jesus Christ and all His ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread: and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

### *SONGS TO USE DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIS SUPPER*

*576 AMAZING GRACE*

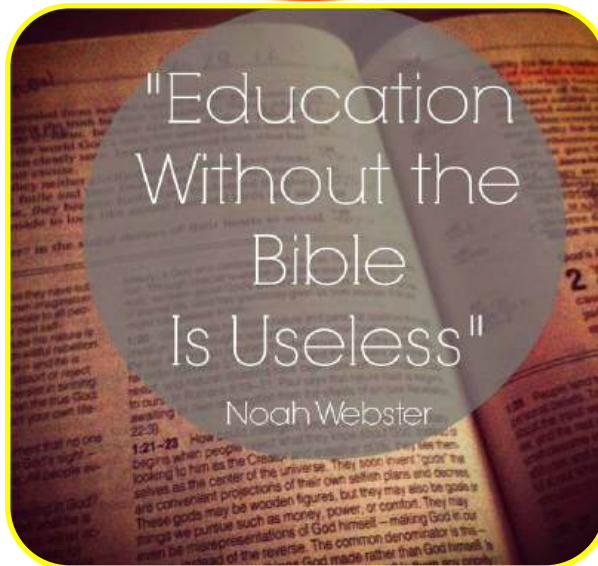
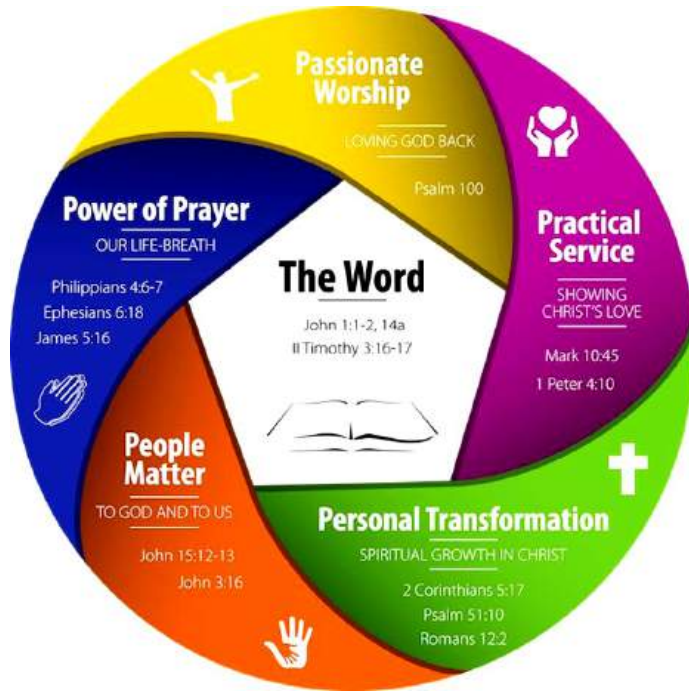
*917 GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT*

*767 LORD OF GLORY*

### BLESSING & BENEDICTION

PARTING SONG: **928** *MAY THE GRACE OF CHRIST*

As we grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus, we want to make Him known to others, to share the joy Jesus won for all.



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# WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

## OUR WEEK WITH JESUS

<b>Sunday 23</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:15 am</b>	Bible Study (Miracles) & Sunday School
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Cable TV of <i>Last week's service</i> <u>Solarus Ch 3 &amp; Spectrum Ch 985</u>
<b>Monday 24</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Coffee w/Christ
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Choir practice
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Board of Ed Meeting
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Confirmation Class
<b>Thursday 27</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>



Worship Online 24/7 at [live.1goodshepherd.org](http://live.1goodshepherd.org)

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week:** Kaelyn Green, David Hoppe, Ellie Timm, Joslyn Timm, Joan Rhein, Larry Kellinger, Jiim Krahn

### **Our Extended & Growing Family of Faith remains in our prayers to God our Father.**



Pat & Ed Tesch, Family of Jon Haag, Family of Vivian Behm, Becky Thorpe, Brad Roberts, Andy Hogan, Emily Erwin, Lauren Holberg, Connie Heitl, Pat & Al Rozelle, Lynn & Deb Ives, Jerry & Donna Marks, Jerry & Marci Wiessinger, Dianne Lau, Bill & Elaine Harrington, Betty Havlik, Gil Ewer, Gloria Walters, Mandy Ehlke & Family, Pat Hunziker, Sam & Becky Piper, Dr. Rev. Karl & Karen Kuenzel, Sonia in India, Junita in Hong Kong, Forrest & Elizabeth, friends of the congregation, Julie Bunt, Roger and Karen Deglow, Jenna Kammueller, Tami Paul, Valerie Grunwaldt, Tami Zimmerman, Juliett Ort

### CHURCH NEWSLETTER

As a reminder, we have been testing an electronic distribution list over the last several months. Beginning with the March 2025 Newsletter, we will no longer be mailing copies to all recipients. If you are not receiving the email version of the newsletter and would like to continue to receive our newsletter please provide the church office with an active email address. If you do not have an email address, please ask Deb Bauman for a paper copy of the newsletter to be placed in your church mailbox.

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## New Member Brunch

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

following the church service

Sign-up sheet is located in the  
narthex



WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY  
DURING LENT AT 9:00 a.m.  
SPECIAL SERMON SERIES

## LENT'S TOUGH QUESTIONS

3/9 : *Surely, Not I, Rabbi?*

3/16: *Shall I Not Drink the Cup the Father Has Given Me?*

3/23: *You Are Not One of This Man's Disciples Too, Are You?*

3/30: *Then What Should I Do with Jesus, Who Is Called Christ?*

4/6: *My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?*

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JOIN US FOR OUR MIDWEEK SERVICES

Ash Wednesday – March 5 at 6:30 pm

& 5 Thursdays – at 6:30 pm

Soup Suppers each week at 5:30 pm



## LORD, HAVE MERCY

A LENTEN SERIES BASED  
ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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| March 13 | For Our Incessant Idolatry<br><i>The First Commandment</i>  |
| March 20 | For Demonstrating Irreverence and Despising Your Rest<br><i>The Second and Third Commandments</i> |
| March 27 | For Treating Others Like Trash, Not Treasure<br><i>The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Commandments</i>  |
| April 3  | For Failing to Live With Integrity<br><i>The Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments</i>   |
| April 10 | For Abusing Your Commandments<br><i>The Conclusion of the Ten Commandments</i>                    |
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