

# **Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

## **Building up God's people through His word for His world**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 10, 2024**

*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.*

**We especially welcome our guests who are worshipping here today.** What a privilege to greet you! If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to be a part of the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation, visit [gslcva.org](http://gslcva.org). Also, please fill out a Welcome card (inside this bulletin) and place it in the offering plate near the doors.

**Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church.** Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Our informal worship service, Sunday/PRAISE, features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays.

**To all worshippers:** The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Please welcome our young ones and give their parents a smile of encouragement or a helping hand, if needed.

**To the parents of young ones, here are a few suggestions for worshipping with your children:** Relax! God put the wiggles and giggles in kids; don't feel that you have to suppress them in His house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front, where it is easier to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor, ushers, communion assistants, etc. Sing the hymns and songs, pray, and voice the responses aloud. Children learn worshipful behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the worship service with your child or stand up and walk around the back of the room, feel free to do so, but please come back! And finally, if you so choose, . . .

**You are welcome to use our nursery,** as well as our parents' room next to the nursery, if your young ones need a break from the service. The Parents' Room is also a comfortable place where mothers may nurse their babies. The worship service is livestreamed to a monitor in the Parents' Room.

**We offer Sunday School** and a variety of Bible studies and spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings. All Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m. See News and Announcements for class information.

**Flowers and plants in our worship areas** are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the church, uplift service participants, and remind us of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at [gslcva.org](http://gslcva.org), under "Flower Sponsorships" on the Worship page. Today's flowers are sponsored by Cheryl and Ken Uffelman in memory of their son, Daniel Uffelman.

# SUNDAY/PRAISE

## GATHERING SONG "The Wonderful Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride  
  
See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

*Chorus*  
*O the wonderful cross*  
*O the wonderful cross*  
*Bids me come and die and find*  
*That I may truly live*  
*O the wonderful cross*

*O the wonderful cross*  
*All who gather here by grace*  
*Draw near and bless Your name*  
  
Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

*Chorus*  
*O the wonderful cross*  
*O the wonderful cross*  
*Bids me come and die and find*  
*That I may truly live*

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

## SONG OF PRAISE "Build My Life"

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
breathe  
We live for You

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
breathe  
We live for You

*Chorus: Holy, there is no one like You*  
*There is none besides You*  
*Open up my eyes in wonder*  
*And show me who You are*

*And fill me with Your heart*  
*And lead me in Your love*  
*To those around me*

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
breathe  
We live for You

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

*Chorus (2x)*

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken  
(Repeat)  
*Chorus (2x)*

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

[We confess together] **Holy Lord, we confess that we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. Forgive us, O God, for being sinful, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE READING FROM GOD'S WORD

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**  
<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**  
<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.  
<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord and you delivered them from their distress.**  
<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.  
<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**  
<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

## READING FROM GOD'S WORD

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

## KIDS' MESSAGE

"Measuring God's Love"

Pastor James

## RESPONSE SONG:

"All Sufficient Merit"

All sufficient merit shining like the sun  
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done  
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's  
cross  
Where all sufficient merit did what I could  
not  
In love He condescended eternal now in  
time  
A life without a blemish the Maker made to  
die  
The law could never save us our  
lawlessness had won  
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had  
finally come

*Chorus*

*It is done it is finished*

*No more debt I owe*

*Paid in full all sufficient*

*Merit now my own*

I lay down my garments any empty boast  
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful  
host  
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus  
A crimson robe made white  
No more fear of judgment His  
righteousness is mine

*Chorus (2x)*

All sufficient merit firm in life and death  
The joy of my salvation shall be my final  
breath  
When I stand accepted before the throne of  
God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for  
the cross  
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

*Chorus (2x)*

Oh Your merit now my own  
Oh Your merit now my own

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## MESSAGE

"God's Love"

Pastor James

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

## OFFERINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Johann

*Please take this opportunity to fill out the Welcome Card and hand it to one of the ushers as you leave.*

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*After the pastor says "Lord, hear our prayer," we respond by singing:*

**Band:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, hear our cry and heal our land.  
Let kindness lead us to compassion, bring us back again.

**People:** *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy on us now.*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING SONG      "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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## BLESSING & SENDING

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Serving Today	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Johann
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor James
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Devine (lead) Jim Micsan
<b>Greeter</b>	Sally Cors (door)
<b>Guest Welcome</b>	Brian Cors
<b>Praise Team</b>	Tara Planeta (violin) Maryanne Perkel (cello) Steve Mutter (bass) Julian Berkowitz (drums) Kathy Otterbacher (vocals) Dan LaMaestra (leader; piano, vocals)
<b>Projectionist</b>	Jeannie Johns
<b>Audio Engineer</b>	Scott Shepherd
<b>Livestream Manager</b>	Matt Hardy
<b>Closer</b>	Martin Farley
<b>Kitchen Cleanup</b>	Drew Lipman

**Be a part** of the SUNDAY/PRAISE community by serving in our worship gatherings as greeters, ushers, singers, instrumentalists, AV support, and others. Interested? Contact us by emailing [gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org) or calling 703-437-5020.

### **Board of Servant Leaders**

Linda Terlecki, chair  
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### **Core Ministry Areas**

#### **Worship**

*Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann*

The Worship Team encompasses music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Anne Lee), Handbell Choir (Anne Lee), traditional worship, and contemporary worship (Dan LaMaestra), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

#### **Discipleship**

*Team Leader: Pastor James*

The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry (Michelle Tenhaeff), and youth ministry (Holly Vanderhoof).

#### **Parish Life**

*Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Heidi Cooper*

The Parish Life Team helps foster our community through Life Groups, member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion, concerts, public events, picnics, and intergenerational events, and reaches out to guests who worship at Good Shepherd.

#### **Mission**

*Team Leader: Pastor Johann*

Through the Mission Team, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: world and local (Bill and Lisa Schuler), synod/district, social ministry and community service (Holly Vanderhoof). Evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue) support these efforts.

#### **Congregational Care and Nurture**

*Team Leader: June McGurn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann*

The Congregational Care and Nurture Team helps support the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the congregation through literature, programs, and opportunities to serve others at Good Shepherd. This ministry's volunteers help in many ways: at memorial services and receptions; through member care visits and transportation; by sending cards for life events; and by arranging meals ("Take Them a Meal" team, Caroline Ruppert) for the sick and infirm, for their families, and for families with newborns.

#### **Administration**

*Team Leader: Pastor Johann*

This team is in charge of property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Frankner), communications (Jeff Donahue), contracts, church office, calendar/program management, and technology (Gary Budzier).

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## ADDITIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK FROM GOD’S WORD

### From the Old Testament

### Numbers 21:4–9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing:  
a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### From the New Testament

### Ephesians 2:1–10

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God’s grace at work in our lives.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.