

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

FM Radio 89.9

9:00am

AS WE GATHER - BORN ANEW FROM ABOVE

"Born again" has become a catch phrase in our age. It is not merely that Jesus says one must be born again but born from above. This new birth happens not from human will or desire but solely from the love and act of God working by the Spirit. Baptismal water is the womb through which we are born again and born from above to the life that death cannot overcome and is eternal. As we make our way through Lent, we are constantly reminded of the truth of Luther's explanation: we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. The Spirit calls us to the font, gathers the baptized around His Word and Table, delivers us from the darkness of unbelief, and makes holy those who belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PARTICIPATION IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our Lord Jesus said "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins." Our confidence and confession of faith is that Christ is truly present and His body and blood are received along with the bread and the wine. Jesus' gift of Holy Communion is intended for believers who trust His words, repent of their sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that we may proclaim His death until he comes. Because this sacrament also unites us in communion with one another, those who eat and drink together are proclaiming a common confession of faith. If you have not been instructed in this faith (as taught in Luther's Small Catechism), have any doubt, or hold a confession differing from this and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to receiving. Children and adults who have not been instructed are still invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by crossing their arms over their chest.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Please stand)

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING SONG: Build Your Kingdom Here

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INVOCATION

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

Congregation Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 121:1-2, 8

Pastor From where does my help come?

Congregation **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor The LORD will preserve your going out and your coming in,

Congregation **from this time forth and forevermore.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor O almighty God, merciful Father,

Congregation **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation Amen.

SONG: Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

Congregation **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SONG: Cornerstone

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(Sit)

SERMON

(Stand)

CREED

Nicene Creed

Congregation **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father
before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not
made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who
for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the
Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the
Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism
for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of
the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor Let us come before the throne of God's grace in the name of Jesus and bid Him on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.
For grace that with Abraham our father, we trust in the Lord for all things and this faith be counted unto us as righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor For grace to trust in our Baptism from above and for the Spirit to enable us to show forth the fruits of this new life in words and works all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor For grace to enjoy a good government and good leaders who do what is good and right and honorable in the sight of the Lord and for the pursuit of peace among the people in our land and across the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor For grace to proclaim with courage the Good News of our Lord's death and resurrection and for the Spirit to open the hearts of those who hear that they might believe in Him whom the Father has sent, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor For grace upon every pastor and church worker that they faithfully fulfill their vocations and for the Lord to raise up many who will follow them into the Lord's service, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor For grace to provide for the widow and the fatherless, the single and the married, the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, that in their need they know the comfort of God's presence and have confidence in His mercy to supply all that they need for this life and for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor For grace to receive with ready hearts and in repentance all the blessings of this Holy Communion and that the body and blood of our Lord be kept in holy hearts and lives until we receive the heavenly food on high, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor For grace to enjoy the good fruits of the earth with thankful hearts, for grace to be generous with those in need, and for grace to love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor Remembering faithful Abraham who was counted righteous by faith and giving thanks for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, we pray You to bring us at last with them into the place of eternal light and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Congregation Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

(Sit)

OFFERING

Your continued tithes and special offerings are appreciated and support God's work at Good Shepherd. You may give by plate, by mail, or make a secure gift online by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
Congregation **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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of our Lord be with you always.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3), saying "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

(Sit)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Ushers will dismiss your pew and direct you to the appropriate side of the altar. Please come forward and line up, beginning at front of the altar and filling in around the side. (Anyone with mobility concerns may come directly to the front or may inform the Usher if they wish to receive Communion in the pew.) The pastor distributes the bread, followed by the communion assistants with the wine. White grape juice is available in the center ring of the individual cup tray; if you prefer the common cup, please wait until the first communion assistant passes. You are invited to partake as the assistant says, "The blood of Christ (shed for) you." The pastor will dismiss by side. Please exit in the same order as you came forward, placing individual cups in the basket as you return to your pew by the side aisle.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

(Stand)

BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.

Congregation **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: From the Inside Out

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GO IN PEACE

Pastor Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar flowers

are placed by Sonya Alwine
in honor of her twin daughters

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS for body, soul, and spirit:

(names in italics are new or have a new development)

Adams family; Hester Allen; Jeanette Allen; Josh Allen; Frank Altland; Sonya Alwine; Annette Anderson; Tina Bell; Darlene Bentzel; Cathy Booz; Rachel Booz; Tammy Bosley; Bill Bucher; Nancy Buckley; Will Candisky & family; Jeffery Cogan; Dawn Coley; Will Dellinger; Joyce Devan; Cookie Eaves; Judy Eckenrode; Dave Eicholtz; Jane Esterby; Gingerich family; Bob and Sandy Hahn; Alice Jakupciak; Bob Jakupciak; Beatrice Jeanette; Sandy Knisely; Linda Latif; Geoff Lyman; Joe Miller; Randy Miller; Neenan family; Norma Orsie; Fred & Yvonne Rudacille; Bev Sanders; Denise Sater; Tom Shearer; Bill Smith; Cary Smith; Bill Svobota; Beth Ann Thompson; Joe & Donna Toomey; Elizabeth Turner; Ella Weisbord; John Wills Jr; Dian Wisotzkey and family; Cole Young

Let's remember our Homebound Members in Prayer too: Will Candisky; Denise Eckert; Bob & Sandy Hahn; Patty Hoshall; Jo Reese; Doris Ruesskamp; Pauline Schaefer; Donna Siple; Joe & Donna Toomey; Sharon Warnecke; George Yovich

Jeanette and Perly Allen wish to thank all for their prayers and support during Jeanette's recent surgery.

CAN'T BE HERE IN PERSON? Join us online at the Good Shepherd Youtube channel: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church York, PA](#). Alternatively, you can tune into the service on your car radio at 89.9 FM from our parking lot.

MARCH LOCAL MISSION: Harvest of Hope food pantry. If you would like to contribute, please write "local mission" on your check or online donation.

Join us for our first **OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH** meeting of 2026. We'll be discussing ways to reach out to church members, visitors and the community. If you've never been involved with outreach, come see what it's all about. We will meet **Mon. Mar. 2** at 10am in the Sunday school classroom. Any questions please contact Alesa Joseph or the office.

EASTER CHOIR: Rehearsals will be offered on **Thurs. Mar. 12, 19, and 26** at 6:30pm; as well as **Sun. Mar. 15, 22, and 29** at 10am. Please plan to attend at least three rehearsals. We will be singing on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are glad you are here today and hope you have found a warm welcome. If you are our guest, please sign our guest book at the Welcome Center; we would like to thank you for worshiping with us and would appreciate your feedback on your experience today. This bulletin includes the Order of Worship, which is also projected on-screen. An explanation of the Divine Service may be found on the laminated cards under the chairs. Our nursery, located down the hall to the right, is available to parents with young children and offers comfortable chairs, interactive play space and a TV monitor to follow worship. Childcare volunteers are also available for those who wish to return to the sanctuary.

TROUBLE HEARING? Assistive listening devices (personal receivers/earpieces) are available upon request of the AV booth

FOOD AND BEVERAGES IN SANCTUARY: Please refrain from bringing any food or beverage into the sanctuary except for water. Thank you.

AS WE WORSHIP, please be sure your phone is silent.

LWML: All are invited to join us on Monday, March 9th @ 7 pm for a special presentation. Roxane Weaver, a member of the York County Bee Keepers Assoc., will inform us of the importance of bees to our environment. She will display the various items used in keeping her bees happy and healthy. Do you know how many Bee Keepers there are in York County? Join us and become better informed.

READY FOR SPRING? Dutch Mill Bulbs is here to help. Forms for ordering a variety of bulbs for spring planting are on the table in the narthex. This is an LWML fundraiser and the deadline for orders is **Sun. Mar. 15**. Please see Lynda Weidner for more information. It's time to go play in the dirt!

TULIPS FOR EASTER: LWML is again selling tulips for Easter. They are \$12 for a 6.5" pot containing 6 bulbs. Deadline for orders is **Sun. Mar. 22**. No orders can be accepted after that date. Place your orders in the lucite box in the narthex.

THRIVENT INSURANCE: If you have Thrivent insurance and were planning on directing your Choice Dollars to Good Shepherd, don't forget **Tues. Mar. 31** is the deadline. Questions? Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. Thank you!!

LWML MITES: A collection box for mites will now be in the narthex every Sunday. Your contributions go toward a number of charities that the LWML supports.



MOVIE NIGHT

March 14th – 7:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Group is sponsoring this event. I AM ISRAEL will take you on a soaring journey through the Land of the Bible and introduce you to Jewish men and women whose very lives are a testimony to the promises of God. I AM ISRAEL has screened in over 10,000 congregations, sold over 100,000 copies and been seen in 143 countries on tv and streaming. It was invited to screen in the Jerusalem Knesset, the first film produced by Christian filmmakers to achieve this honor.

Showing will take place in the Adult Sunday School rooms. Refreshments will be available.



Our Lent series continues this Wednesday at 7pm.

Old Testament laments often make us feel uncomfortable. Why can't these people just pick themselves up and move on? Frequently we respond to their cries with two words – Fly over! But Job won't let us do that. And neither will Jesus.

The service is preceded by a dinner at 6pm. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to join us for a traditional Irish meal!

Pray for your fellow members and friends this week:
 Monday – Bednarz; Tuesday – Bell; Wednesday – Bentzel;
 Thursday – Blechertas; Friday – Boatwright; Saturday – Bogart

The Week Ahead

Date	Time	Event
Sun. 3/1	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Mon. 3/2	10:00 am	Outreach Meeting
	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tues. 3/3	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Quilters
Wed. 3/4	6:00 pm	Mid-week Lent Dinner
	7:00 pm	Mid-week Lent Service
Thurs. 3/5	9:30 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 3/8	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class

Psalm of the week: Psalm 121

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