

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 AM



SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARK CITY, UTAH



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LUTHERAN CHURCH – PARK CITY, UTAH

**WHEN WE SAY ALL ARE WELCOME,
WE REALLY MEAN IT!**

As all people are created in the image of God, we embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and we affirm the dignity and worth of every person.

We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's unconditional love and we are committed to racial equity.

We boldly embrace, love, celebrate and welcome persons of all faith backgrounds, races, ethnicities, cultures, ages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.

Everyone has a place here.

All are Welcome!

We encourage the participation of children in our worship. Drawing materials and children's bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary above the basket of crayons. There are spaces available among the chairs for children who need to move!

*Hearing Assistant Devices are available in the narthex.
Please ask an usher if you need one.*

Please take a moment and silence your cell phones

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE and WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus once said to a crowd, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone."

Friends, none of us are without sin.

None of us get it right *all* the time.

None of us can get by without God's grace.

In the Prayer of Confession, we acknowledge this truth.

We put down our stones

and we turn to God for forgiveness.

Join me in this act of transformation.

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

we love to live our lives by the rules.

We love clear answers.

We love right and wrong.

We love swift justice.

We love to pick up stones,

but you show us another way.

You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation.

You prioritize mercy over legality.

You prioritize people over tradition.

You prioritize love over everything.

Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters.

**Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other
or to you.**

Forgive us. Soften our hearts.

Root us in mercy, justice, and love.

With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

vv 1-3 & Lent 5

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Church family,

**Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them
to choose another way.**

**Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion,
and the same can be said for us.**

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Our God is a God of mercy.

Our God is a God of compassion.

Our God is a God of grace.

We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way.

Thanks be to God for yet another second chance.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One,

when you speak, we don't want to miss it.

When you bend down and write in the dirt,

when you move through the trees,

when you wake with the dawn,

when you tug on our heart,

or whisper into our dreams,

we don't want to miss it.

So today we pray, clear out the cobwebs in our ears.

Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds.

Open up space in our hearts so that we can receive your word for us today.

With hope we pray.

Amen.

WORD

READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read,

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

ELW 666

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

**It sounds like welcome
and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter
and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love
and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

I have seen it alive in the world.

**And even when my heart aches,
even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,**

**I remember the one who
welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer, saying,
Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's
presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each portion of the prayers, the following is said:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our
strength and salvation.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you!

MEAL

OFFERING

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

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Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to come forward for Holy Communion.
You do not need to be Lutheran, you do not need to be a
member of Shepherd of the Mountains, and you do not need to
worry about whether you commune in your own church. Gluten
free wafers are available.*

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond:

✠ Amen.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The Pastor offers a blessing for the congregation.

The people respond:

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and
grant to you His peace.

All mighty God † Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

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SENDING

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

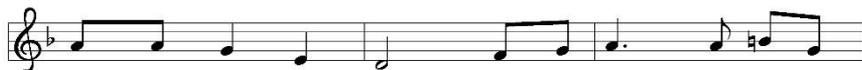
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
 you have loved us as your own;
 stay with us through all temptation,
 make us turn to you alone.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
 make us children of your light.
 Give us hearts to live more nearly
 as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
 may we be a blessing true;
 may we live and die confessing
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as every breath.

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WEDNESDAYS IN LENT



We invite you to gather with us for a simple Soup Supper with bread at **6:00 pm** during the five Wednesdays in Lent. Holden Evening Prayer & discussion on the upcoming Sunday's gospel follows at **7:00 pm**.

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SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS MISSION STATEMENT

“With open doors, minds, and hearts, we invite all to experience the joy of God's love through worship, community, and service.”

