



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

**Other 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 God Almighty to forgive me my sins and to use this Lent to increase my faith and understanding.*

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

*Please sit*

**Psalmody**

**Psalm 22:22-31**

P: I will tell of Your name to my brothers;

**C: in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:**

P: You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

**C: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!**

P: For He has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,

**C: and He has not hidden His face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to Him.**

P: From You comes my praise in the great congregation;

**C: my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.**

P: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

**C: those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,

**C: and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before You.**

P: For kingship belongs to the LORD,

**C: and He rules over the nations.**

P: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**C: before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

P: Posterity shall serve Him;

**C: it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation;**

P: they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,

**C: that He has done it.**

**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**

**Isaiah 61:10–62:5**

*A joyful song of prophecy celebrating God's restoration of Zion into a delightful bride.*

L: A reading from the sixty-first and the sixty-second chapters of Isaiah.

L: I will greatly exult in the LORD;

**C: my soul shall exult in my God,**

L: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

**C: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

L: as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

**C: and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

L: For the earth brings forth its sprouts,

**C: and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,**

L: so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise

**C: to sprout up before all the nations.**

L: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

**C: and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet.**

L: until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,

**C: and her salvation as a burning torch.**

L: The nations shall see your righteousness,

**C: and all the kings your glory,**

L: and you shall be called by a new name

**C: that the mouth of the LORD will give.**

L: You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

**C: and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

L: You shall no more be termed Forsaken,

**C: and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,**

L: but you shall be called My Delights Is in Her,

**C: and your land Married;**

L: for the Lord delights in you,

**C: and your land shall be married.**

L: For as a young man marries a young woman,

**C: so shall your sons marry you,**

L: and as the bridegroom rejoices over his bride,

**C: so shall your God rejoice over you.**

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Reading**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

*The Parable of the Wedding Feast*

P: A reading from the twenty-second chapter of Matthew.

P: And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying,

‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’

But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants,

‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’

And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him,

‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’

And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants,

‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit*

**Hymn** “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

**Hymn No. 424**

**Message** “Nuptial Feast”

Pastor Johann

**Musical Reflection**

**Offering Moment**

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

*Please stand*

**Canticle** “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

**Hymn No. 540**  
Verses 1, 5

*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*

Music in hymnal, page 165

### Benediction

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

### Hymn

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

**Hymn No. 631**

Verses 1, 4-5

### 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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\* = unfilled as of March 24

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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 (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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