

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Building up God's people through His word for His world

Midweek Service: Healing Medicine
March 4, 2026 | 12:00 p.m.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus healed many people. His healing touch restored limbs, raised the dead, and removed fevers. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus paints a vivid picture both of our predicament under the curse of sin and of our salvation (Luke 10:25–37). Like the man who had fallen among thieves and was lying half-dead, we were “dead in the trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1). Jesus, our own kind and compassionate Samaritan, comes to us, binds up our wounds, and takes our burden upon Himself. And He has given us spiritual medicine. In the salutary gift of the Lord's Supper, Christ's healing hand continues to reach out to those afflicted with the terminal disease of sin. His body and blood are a true healing balm for the troubled conscience, since it was “given and shed for the forgiveness of sins” (Small Catechism).

Prelude

Please stand

Hymn “The Fruit of Love Once Blooming” *see insert*

Opening Sentences

P: Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,
C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
P: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord took bread and wine,
C: to celebrate the Passover meal of the old covenant with His disciples.
P: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord took bread and wine,
C: to institute the meal of the new covenant in His blood.
P: The cup of blessing that we bless,
C: is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?
P: The bread that we break,
C: is it not a participation in the body of Christ?
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink the cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Worshippers turn to face one another across the center aisle and observe silence for self-examination.

Pulpit side: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thinking, speaking, and acting, with only myself to blame. Moreover, I have failed to appreciate the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come through the Lord's Supper. I pray

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Pulpit side: **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and peace, forgiveness and growth in grace. Amen.**

Please sit

Psalmody

Psalm 41

P: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C: In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

P: the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;

C: You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

P: The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;

C: in his illness You restore him to full health.

P: As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;

C: heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

P: My enemies say of me in malice,

C: "When will he die, and his name perish?"

P: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;

C: when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

P: All who hate me whisper together about me;

C: they imagine the worst for me.

P: They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;

C: he will not rise again from where he lies."

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted,

C: who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

P: But You, O LORD, be gracious to me,

C: and raise me up, that I may repay them!

P: By this I know that You delight in me:

C: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

P: But You have upheld me because of my integrity,

C: and set me in Your presence forever.

P: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**C: from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reading

God's Servant will heal through His suffering.

Isaiah 52:13–53:5

L: A reading from Isaiah, chapters fifty-two and fifty-three.

Behold, My Servant shall act wisely;

C: He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

L: As many were astonished at you—

His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,

C: and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—

L: so shall He sprinkle many nations;

C: kings shall shut their mouths because of Him;

L: for that which has not been told them they see,

C: and that which they have not heard they understand.

L: Who has believed what he has heard from us?

C: And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

L: For He grew up before Him like a young plant,

C: and like a root out of dry ground;

L: He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,

C: and no beauty that we should desire Him.

L: He was despised and rejected by men;

C: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

L: and as one from whom men hide their faces

C: He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

L: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

C: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

L: But He was pierced for our transgressions;

C: He was crushed for our iniquities;

L: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

C: and with His wounds we are healed.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Reading

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan.

- L: A reading from the tenth chapter of Luke.
And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying,
- C: “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”**
- L: He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered,
- C: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”**
- L: And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus,
- C: “And who is my neighbor?”**
- L: Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said,
- C: “The one who showed him mercy.”**
- L: And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”
- L: O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: Thanks be to God.**

Please sit

Hymn	“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”	Hymn No. 620
		Verses 1-4

Message	“Healing Medicine”	Pastor James
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Musical Reflection

Offering Moment

Offerings and Welcome cards will be placed in the plate by the entry doors.

Please stand

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Church

L: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, offering fruit from the tree of life,

C: **by Your word of Law accuse every prideful thought in us, and by Your precious Gospel call us to repentance and a firm faith in Your gift of eternal life.**

L: Lord Jesus, bread from heaven,

C: **feed us always that we may neither hunger nor thirst, but continually be ready for whatever temptations we might face in this wilderness until our journey's end.**

L: Lord Jesus, whose forgiveness is healing medicine,

C: **bind up our sin-sick souls and heal our wounded consciences so that Your life may flow through us.**

L: Lord Jesus, offering a blest communion in the Lord's Supper,

C: **we give thanks that in spite of our sinful condition You bring us into fellowship with You and one another, acceptable in Your sight by Your atoning grace.**

L: Lord Jesus, rest for the weary,

C: **lift the burden of our sins, we pray, and refresh our souls so that we may serve You each day and invite others to join us on our journey toward an eternal Sabbath.**

L: Lord Jesus, who invites us to the heavenly nuptial feast,

C: **bestow on us hearts of love and joy each time we partake of the Lord's Supper, a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L: Lord Jesus, whose sacrifice instituted the new covenant,

C: **enable us to receive in true faith Your assurance that our separating sins have been forgiven in time and eternity.**

L: Lord Jesus, who received the Father's wrath in our stead on the cross,

C: **each time we receive Your body and blood in the Lord's Supper, grant that we may recognize the gravity of our sin and the reality of Your grace.**

L: Lord Jesus, God's Passover Lamb,

C: **give us hearts single-mindedly fixed on You, whose blood has saved us from the wrath we deserve and whose victory over death has opened to us eternal life.**

L: Lord Jesus, who has made the Lord's Supper Your feast of victory,

C: **with saints and angels we praise and glorify Your holy name here in time until we join them to sing Your praises face-to-face.**

Prayer for Peace

- L: Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
C: **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**
L: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

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.**

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon*

- P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
C: **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every
people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
C: **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

Benediction

- P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, and † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
C: **Amen.**

Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

Hymn No. 918

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

During the postlude, please take a moment to get up and greet guests and worshippers at this service who are new to you. You are also welcome to stay seated for a time of prayer and reflection.

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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 (Matt Hardy), 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 this core ministry area, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: financial and prayerful partnering with missionaries, worldwide and local (Randy and Melanie Stockman); synod/district, social ministry, and community service (Holly Vanderhoof); evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue).

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) 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 and contracts (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications (Jeff Donahue), and technology (Gary Budzier).

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