



Lenten Wednesday Readings: Psalm 22:22-31 | Isaiah 61:10-62:5 | Matthew 11:1-14

Lent 2026: "The Salutory Gift"

Worship services during Lent this year will explore the theme "The Salutory Gift" – the Lord's Supper. The words of institution convey the primary blessing of the Lord's Supper: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Holy Scripture uses other images and metaphors as well to highlight the blessings of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper holds nourishing power for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Christians suffering from bodily ailments take comfort in considering the Lord's Supper as a healing medicine, seeing that the complete healing of their bodies in the resurrection begins now with the healing of the soul in the Sacrament of the Altar. It offers community, rest for our souls, and a foretaste of the eternal wedding feast to come. It is also a covenant meal and a feast of victory. **Join us for our final Lenten Midweek service Wednesday, March 25, at noon**, and then during Holy Week, as we consider the many blessings of the Lord's Supper. The midweek service will be recorded and posted on Wednesday evening.

Worship during Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Traditional service (sanctuary) with Holy Communion, *Special music: Brass Quintet*
9:00–10:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Traditional service (sanctuary) with Holy Communion, *Special music: Brass Quintet*

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Traditional service, with Holy Communion
First Communion for students who have received instruction
This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Good Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:15 a.m. Traditional service; with Holy Communion, special music (sanctuary)
Preservice music begins at 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Family-friendly service (Fellowship Hall)
This service will be recorded and posted later
11:15 a.m. Traditional service; with Holy Communion, special music (sanctuary), *Preservice music begins at 11:00 a.m.*

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Also on Easter Sunday— Dedication of the Columbarium Peace Garden (9:40 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.). See article on reverse side.

Above & Beyond fall catalog

The winter/spring edition of the Above & Beyond catalog is available electronically on our website at gslcva.org/giving. Hard copies are available in the church entry area and on the Resource Table in the Fellowship Hall. An update of remaining balances, as of March 15, is attached below. For the most current funding balances, please contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org). Thank you to everyone who so generously supports this stewardship program.

Fund	Remaining Balance
"Spiritual First Aid" Seminar	3,400
Special Music (in Worship)	2,453
Vacation Bible School	750
Senior Youth Ministry	1,474
Workcamp 2026	168
Workcamp Van Rentals	2,500
Choral Section Leaders	15,779
Cornerstones	4,493
Lake Anne Fellowship House	3,544
Fellowship Square	3,251
Meals of Hope	881
Replacement Sanctuary Screens	17,300
Sabbatical Support (1 st Interval)	2,764
Expansion Preschool Operations	27,973
Middle School Ministry	1,974
Columbarium & Garden Fund (2-Benches & 1 Passage)	6,000
Dehumidifiers	2,800
Evergreen Lutheran School	2,974
Faith Aid – Mustard Seed	4,974
Faith Aid–Fraher Family Support	2,974
Lutheran World Relief	3,864
Lutheran Bible Translators	3,500
LCMS – Osiro (Kenya)	2,500
LCMS – Payne (Tanzania)	2,500
LCMS – Wood (Indonesia)	2,500
Principe de Paz Luterana	2,000
LCMS Ministry – Armed forces	1,500

Seder-next Saturday

Join us at 11:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 28**, in the Gathering Place as we walk through a Passover Seder - a ceremonial meal commemorating the Jewish survival of the Tenth Plague and the Exodus from Egypt. We will also enjoy a potluck lunch together. For more information about a seder, you may wish to watch this [video \(https://tinyurl.com/mr43v4yz\)](https://tinyurl.com/mr43v4yz) by Jews for Jesus. Due to limited seating, registration for the Seder meal is required. Register by emailing the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or sign up on the paper registration in the church entry area.

Upcoming Events

Worship Services

Wednesday, March 25: 12:00 p.m. (Lenten Midweek service)
Sunday, March 29: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional services with Holy Communion and special music: Brass Quintet)*
*Check out our [website](#) for more information

Choir Practice

Sunday, March 29: 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

Sunday School

Sunday, March 29: No Sunday School

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, March 25: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Manic Mondays: Monday, March 23: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Cors's House)
Word Workers: Wednesday, March 25: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Virtual (Zoom)
Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday, March 26: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (Room 203)
Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, March 27: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)
*Check out our [Calendar on the website](#) for life groups

Community Service

Monday, March 23: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)
Wednesday, March 25: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)
Thursday, March 26: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot)
*Check out our [website](#) for more opportunities

Today's Bible Studies, Sunday School

All classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' Bible Study, room 203. Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).
Adult Bible study, room 111. Contact Pastor Gary James (pastorgary@gslcva.org).
First Communion Class—5th and 6th graders, room 112. Contact Pastor Gary James (pastorgary@gslcva.org).
Young Family Bible Study, room 202. Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).
Sunday School (age 2 through grade 5), Gathering Space and room 108. Contact Michelle Tenhaeff (childministry@gslcva.org)
Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8), room 119. Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)
High School Ministry (grades 9-12), room 121. Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)

Palm Sunday Pancake breakfast-next Sunday!

Please join us next **Sunday, March 29**, for our annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast between services in the Fellowship Hall. Goodwill offerings from this breakfast will help offset costs for this summer's High School Mission Trip with Group Mission Trips in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Thank you for your incredible support and prayers, for our youth ministry!

Community Service

A Simple Gesture Food Collection. Every other month, A Simple Gesture delivers collected food to the South Lakes High School Food Pantry along with other local food pantries. Help us intake, sort and shelve donations on **Saturday, April 4**, from 8:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. This effort involves 50-70 volunteers from the area and is a great way to help serve the food pantry and love your neighbor in the process. If interested in volunteering, please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Do you know of someone who needs help finding resources in our area? For a list of comprehensive services in our area please call or visit: 2-1-1 Virginia. 2-1-1 Virginia is a source of information about community and social services available in Fairfax County and statewide. When you dial 2-1-1, a trained professional will listen to your situation and suggest sources to help using one of the largest databases of health and human services in Virginia.

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer day is April 3. The Closet needs volunteers to maintain day to day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community.

Scan the QR code to signup or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>



South Lakes Food Pantry - continues to serve the community! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS** of food & toiletries to our neighbors in need. What a significant difference you've made in the community with your support of this incredible ministry. *Interested? Email Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).* Needs are on the rise. We are averaging well over **7,000 pounds (3 ½ tons) of food to families and students in need each week.** Please consider shopping from our urgent needs or donating money to the pantry so that they can purchase food for the pantry.

NO-CONTACT Donation curbside drop offs: Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Donations may also be shipped to the church: SLHS Food Pantry, c/o GSLC, 1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA 20170.

DRIVERS NEEDED. Looking for additional drivers on Thursdays. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you. Thursday afternoons, 2:50 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Interested? Please contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org).

URGENT NEEDS: peanut butter, jelly, boxed mac & cheese, bar soap, diced tomatoes, pasta sauce

Women Giving Back. Come and support women and children in crisis on a first step to stability by providing quality clothing at no cost, assisted by a caring and committed community. From grassroots humble beginnings, Women Giving Back has grown into an organization that serves more than 24,000 women and children in need every year. Visit: <https://womengivingback.org> for details.

Cornerstones Volunteer Opportunities: Cornerstones offers a multitude of volunteer opportunities; including Farmers Market Gleaning, Career Mentors, Financial Literacy Mentors, Interpreters, Front Desk Assistants, Pathways to Sustainable Employment Program Volunteers and so much more. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mvzzu4ue> to sign up or learn more additional opportunities.

Board of Servant Leaders—proposed slate

Three members of Good Shepherd have agreed to be candidates for three openings on the Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL). The proposed slate of candidates is **Paul Devine, Andrew Otterbacher, and Daniel Pelletier**. Bios and statements are available under the **Board News** on our website. Stay tuned for schedule updates next week. Questions? Email Tony Esse through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

Middle School Youth Gathering

Join us for the Spring Middle School Youth Gathering in Williamsburg, Virginia from April 24 to 26. This year's theme, **ONE**, will guide us through Paul's words in Ephesians. We are pleased to welcome **AJ Vega** as our keynote speaker. Interested? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org). Register through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ybc5t9am>.

Rainforest Falls VBS-registration opens next Sunday!

Mark your calendars—Vacation Bible School (VBS) is back from **Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26**, and planning is underway! Get ready for an unforgettable week filled with faith, fun, games, and friendships that will inspire kids all summer long. **Registration opens Sunday, March 29**, so set a reminder now to secure your spot before spots fill up. This is one adventure you won't want to miss!

Seen: One Day Women's Retreat

Women of Good Shepherd—don't miss this exclusive opportunity! Join Our Savior's Way for an inspiring one-day women's retreat on **Saturday, April 18**. For more information and to **register** check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/education/adults>).

Columbarium Peace Garden dedication

On **Easter Sunday**, we will dedicate the Columbarium Peace Garden. Brief ceremonies will be held in the garden at 9:40 a.m. and at 10:50 a.m. (following the first two Easter worship services). All are welcome to participate as we set apart the Columbarium Peace Garden as a sacred place, a reminder of the sure and certain hope of resurrection.

Rain or Shine! ✨

Come join us for our
Spring Fling 🌸

at Good Shepherd!

For a fun morning of games, inflatables, prizes, and MORE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH Fun for the whole family!

10 A.M.-12 P.M.
Lower Parking Lot

RSVP Here! 🌈

QR code for registration.