

SHEPHERD OF THE DESERT
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jesus
THE CHRIST

 HE JUDGE

 HE REDEEMER

JOHN 2:19-22

The Third Week in Lent

March 3, 4, 2018

Mission:

"Created, Redeemed and Called by God, we reach out to all, by sharing our gifts and the unconditional love of Jesus."

Vision:

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

Welcome to Worship at Shepherd of the Desert

Please stand as you are able when noted.

Preludes

"Andante in G Dur"
"No Other Name but Jesus"

Debra Senelly, Organist
Wedemann
arr. Leatherman

Words of Welcome and Ministry Moments

Pastor Daniel Defassio



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, that we may live.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

**C we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors,
and in toward ourselves.**

**We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in
relationships.**

We have trusted ourselves most of all.

Turn us back to you, O God.

**In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and
shame.**

Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear for yourselves:

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all.

God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the
sake of † Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.

C Amen.

P Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship. . .

⦿ Hymn

"Built On a Rock"

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1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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⦿ Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

‡ Kyrie

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

‡ Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

‡ Prayer of the Day

P Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Musical Offering Sun. Chancel Choir: "Tell It to Jesus / What a Friend"

Martin

1st Reading

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

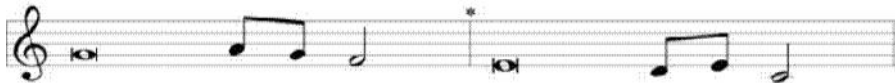
¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:1-14



L ¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

C ²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

L ³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

C ⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

L ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

C ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

L ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

C ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

L ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

- L ¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- C ¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**
- L ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- C ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

2nd Reading

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

† Gospel Verse

C **Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd Chapter.

C **Glory to you O God.**

‡ Holy Gospel

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Defassio



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a -
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



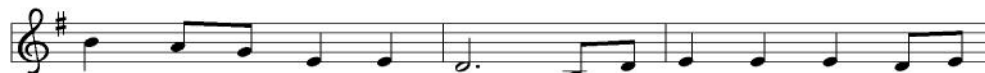
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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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 Gathered Community

A Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Lead us faithfully in the way of the cross. Unite us as one body in Christ.
Empower us with courage to speak out against injustice and greed, demonstrating with our words
and bodies the love of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the world. For sheep, cattle, and all domesticated livestock. For wild creatures, service
animals, and pets. Provide shelter, food, and safe drinking water for every living creature. Protect
the earth from disaster and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor one another as you command. Protect refugees and
immigrants fleeing from their homes in search of safety and freedom. Guide lawmakers, peace-
keepers, and all who work toward reconciliation and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those in need. For those who lack what they need for daily life. For people whose lives
are consumed by their possessions. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill (*especially*). Lord,
in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for their families,
sponsors, and faith mentors. For Bible study leaders and participants. For our elders in thanksgiv-
ing for the depth of wisdom and experience they offer. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us (especially). Inspire us by their witness and example. Bring us with them into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

✠ **Sharing of the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you.

Offertory - *You may share your offerings as you come forward for Holy Communion.*
The Hunger Jar is also available.

Special Music

Offertory Hymn "Break Now the Bread of Life" (see insert)

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✠ Offertory Prayer

A Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

✠ Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

✠ Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ Sanctus



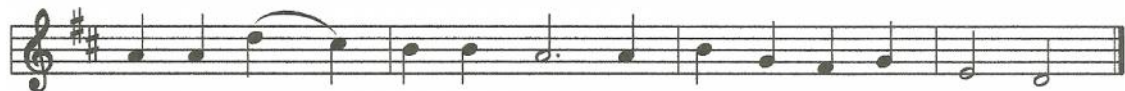
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



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.

✠ Eucharistic Prayer

- P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus 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.

‡ 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.**

‡ Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

Distribution - by continuous tables. All baptized Christians who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at Christ's table at Shepherd of the Desert. Please follow the directions of the ushers as you come forward to the altar rail by the center aisle. You may kneel if you are able. Grape juice may be substituted for wine if you let your server know by raising your index finger as you are served. Once you have been served, you then may return to your seat by the side aisles. You may also share your offerings as you come forward for Holy Communion. The Hunger Jar is also available.

Communion Songs: We begin with **page 15** in the "Communion Songs" booklet, located in the pew

‡ 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 Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

‡ Post Communion Prayer

- A Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
 Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice,
 our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
 through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

‡ Benediction

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.

‡ Dismissal

A Go in peace, Remember the poor.
C **Thanks be to God.**

‡ Postlude

"Benedictus"

Jenkins

Daily Scripture Readings for the Week of March 5 - March 11

Monday, March 5, 2018:	Psalm 84	1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22	1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tuesday, March 6, 2018:	Psalm 84	2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19	Hebrews 9:23-28
Wednesday, March 7, 2018:	Psalm 84	Ezra 6:1-16	Mark 11:15-19
Thursday, March 8, 2018:	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Genesis 9:8-17	Ephesians 1:3-6
Friday, March 9, 2018:	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Daniel 12:5-13	Ephesians 1:7-14
Saturday, March 10, 2018:	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Numbers 20:22-29	John 3:1-13
Sunday, March 11, 2018:	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

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