

Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sun City, AZ



Third Week in Lent
March 7,8, 2026

Mission Statement

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".

✠ Please stand in body or spirit.

Preludes

Words of Welcome

✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

P Holy and gracious God,

C we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know— the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed— but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.

P By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven.
We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise each morning to serve. **Amen.**

✠ Gathering Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW # 807



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.

✠ Prayer of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Choral Anthem "Gentle Hands"

Shepherd's Choir

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm: Psalm 95

Pew Bible

¹ Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

⁸ **"Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**

¹¹ Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.'

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Setting 10



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.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Pew Bible

P The Gospel of Our Lord

C Thanks be to God

Message

Hymn of the Day Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW # 808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

‡ Nicene Creed

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

Each petition ends with:

A Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

‡ Share the Peace

Offering Music

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

‡ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

‡ Holy, Holy, Holy

Setting 10

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders. With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

In the night in which he was betrayed Do this for the remembrance of me.

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always. At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Amen**

**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 to Communion

P There's a place for everyone at the table. All are welcome here.

‡ Lamb of God

Setting 10



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.

Special Music

‡ Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen

‡ Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion

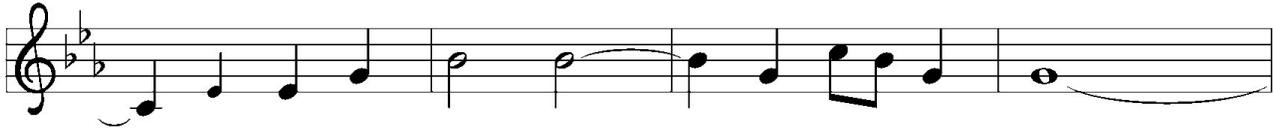
A God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. As we have been nourished, we now ask you to bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are homebound.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that together—as one body—we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

‡ Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen.



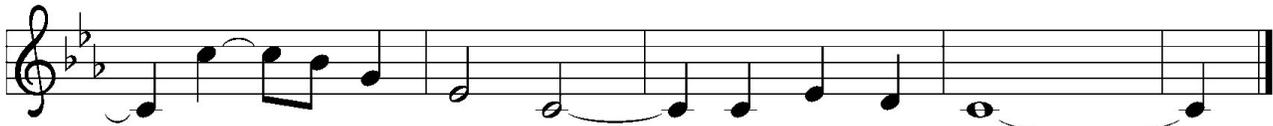
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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✠ Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Shepherd of the Desert Announcements

Midweek Lenten March 11th. Soup Supper starts at 6 p.m. This week Pastor Phil Gustafson will present on Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response.

Monday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. Remember to bring your Bible and a beverage. We will be reading the lessons for the upcoming weekend services.

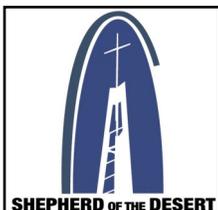
Choir Rehearsals Come and join Kevin DeYager, our Sunday Organist, as we rehearse choir music for the upcoming services. The next rehearsal is Tuesday March 10th in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.

Paint Night March 10th at 5:30 p.m. Please make sure to sign up so we can plan on snacks and supplies. Bring a beverage there is snacks provided.

Ladies Book Club Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. The Book they are reading is The Story of Ruth by Liz Curtis Higgs. The cost is \$5.00. Please reach out to Nancy Fisher if you need a book.

St. Patrick's Day Party March 15th at 4:00 p.m. in Walton Hall. We are serving a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal. Food, games, and music, its going to be lots of fun! Make sure to invite a friend or family member! Also make sure to sign up either in the Narthex or you can call the church office.

Mission of the Month - March - Lutheran Seminary Students. The Grand Canyon Synod Provides scholarships for students who are pursuing ordination through the Synod's Seminary Scholarship Fund.



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