



## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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**March 22, 2026**

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**Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

***WELCOME GUESTS***

*We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. Thank you for joining us.*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

**Recorded Services:**

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube. Go to the Church website at [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and look for the  symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

*For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:  
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*Or on the church website – [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
You can donate through our PayPal account.*

*“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”*

## Readings for March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday

First Reading	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm	31: 9-16
Second Reading	Philippians 2:5-11
Holy Gospel	Matthew 26: 14-75; 27:1-66

## True Humility

The servanthood of a teacher in Isaiah, the outcast in the psalm, those who bow down in Philippians: today's readings teach humility. On this day we move from Christ's triumphant ride on a humble donkey to the humiliation of the cross. The humility of the characters in the passion story is in question: Judas, Pilate, the Twelve, chief priests and elders, Barabbas, the crowd, the soldiers, two bandits. Among other things, their lack of humility is what brings about the passion of Christ. There is only one truly humble person in this story: Jesus the Christ. Matthew's humble Jesus cries out from the cross to ask God why he has been forsaken.

Only in the stories of the resurrection do other humble characters appear: the centurion, the women, Joseph of Arimathea. A careful look at the complexity of humility in the palm and passion stories could set up a reflective theme carried through to Easter. Who in each story do we regard as humble? Why? How does our humility compare? Are there characters who seem to gain or lose humility in the course of the story from the triumphant entry to the resurrection? A deep and meaningful understanding of humility is a worthy and lasting gift to take away from the season of Lent and the celebration of Easter.

Joseph of Arimathea is a particularly good character on which to base an understanding of humility. A close look at all references to him in the Gospels, and a bit of creative narrative, create an image of a truly humble believer. He is referenced in both canonical and apocryphal texts. His devotion represents deep humility that leads to the very finest of good works as he cares for the body of Jesus.

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### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.**

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

## **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 10 am. The study will again be based on “The Chosen”.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren - involved! Please consider staying for soup supper after church school and then join us for the Lenten Service.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP**

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

### ***STEP ONE:***

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

### ***STEP TWO:***

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as *Altar Flower Donation*. ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

## **BUTTERFLIES NEEDED**

The church will again be decorating the sanctuary with paper butterflies for Easter. Please help yourself to the traced butterflies in the Narthex and decorate them however you wish. Please indicate on them if you wish them to be in memory or in honor of someone.

## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Choir is looking for singers! Practice will be every Sunday after service at 10:30 from now until Easter. Please join us!!

## **QUILTING GROUP**

The quilting group is back to meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. You don't have to be a quilter to join – they welcome those who can tie knots also!

**Attendance on March 15, 2026: Service Cancelled due to Snow Storm!**

## LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday evening services will be held after Soup Supper at 5:00 pm. Please join us for the Soup Supper and then join us for the Lenten Services at 6:00 p.m..

### Holy Week Services

**Thursday, April 2**

Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm

**Friday, April 3**

*St. Germain Comm. Church will be having a Good Friday Service at their church at 1 pm – Please join them if you prefer an earlier service.*

Good Friday Service 6 pm

**Saturday, April 4**

Easter Vigil 6:30 pm

**Sunday, April 5**

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am

Easter Worship Service 9 am

Fellowship to follow



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Jim C., Dick, Alyce, Teresa, Joan's brother David, Tracey, Holli

*(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")*

### Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., Bob B., Ron, Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim,

### Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and Dylan

### Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

### Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

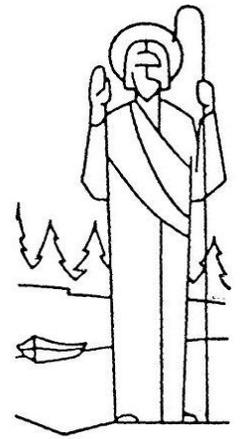
### Special Prayers

*Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we search for a new Shepherd.*

*Please or email Jean Maines at [treasurer@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:treasurer@SOTLsayner.com) or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker at [plclerk@gmail.com](mailto:plclerk@gmail.com) or text her at 715-892-7049, if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.*

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**Greeting & Announcements**

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Gracious God,*

**Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

**Amen.**

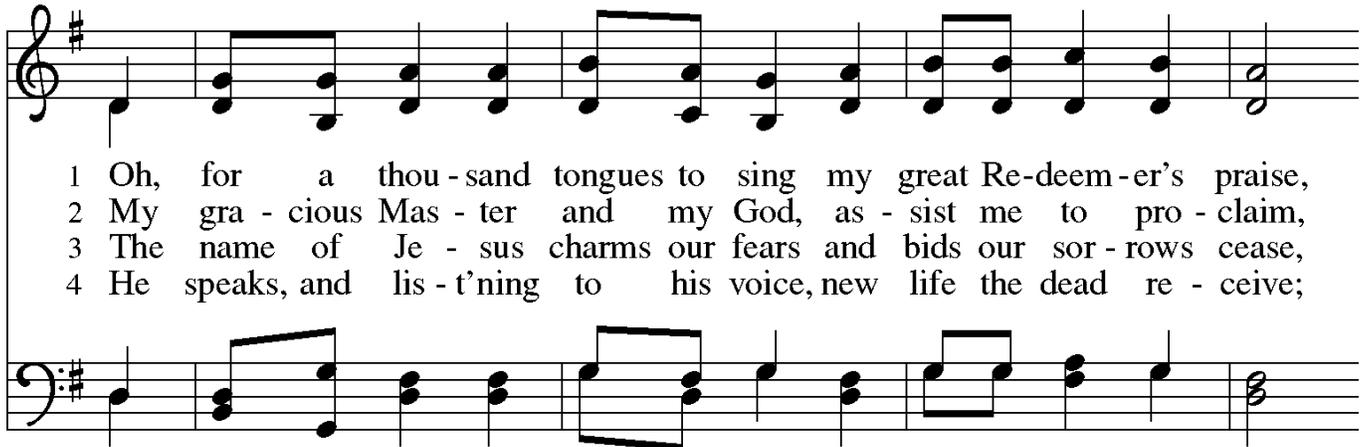
*(Book of Common Worship)*

**Words of Forgiveness**

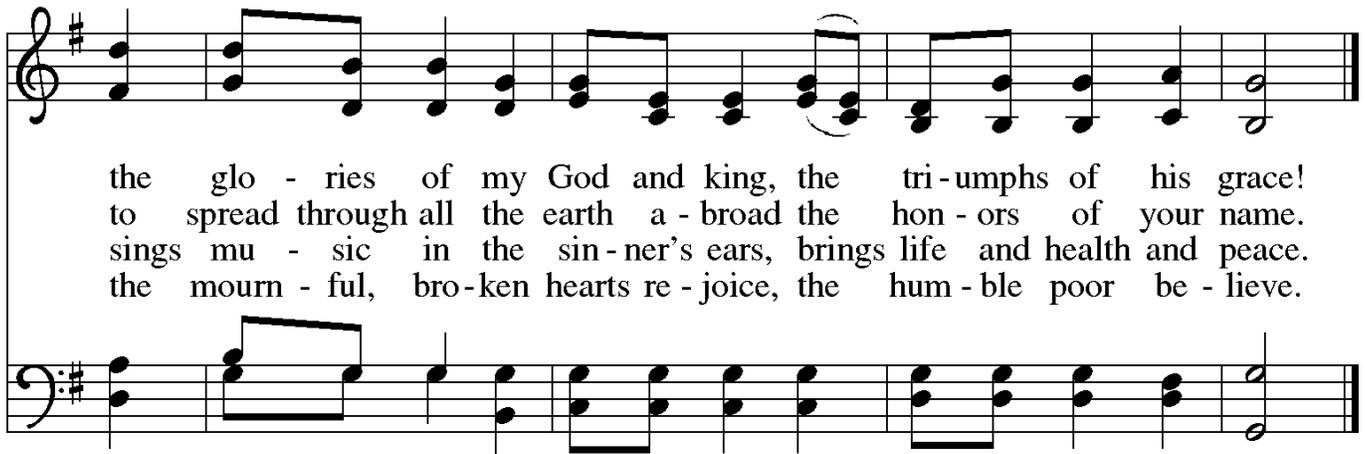
Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
 O fallen human race!  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 be now and ever giv'n  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



**First Reading**

**Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

The Word of the Lord...

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**Second Reading**

**Romans: 8: 6-11**

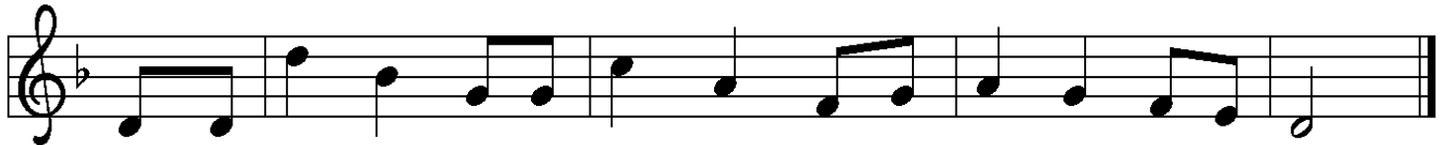
The Word of the Lord...

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**      *(Please stand as you are comfortable)*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Holy Gospel According to....  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 11: 1-45**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.  
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## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

## **Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**                   *(As we receive our offering, our Lord's table is prepared)*

**Prayer**                   *(Please stand as you are comfortable)*

God of mercy and grace,

**The eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help  
of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**     *(Service of Distribution)*

The Lord be with you.....  
**and also with you.**

As we gather before these consecrated elements of bread and wine for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. As we prepare to receive this bread of life and this cup of blessing, we pray that we may be strengthened through our participation in the body of Christ.

### **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.**

### **Invitation**

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us.

## Communion Distribution

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing.*

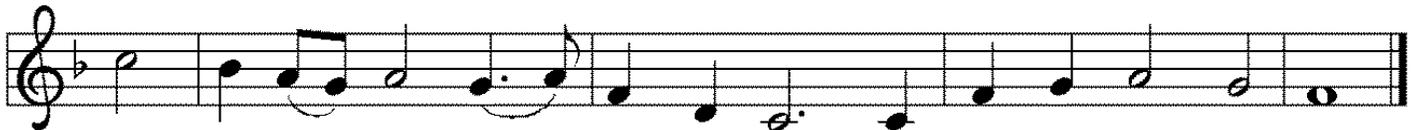
### ***ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.***

*Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the clear chalice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward.*

*(Please be seated)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

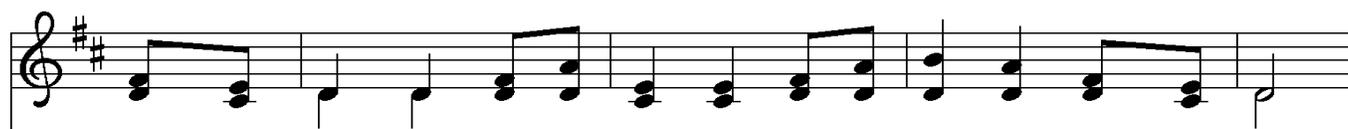
1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



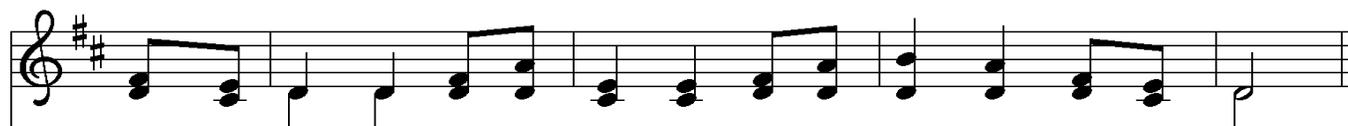
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: “Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con - strained to be;



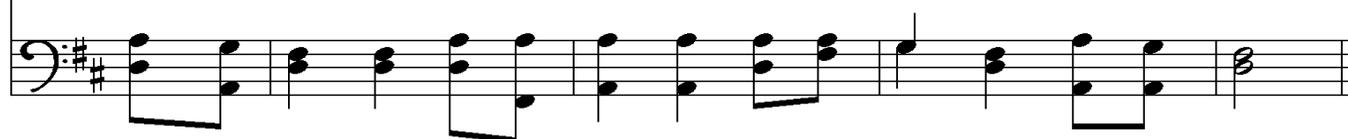
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d’ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d’ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



**Post Communion Blessing**      *(Please stand as you are comfortable)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

O God,

**You made us from the dust of the earth. Now filled and nourished with the body and blood of your Son, raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace we may receive everlasting life.**

**Amen**

**Blessing**

May almighty God,  
Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit bless you all,  
now and forever.

**Amen**

# Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.  
Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.**

### Calendar for Week of March 23 to March 29, 2026

Tuesday	March 24, 2026	Bible Study “The Chosen”	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	March 25, 2026	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	March 25, 2026	Soup Supper	5:00-6 p.m.
Wednesday	March 25, 2026	Mid-Week Lenten Service Led by Barb Maines	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 26, 2026	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	March 29, 2026	Worship Service Palm Sunday	9:00 a.m.

### Next Council Meeting:

Today, March 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Events:

Holy Week Services (See page 4 of this Worship Guide)

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

*Check our calendar of events on the church website for  
times and dates of events and worship services.*

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