



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

There will be no meals served on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten Season this year.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Holy Week services begin with **Palm Sunday** on April 2. Weather permitting, we will process into the Sanctuary from the courtyard. The **Maunder Thursday** service will be held at **7:30 p.m.** on April 6 in the Sanctuary. This day, we remember Jesus gave us a new command to love one another as he has loved us. On April 7, the **Good Friday** service will be held at **7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

EASTER SERVICES SET AT 7:00 AND 9:30 A.M.

The festival of Christ's victory over sin and death will be celebrated at both GSLC worship services on Easter Sunday, April 9. The Sunrise Easter Service begins at 7:00 a.m. and the Easter Service takes place at 9:30 a.m. Both services will celebrate Holy Communion.



After the Sunrise Service, everyone is invited to the FAB for our traditional Good Shepherd Easter Breakfast, served from 8:00-8:45 a.m. by the Parish Life Committee. The menu will be: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, french toast, grits, biscuits, juice, coffee, and Krispy Kreme donuts. **All are welcome – and we'd love to meet any guests you may have visiting!**

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



I've written and spoken to you all before about our Lectionary cycle. This three-year cycle gives us a good overview of the gospels and other books of the Bible. Year A, which we are in right now, focuses on Matthew. Year B focuses on Mark. Year C focuses on Luke. John gets included occasionally within each of the three years.

I've said before that these "assigned" texts help keep the preacher honest and help us all to hear a balance of different stories. If there were no Lectionary, you all would get to hear "preacher's choice" each Sunday. It might get repetitive. And it would certainly be more biased toward the parts of the Bible I enjoy preaching and teaching.

Sometimes, however, the Lectionary can be confusing or confounding. Sometimes it seems to skip around. Sometimes it assigns too many similar texts in a row, such as in the middle of Year B when we get 5 weeks in a row of Jesus' discussion of the Bread of Life from John chapter 6. How much can one say about bread? Stay tuned until Summer 2024 to find out!

Other times, however, the Lectionary does a great job of giving us compelling, interesting, and meaningful reflections for several weeks in a row. Such is the case this Lenten season. We begin Lent with the story of Jesus' testing in the wilderness from Matthew's gospel. This classic Lenten text invites us to ponder Israel's wilderness wanderings, Jesus' faithfulness to God's mission despite the tests he endured, and our own Lenten journey of faith.

Then we get four straight weeks of highlights from the gospel of John. We get to hear about Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, his visit to a faithful Samaritan woman, his healing of a man who was born blind, and his raising of Lazarus from the dead. In each of these cases, we see characters wrestling with what it means to believe in Jesus and trust Jesus despite their worldly circumstances. Their encounters with Jesus become their own version of Jesus' wilderness testing.

For us in our world today we are faced with the same challenges and questions. What does it mean and look like for us to truly trust and follow Jesus despite the difficulties and trials we face? In spite of all the voices that call us to trust, to fear, to be tempted, or to give up, we listen together to hear and strive together to follow the voice of Jesus. This year's lectionary cycle gives us a wonderful chance to hear that Word of God together and to live it out together.

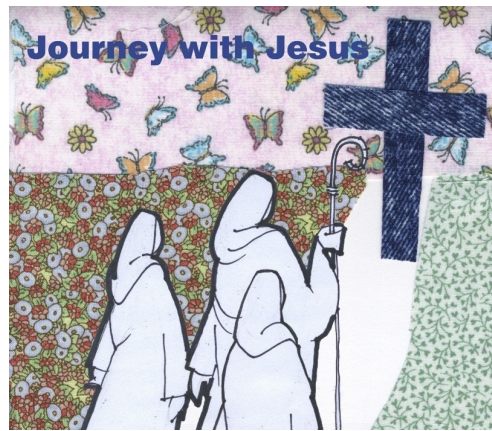
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew



DECORATING THE EASTER CROSS SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Again this year, the Evangelism committee will sponsor the outdoor cross for Easter. On Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m., all church members are encouraged to bring flowers and greenery to Good Shepherd to place on the cross.





“JOURNEY WITH JESUS” WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Just as there are many ways to pray, there are many ways to hear God’s word. For our Wednesday Lenten services, we will be contemplating the stations of the cross.

Stations are places where people wait and take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on the cross. They show us how much God loves us.

Come and wait and hear!

Wednesday, March 1

- Station # 1 – *Jesus is Condemned to Death* – Mark 15:15
- Station # 2 – *Jesus Takes up his Cross* – John 19:17
- Station # 3 – *Jesus Falls the First Time* – John 12:24

Wednesday, March 8

- Station # 4 – *Jesus Meets His Mother* – Luke 2:34-35
- Station # 5 – *Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross* – Mark 15:21
- Station # 6 – *Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus* – Isaiah 53:2-3

Wednesday, March 15

- Station #7 – *Jesus Falls the Second Time* – Mark 14:34-35
- Station #8 – *Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem* – John 19:17
- Station #9 – *Jesus Falls a Third Time* – Matthew 11:28-29

Wednesday, March 22

- Station # 10 – *Jesus is Stripped of His Garments* – Mark 15:24
- Station # 11 – *Jesus is Nailed to the Cross* – Mark 15:25-27
- Station # 12 – *Jesus Dies on the Cross* – Matthew 15:33-37

Wednesday, March 29

- Station # 13 – *Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross* – John 19:32-34
- Station # 14 – *Jesus is Laid in the Tomb* – Mark 15:45-47

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING FOR 2023

The recipients of this year's Lenten Self-Denial Offerings will be three local organizations that help individuals get back on their feet and become self-sufficient: Homeless No More, The Providence Home, and The Women's Shelter.

Homeless No More offers a spectrum of care – from emergency services to transitional and affordable housing – to keep families together and meet their needs at the right time with the right services. By providing the support to move each family toward a permanent, self-sufficient solution, they work to eradicate family homelessness and help parents and their children achieve lasting independence.

The Providence Home for Men is a Christ-based “place of new beginnings” for men. It offers a temporary home for men in life transitions or recovery. Providence's programs help men renew mind, spirit and body; seek reconciliation with family, friends and neighbors; and reintegrate fully into the community.

The Women's Shelter has been an integral part of the Columbia Community for over 30 years. As a part of the Providence Home Organization from 1976 until 1991, the shelter served homeless men, women, and children in the community. In 1991, The Women's Shelter formed a separate, private nonprofit organization from the Providence Home, in order to carry out a comprehensive ministry specific to homeless women. The changing needs of homeless women have required The Women's Shelter to adapt its programs over the years. They strive to offer more than a bed and something to eat as a means to provide lasting change in the lives of their residents. The Women's Shelter offers a variety of educational and support programs to women and families in need.

Traditionally during Lent we give up material things to focus our attention on God's spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor. You should have received a special offering envelope in the mail so you can make daily offerings throughout the Lenten season. You are invited to return your offering envelope during Holy Week. Our Lenten Offerings go to local charities that assist homeless individuals and families: Homeless No More, Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter.

JANUARY SOCIAL MINISTRY TOTALS

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the Social Ministry efforts in January. We raised **\$945 for The Woodyard Fund** (January special emphasis) and **over \$576 for Conder**



Elementary School's Backpack Program during our 5th Sunday Noisy Offering! These contributions will go a long way to help our neighbors in need.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

GSLC's Food Pantry packed 32 bags of food serving 117 participants in January.

ORDER EASTER LILIES BY MARCH 22

Help beautify our church for Easter worship by ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary using the Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes which can be found in the back of the pews. Complete the front of the envelope to indicate your dedication, place your payment in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$15.25 each. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, designated for "Easter Lily." If you can't come to church but want to order a lily, call the church office to place your order. **All orders must be in by Wednesday, March 22 and accompanied by payment.** Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on April 9.



GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

The Good Shepherd Foundation was created to assist the Church in carrying out its religious, charitable, educational and other tax-exempt missions. The Foundation accomplishes its purpose by collecting contributions, donations and bequests, investing Foundation assets and then making distributions in the form of grants to appropriate persons and organizations as defined by Foundation policies.

The grants made by the Foundation should be supported by an active member of Good Shepherd Church, a "Congregational Shepherd." The Congregational Shepherd should have knowledge of the proposed project and be able to ensure that grants are used appropriately. In accordance with the operating policies of the Foundation, grants may be awarded in the following four areas:

- Grants for outreach to the community, including institutions and agencies that have common goals as Good Shepherd Church. Programs should target those in our community that have spiritual and/or economic need.
- Grants to agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA for missions at home and abroad.
- Grants to members of Good Shepherd Church for Christian education and training.
- Grants for non-budgeted projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Grants are awarded twice yearly. Deadlines for applications are May 1 and November 1. Awards are made shortly after deadline dates. Total grant funds may be limited; individual grants are currently limited to \$3,000.

**Applications are available on the table in the Chapel area.
Applications should be returned to the church office in a sealed envelope**

If you are interested in making a gift to the foundation, please see one of the foundation board members: Stacy Gross, Chris Herrmann, Raymond Hendrix, Janet Lockhart or Mike Sanchez.



UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please take time to stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning to check your personal information in the directory. Look for the red cover notebook on the table. Please make corrections in the work copy of the directory.

If your information is correct, indicate with a check mark and initials by your name.



SAVE THE DATE

2023 WELCA Retreat

September 29 - October 1

Lutheridge Conference Center

Arden, NC

LET'S CHECK-IN Grief Group

If you have lost a loved one and are experiencing grief, Good Shepherd is starting a support group. Through support and discussion, we will check-in and build a safe environment to share our stories. Hopefully, we will learn to cope with the grief and loss that we are experiencing.

Group meetings will be held in the Conference Room of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

***If you would like to participate, please contact
Vicar Laura Henrickson
for more information at
Laura.Henrickson@my.lc.edu or
sign the sheet in the Narthex.***



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

Come join **PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD** for two exciting and interesting events during March. The regular **monthly gathering** will be held on **Wednesday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m.** Please note the change in time for this meeting due to the Lenten Service being held at 12 noon. After worshipping in the sanctuary, come to the FAB for a catered deli lunch. Cost is **\$8** per person. The guest presenter will be Risa Strauss, Director of Education at Beth Shalom Synagogue and an adjunct instructor of Hebrew at the University of South Carolina, sharing a potpourri of Jewish life.

Then on **Wednesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m.**, POGS is sponsoring a **tour to the Anne Frank Center**,



located on the University of South Carolina campus. USC is the official U.S. Partner of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and the only partner site in North America. The center brings to life the story of the young Jewish girl who documented two years of hiding in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam during World War II. Cost is \$10 per person. Register by completing the Sunday bulletin insert and placing in offering plate or turning in to the Church Office, along with the fee. Please make checks payable to "Pathfinders of Good Shepherd." Deadline for registration is Sunday, March 12. Contact Nancy Hyatt (803-873-9449) if you have any questions.

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,333.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.



Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and across the globe. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

In Christ,
Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:15 am - 11:45am Nursery available

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB classroom)

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 pm [private event] <i>Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Internship Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p> <p>6:00 pm [private event] <i>Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p>3:00 pm <i>Executive Committee Meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>19 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Middle School Event @ Camp Kinard</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>6:30 pm <i>Council Meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6:00 pm [private event] <i>Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 pm [private event] <i>Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-106 & E-114)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (Conference Room)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

*Please see an updated church calendar
 and the calendar for other months at
<http://www.gslc.com/>.*

*Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
 bottom of the page.*

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:30 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>2 10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB)</p>	<p>3 [private event-Amy Kemp] set up FAB</p>	<p>4 8:00 am—2:00 pm [private event- Amy Kemp] FAB</p>
<p>8 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 1:00 pm POGS [Pathfinders of Good Shepherd] lunch meeting (FAB) 7:30 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>9 6:00 pm Communication Committee meeting (CL 2) 6:00 pm Learning Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 1:30 pm POGS trip to Anne Frank Center 5:30 pm Worship Life mtg (CL 2) 7:30 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>16 5:30 pm Dorcas meeting (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site)</p>	<p>17 Middle School Event @ Camp Kinard</p>	<p>18 Middle School Event @ Camp Kinard</p>
<p>22 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:30 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:30 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 7:00-8:30 pm GYF Flow in the Dark Egg Hunt (FAB)</p>	

MARCH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to join us for Sunday School each week following the Worship Service. We offer a variety of adult classes and learning opportunities to help you grow your faith and fellowship.

Worship and Sunday School Schedule

9:30 Worship Service

10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for grades kindergarten-5th grade*

11:25-11:45 Children's Music for grades kindergarten-5th grade

10:45-11:45 Confirmation Class in Conference Room

10:45-11:45 High School Sunday School in Youth Room

10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School

Around The Corner Adult Class: Classroom 2

Discussion Leader: Participants

We will focus on learning about the guiding beliefs and practices of our faiths using the book *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* as a discussion guide in a round-table style class.

Come and See Adult Class: Classroom 1

Bible Study Facilitators: Bruce Shealy, Mark Lovern, Ed Woodward

This class focuses on studying the Scripture and bible readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 5

Bible Study Leader: Don Caughman

The purpose of this study is to help adult learners engage in biblical passages in order to see how worship is shaped by faith and how worship nurtures faith.

Weekly Bible Study

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew. Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room or virtually on Wednesdays at 8:00 for a Zoom meeting. A Zoom ID and password is sent in a weekly email.

Faith 5

Each week Pastor Andrew will send a Faith 5 Study email that includes a recommended scripture reading to guide and nurture your spiritual development through the following 5 steps.

Share your highs and lows of the day/week

Read a bible verse or story

Talk about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows

Pray for one another's highs and lows

Bless one another

Lenten Book Study

We look forward to continuing with a 5-week book study of *Life Together* written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer during the Lenten season. "*Life Together*...reads like one of Paul's letters, giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words" (from the summary on the back cover of *Life Together*).



GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS (GYF) GLOW IN THE DARK—EASTER EGG HUNT FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Children in 3rd – 5th grade are invited to meet in the FAB for this fun event. It will be on Friday, March 31 from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Volunteers are needed for this event.

Parents, please let Amy know if your child (and friends) will be in attendance so we can plan accordingly.

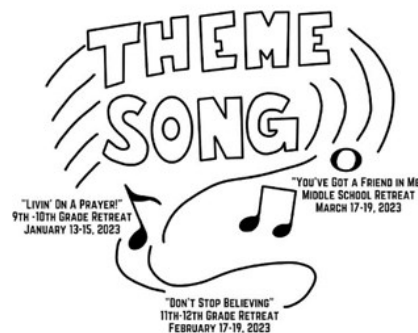
YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRY EASTER EGG HUNT SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Young Family Ministries will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt for our little ones up to 2nd graders. Kids and families please meet at the Church Fountain after Sunday School at 11:45 a.m.

"You've Got a Friend in Me" Middle School Event @ Camp Kinard March 17-19, 2023

Winter Retreats are offered each year and focus on issues of faith formation through large and small group activities.

Please contact Amy Kemp if interested in attending.



GRADUATES

If you or someone in your family, who is a Good Shepherd member, is graduating from high school, college or other school, please let us know. We want to congratulate and acknowledge this accomplishment. Let us know the school, any degrees or honors, college or future plans (if applicable). Call the office at 803-787-4413 or email parishadmin@gslc.com. Please contact the office by April 13, for publication in the May newsletter.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Amy Kemp

DATE	3/5/2023	3/12/2023	3/19/2023	3/26/2023	4/2/2023
USHERS	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Cathy Quinton	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum
TABULATORS	Mike Sanchez, Becky Shealy	Donna Foster, David Lucas	Mary Margaret Hoy, Steve Steck	Terri Fowler, Becky Shealy	Jim Tucker, Karen Lucas

MARCH 2023 MEETINGS

Since some of the committee chairs were rotating off council, committee meetings were not carried over to the new year. Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.

March 2	Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)
March 7	Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)
March 8	POGS (1:00 p.m.)
March 9	Communication Committee (6:00 p.m.) Learning Committee (6:00 p.m.)
March 13	Internship Committee (6:00 p.m.)
March 14	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
March 15	Worship Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
March 16	Dorcas (5:30 p.m.) Tamar (6:30 p.m. offsite)
March 19	Council (6:30 p.m.)



TUESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY



Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at **8:00 a.m.** A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Deadline to submit articles for April Newsletter is **MARCH 20.**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

- 1 Becky Anne Struthers
- 2 Miles Kemp
- 3 Don Caughman
- 3 Libby Anne Inabinet
- 3 Joanne Wuori
- 4 Emma Peake
- 4 Lavada Barnhill
- 4 Madelyn Snodgrass
- 4 Eric Kemp
- 6 Jason Jakiela
- 6 Frances Plyler
- 8 Jeannine Jameson
- 12 Milford Hunter
- 14 Janet Lockhart
- 14 Perry Shuping
- 14 Anna Ross
- 14 Callen Gilbert
- 14 Julie Hendrix
- 15 Sid Havird
- 16 Emily Whitlow
- 17 Lena Duncan
- 18 Sarah Peake
- 19 Judy Stanton
- 22 Bonnie Hammond
- 22 Sara Hydrick
- 23 Dot Correll
- 23 Michelle Ortiz
- 23 Tory Shelton
- 24 Keri Hogue
- 24 Jon Frew
- 24 Raymond Hendrix
- 29 Helen Hanayik
- 30 Marianne De Werdt
- 31 Ed Beaman

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2022

MARCH 5 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

FIRST READING – Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

PSALM – Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)

SECOND READING – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

GOSPEL – John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

MARCH 12 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

FIRST READING – Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

PSALM – Psalm 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

GOSPEL – John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

MARCH 19 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. “I was blind, now I see,” declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

PSALM – Psalm 23

You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

SECOND READING – Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

GOSPEL – John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

MARCH 26 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that “I am the LORD.”

PSALM – Psalm 130

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

SECOND READING – Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

GOSPEL – John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Pat Hazle</i>	<i>Michele Morrison</i>
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PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 **to renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month.**

You may call or email anytime to remove a name.

Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.



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<i>Doug Aitchison—father of Mary Aitchison</i>	<i>Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Moble</i>
<i>Richard Andrews—a close friend of Wade Wingard</i>	<i>Jack Reynolds—brother of Margaret Hill</i>
<i>Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush</i>	<i>Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass</i>
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<i>Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Linda Vogel—mother Kevin Gross</i>
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<i>Jesse McAllister – friend of Meals on Wheels volunteers</i>	
<i>Stella Parrish—friend of Rosemary Nance</i>	
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CALENDAR



MARCH

Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB Classroom)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (Conference Room)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (E-106 & 114)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Music (E-115)

March 1
March 5
March 8
March 12
March 15

12 noon & 7:30 p.m. Lenten Services
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1:30 p.m. POGS Trip to Anne Frank Center

March 19

Food Pantry Sunday
Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule

March 20
March 22
March 26
March 29
March 31

April Newsletter Deadline
12 noon & 7:30 p.m. Lenten Services
Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule
12 noon & 7:30 p.m. Lenten Services
7:00 p.m. GYF Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt