

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓ:LÖ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the Father
and the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Made siblings with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and clothed with God's forgiveness and grace,
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

O God,
you who are the creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow,
we gather at this font to thank you
for the water you provide us each day.

You who are the source of every blessing,
we gather at this font to praise you
for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ through our baptism.

You who have walked with your people from the beginning of time
we gather at this font to remember
how you opened a way through the sea
for your people fleeing slavery in Egypt.

And you who are the source of endless mercy,
we gather at this font to ask you
to give all people the water they need to flourish,
to protect those vulnerable to natural disasters,
to safeguard the waters of this earth,
to make us healing water for others.

To you Holy Trinity,
Be all praise and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn W&P # 9 As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

You are my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything. **Chorus**

I want You more than gold or silver.
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
And the apple of my eye. **Chorus**

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Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

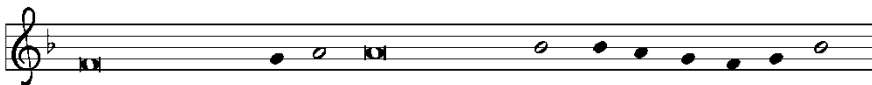


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C:



Lord, have mer - cy.

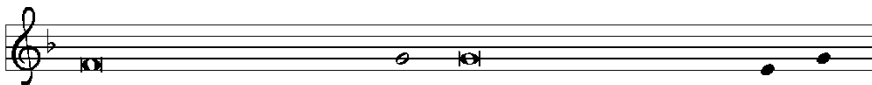


For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

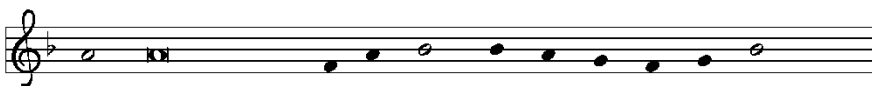
C:



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

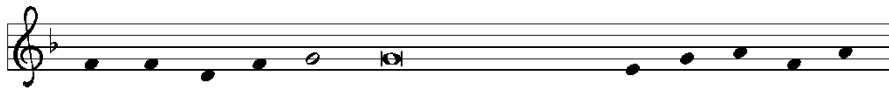


God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C:



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and

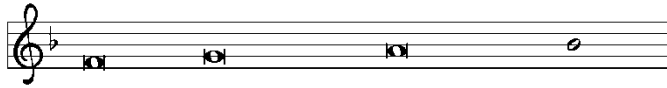


praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C:



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

C:



A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading **Isaiah 55:1-9**

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

Refrain:



L: O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

C: **Refrain**

L: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

C: **Refrain**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them,

and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

L: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 735 One Day the News was Grim (Tune: #831 – The God of Abraham Praise)

One day, the news was grim: Some people sought the Lord
To tell of Galileans killed by Pilate's sword.
"Is anyone to blame? Is this because they sinned?" —
Whenever there is trouble, people ask again.

Then Jesus turned to say: It's nothing they did wrong
That means their loved ones now are singing mournful songs.
And yet you know it's true that tragic things abound;
Since life is fragile, now's the time to turn around!

O God, we pray for help to see what we should change,
To see the values we ourselves should rearrange.
Now help us know our sin, the good we've left undone,
The times when you have looked for fruit and we've borne none.

In Christ, we see your grace: You give us one more day —
Another opportunity to live your way.
May we again repent and turn our lives to you,
And may we love our neighbors more and bear much fruit.

Tune: Traditional Hebrew Melody (The God of Abraham Praise) MIDI
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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

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the Pastor will say "God of Hope" and the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer".

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All greet one another with a gesture of peace.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.


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

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those

who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Eat and be filled.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed

***Directions for Communion:** Any adult or child who believes that Christ is present in this meal is welcome to participate. At the Pastor's direction, you are invited to eat the wafer distributed to you in the baggie.*

Prayer After Communion

P: Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: You are children of God
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,
motherly, majestic and mighty
+ bless you this day and always.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn # 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

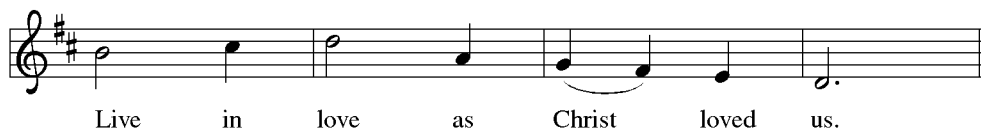
When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

Baptism Chant # 215 Blessed Be God, Who Chose You



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 20, 2022

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)

Flowers: The flowers are placed on the altar in celebration of our God, by whose grace and mercy we are given opportunities to enjoy forgiveness and new life.

Update on Elina: Elina passed her final oral exam (called "colloquy"). That means that once she graduates this spring she is open for ordination. Please raise a prayer of thanksgiving for this accomplishment and a prayer of blessing on her bright future ahead.

Book Club: The Book Club meets next Sunday, **March 27th** at 2 pm at the Hansen's home, where they will be discussing ***Mouth of the Donkey: Re-imagining Biblical animals*** by Laura Duhan-Kaplan. All are welcome.

Lenten Wednesday Services: This Wednesday, **March 23rd** we gather for *Holden Evening Prayer* service at 7 pm. This will be both in-person and live-streamed. Pre-registration is not required, however we respectfully request that only those who have been fully vaccinated attend in-person, wear a mask, and practice social distancing.

Baptismal Photo Challenge: Throughout Lent we are once again inviting you to submit photos which we will include in our Lenten worship services. This time we are focusing on those promises we make when we affirm our baptism, that is...

*to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth*

You are invited to submit photos that speak to you of what it looks like to live out any of those promises. They could be your own photos or photos you find online. Or maybe they are your own artistic creation. All entries are welcome and can be emailed to the church.

CLWR Emergency Appeal for Ukraine: The CLWR is asking for prayer and financial support to the urgent humanitarian needs in Ukraine. You can make a designated donation offering to the church marked "Ukraine Appeal", call 1-800-661-2597 to donate by credit card or click [here](#), or send a cheque to CLWR by mail to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, BC R3B 0W5.

Calls to Immediate End to Armed Hostilities in Ukraine: Links to various statements and articles are below:

Lutheran World Federation: [LWF](#) / World Council of Churches: [WCC](#) / Evangelical Lutheran Church: [ELCIC](#)

Friday Vigil for Peace: Bishop Kathy Martin has organized an ongoing prayer vigil for peace in the Ukraine. She invites us all to pause and join her on Friday evenings from 7 to 7:15, as we gather to light candles as a symbol of peace and pray for all those impacted by the invasion of Ukraine, and all suffering as a result of war and political oppression. Bring a candle to light while praying, and [join others](#) from BC and beyond over Zoom.

A Message from Bishop Susan Johnson: Bishop Susan Johnson shares a short video message of hope during these anxious times in which we are living in now. View it [here](#).

Call for ELCIC Convention Delegates: Our Synod is still looking for a couple of people to fill out our slate of delegates to this summer's ELCIC National Convention. We are looking for one lay delegate from anywhere in the Lower Mainland, and 3 young adult delegates from anywhere in our Synod. If you have a name to suggest, or if you are interested yourself in attending the convention as a delegate this July, please contact Pastor Eric.

LENTEN RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES:

- **ELCIC Lenten Study Guide:** All are invited to participate in a weekly Lenten devotional study using the Gospel texts for Ash Wednesday and the Sundays, along with select days from *Praying the Catechism* for your personal or small group study. Please [click here](#) for a PDF overview of the Lenten study. Contact the office for a photocopy of the Praying the Catechism devotional reading associated with each weekly study.
- **Lenten Devotions by Rev. Bruce Ehlert:** Take a moment each day to observe the season of Lent. Get an email daily with a prayer (collected from both ancient and modern sources) and a picture to ponder. If you're looking for a reminder to pause and pray during the days of Lent and Holy Week, [click here](#) or email pbprayer@telus.net with "subscribe" in the subject line.
- **Doctrine of Discovery Lenten Series:** All are invited as part of your Lenten Spiritual Practice, to join us on Zoom for 6 Thursday evenings starting **March 3rd** as we take an in-depth look at the Doctrine of Discovery, a document that has shaped western attitudes towards indigenous people for the past 5 centuries. Organized by the *Journey Towards Reconciliation Group* each evening will start with a 20 minute Lenten Vespers (Evening Worship) led by different congregations in the BC Synod. Then we take a short break before we dive into a one hour discussion with video on the Doctrine of Discovery. What do you know about? Come and learn! Please sign up [here](#) on Eventbrite. Come to one or all for free.

Call for Nominations to National Church Council and Court of Appeal: The ELCIC Committee on Nominations has sent out a call for nominations for vacant positions to be filled in the National Church Council and Court of Appeals. Elections will take place at the upcoming National Convention on July 12-15 in Calgary, Alberta. To read the full information and to complete an online form, please [click here](#).

Luther Manor Society - Notice of AGM & Call for Nominations: The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls the Annual General Meeting of the Society for **Tuesday April 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM**. It will be a hybrid meeting— both in-person at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, and online over Zoom. Pursuant to the Society's Bylaws, all members of ELCIC-BC Synod congregations and all members of parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in British Columbia are eligible to become members of the Society. Read more [here](#).

Living our Faith: Following National Bishop Susan Johnson's suggestion to emphasis worship this year as we journey on with **Living our Faith** - as together we **pray, read, worship and love** (www.elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith), Would **you** be willing to share with us a tip, suggestion, or inspiration on how you make worship a daily practice, how you fit devotions into your life and/or how you actively seek to deepen your devotional practice? We are looking for just a sentence or two (40-60 words) and we welcome resource suggestions as well. To share your thoughts and ideas now, please fill out this quick and easy form [here](#).

See the latest of these bi-weekly suggestions/inspirations on page 14. It's a good one!

Regent College Summer Series – Browse [summer courses](#) and register now. Featured courses are [Come Holy Spirit: The Paraclete in Creation, Church and Believer](#) / [How Long, O God? Old Testament Suffering and Life with God](#) / [Seasons of Renewal](#) with Steve Bell and Malcolm Guite

CREATION CARE

The Greenest Metaphor - Exploring the Use of Language to Help the Fight Against Climate Change: *The Greenest Metaphor* was an episode of *Ideas with Nahlah Ayed* (CBC Radio) which aired on January 5, 2022. It explored the use of language in environmental messaging in which there are a lot of metaphors for the fight against climate change. Choosing the right one might be the key to making real progress. To listen click [here](#).

Joanna Macy: Climate Crisis as a Spiritual Path: This 20-minute interview with Joanna Macy explores the question: "How are we going to live our lives fully, with inner peace and courage (and even joy) as we confront a world that is destroying itself?" [Watch the full interview here](#).

Green Leadership Workshop series: Three workshops out of Luther Seminary in Minneapolis are designed to help you lead an environmental stewardship, climate hope and water justice life! [Register now](#) for one or all three of these workshops. Each workshop is 2 hours in length and there is a fee to register.

Workshop 2: Monday, April 4, 6-8 pm CST: Vocation and Pollination with Native Plantings

Workshop 3: Monday, April 25, 6-8 pm CST: Ecotheology & Energy

For the Love of Creation: FLC is a network set out to make a meaningful contribution to the climate movement.

This year, FLC is presenting many opportunities to take part in its journey in building a faith-based contribution rooted in decolonization, equity, and justice for all. Click [here](#) for upcoming events.

Invitation to join CJAG: The BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group invites you to join them as plan strategies to reduce our carbon footprint through travel, achieve zero waste whenever we gather or have conventions throughout the Synod, and to assist all parts of the BC Synod to eliminate single use plastics in our ministries. Contact GSLC member Louis Giguere If you are interested in more information, or would like to join our group <louislouisgiguere@gmail.com>

- **The Story of Plastic:** The documentary *The Story of Plastic* is now available for viewing at the following [link](#) .

SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

- **Thursdays in Black Bible Studies and Out of the Shadows Resources:** The [World Council of Churches](#) provides several resources to support *Thursdays in Black*: a global movement for a world without rape and violence. This includes a series of Bible studies for individual and congregational reflection. For more information and to download this series of Bible studies, please [click here](#).
- **A Call for Canada to Pass Corporate Accountability Legislation:** Join KAIROS in calling on the Canadian government to hold Canadian companies accountable for human rights and environmental violations, particularly by supporting mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation. [Learn more and sign the petition here](#).
- **Support Women Peacebuilders in Federal Budget:** During this federal budget consultation period, ask your Member of Parliament to urge the government to increase its overseas development assistance to reach the international standard by 2030, meet its international climate commitments and ensure that funding reaches grassroots women's rights and peacebuilding organizations. For more information, [click here](#).

RECONCILING RELATIONSHIPS

- **#WelcomeToCanada Interfaith Statement:** On behalf of the ELCIC, Bishop Susan Johnson has endorsed the **#WelcomeToCanada interfaith statement** calling on Canada to end human rights violations in immigration detentions in Canada. Despite Canada's reputation as a multicultural country that welcomes refugees, the experience of some people seeking safety or a better life in this nation tells a different story. To learn more and add your signatory, please [click here](#).

PACIFIC JUBILEE OFFERINGS

- **Belonging to the Earth - Eco-Spirituality Retreat:** For more information click [here](#).
- **Be Still: Spring Silent Retreat:** For more information click [here](#).
- **The Possibility of Age: Discover Aging as a Spiritual Path:** For more information click [here](#).

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday.... Bible study at 9 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am –
Third Sunday in Lent (View [here](#) for GSLC's YouTube Channel)
Online Sunday School at 1:30 pm

Wednesday.... Prayer Gathering at 1 pm ([Click here](#))
Lenten Midweek Service with *Holden Evening Prayer* at 7 pm

Thursday..... Happy Hour at 4 pm ([Click here](#))

Next Sunday... Bible study at 9 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am –
Fourth Sunday in Lent (View [here](#) for GSLC's YouTube Channel)
Book Club discussion on *Mouth of the Donkey* at 2 pm

Note 1: Most events are pre-recorded or ZOOM events. Links to these events will be sent out weekly. Contact the office if you do not receive these email links.

Last Week at Church

Financial information from March 13, 2022

Total Offerings	\$	1,960.00
- General Offering	\$	1,845.00
- Designated Gifts	\$	115.00

Living Our Faith series focus on WORSHIP Another suggestion for deepening our worship experience when the community gathers, and to deepen our individual practice of daily devotion is...

Living our **FAITH**
PRAY READ WORSHIP LOVE

I use phrases from favourite Bible verses or hymns as passwords. This means even in the midst of a very busy day, I am repeatedly reminded of the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

*- An anonymous ELCIC member
(who doesn't want to be hacked!)*

SAVIOUR, LIKE A
SHEPHERD LEAD US

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

THE LORD IS GOOD



Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



Good Shepherd
Website

