

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. **Psalm 23:1**

We are [God's] people and the sheep of [God's] pasture. **Psalm 100: 3b**

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **Luke 15:4**

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **John 10:11**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit 399 (3x)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Remembering our Baptism

*Hymn 26

"Earth and All Stars!"

Prayer for Wholeness

Gracious God,
we have been told that you seek us like a shepherd
when we go astray,
when we lose our direction.
But sometimes it doesn't feel that way.
Help us trust that
the Spirit that walked with Jesus on the streets of Jerusalem,
that shook hands with lepers,
that patted children on the head,
that told stories of love,
is always seeking us –
on the good days and on the hard days,
on the mountains and in the valleys –
and that we are never far from God's
loving embrace. Amen.

Response 471 (2x)

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*Response 523, refrain (2x)

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

*Passing the Peace

Blessing the Nations
East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

Response 487, v. 1

*These treasured children present now
are bound to us by sacred vow;
with love, we make a heartfelt claim
to welcome them in Jesus' name.*

First Pew

Response 487, v. 5

*Then, tender God, each child embrace;
God give them blessings, grant them grace
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,
and gently guide them to your will.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Lesson

Luke 15:1-7

Sermon

"Between Lost & Found"

*Hymn 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Why has God Forsaken Me?," by Jane Marshall

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*Credo

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

Sending (2x)

*Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.*

A shepherd does not strike his sheep."

Nigerian proverb

"To be lost is to be fully present." **Rebecca Solnit**

"We're all a little lost, and it's alright." **Rumi**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

A Red Rose In Honor of

Fiona Wren Nutwell
born March 7, 2026
Fiona joins proud parents
Mark & Renee
and big sister Evelyn

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Season of Lent
Fourth Sunday

March 15, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 15 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 Luke 15:1-7

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering – Downstairs

Tuesday, March 17

- 5:00 p.m. Immigration & Refugee Support Meeting via Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. SPC Bingo Night – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 21 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 Luke 19:1-10

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
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TODAY'S HYMNS: "Earth and All Stars!" was written for the 9th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The hymn tune was created expressly for these words. "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" was written for children and uses shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune was composed for this text by William Batchelder Bradbury in 1859.

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The Good Shepherd

Jesus said, "Who among you wouldn't leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn't look for the one?"

Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,
"This man doesn't understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?"

But maybe God was not talking about us.
Maybe God was talking about
her own reckless love.
Maybe God was talking about
his own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for me.

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