

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 15, 2026

Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge I am leading worship from Treaty 4 Territory the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

The Lord is our Shepherd.

God leads us by still waters.

Christ restores our souls.

The Spirit leads us in right paths.

Let us worship God who is always with us.

We will praise our God, trusting in God's goodness and mercy!

Hymn 11 The Lord's my shepherd

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.

**He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
even for his own name's sake.**

**3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.**

**5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 284 Revive your work, O Lord

**1. Revive your work, O Lord:
your mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice which wakes the dead,
and make your people hear.**

**2. Revive your work, O Lord:
disturb this sleep of death;
ignite the smouldering embers now
by your almighty breath.**

**3. Revive your work, O Lord:
create soul thirst for you,
and hunger for the bread of life,
our spirits to renew.**

**4. Revive your work, O Lord:
exalt your precious name,
and by the Holy Spirit come
and set our love aflame.**

**5. Revive your work, O Lord:
give power unto your word;
grant that your living gospel may
in living faith be heard.**

**6. Revive your work, O Lord:
give pentecostal showers;
the glory shall be all your own;
the blessing, Lord, be ours.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**God of life and love, these days we confess that events
around us shake our trust in your love. When terror strikes
and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence.
When truth is twisted by misleading claims, we wonder if
love can prevail over lies. When we face trouble, we wonder
if you love us at all. Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust
in your love.**

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For
ever and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (minister)

Hymn 374 O for a thousand tongues to sing

**1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.**

**2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease:
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.**

**3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.**

**4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy.**

**5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 23 p. 474 NT & Psalms

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.

²**He lets me rest in green meadows;**

he leads me beside peaceful streams.

³He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to his name.

**⁴Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.

**⁶Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord
forever.**

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Scripture Lessons

1 Samuel 16:1-13 p. 226 pew Bible
Ephesians 5:8-14 p. 337 NT & Psalms
John 9:1-41 p. 176 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

God our Good Shepherd, receive these gifts and bless them with your love. Use them to bring light and healing to the world you love for the sake of Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn 500 Open my eyes, that I may see

**1. Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.**

Refrain:

**Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.**

Refrain:

**Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.**

Refrain:

**Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude