

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

PRELUDE *Pastorale* Charles Wesley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Lent is not a time for being miserable, but for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.

People: Loving God, in you we trust, let us never fool ourselves.

Liturgist: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance: repentance for our indifference in face of the permeating evil of the world, repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over as "mere foibles."

People: According to your loving kindness, remember me, God of goodness and saving grace.

Liturgist: Lent is a time for joy; the exhilaration that comes from defying temptations, from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ Jesus, from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.

People: Make me to know your ways, O God, teach me your paths, for you are the God of my salvation and my true happiness.

*HYMN *O For a Heart to Praise My God* No. 417

OPENING PRAYER

Creator, Sustainer and Savior, you lead us through the late winter wilderness of Lent. As we trudge through the stuff of our lives, show us, guide us, and remind us of your presence. Help us to see and praise you in, around and through our days. Connect us to you in our experience as we walk toward the veiled cross. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 5:17-20*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *Christ Is the World's Light*

**Give God the glory, God and no other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother;
Glory to God on high.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God our creator who reaches out to us with grace and love.
We believe in Christ his son who shows us how our Father wants us to live.
We believe in the Holy Spirit who guides us through our lives.
And we believe in the call to repentance in these forty days of Lent.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Light* Allitsen/arr. Vaughn Wright

GOSPEL LESSON *1 John 2:1-6*
MESSAGE *"No Short Cuts"* Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN *Take Up Thy Cross* No. 415

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, who gave us the law not to enslave us, but to keep us from falling and getting into the snares of life. Your son, our Savior, did not over-turn them, he expanded on them. He told his followers and us to live by the meaning, not the letter of the law. Too often we follow the rules trying to get credit or good points rather than changing our hearts. Forgive us when we fail to recognize that obedience is key to the life of holiness, and that doesn't come from following rules, it comes from a heart that is transformed. Lord, open our hearts to your love and transformation. Amen.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Response *Lead Me, Lord* No. 473

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Wilbur Held

*Congregational Response *Bless Thou the Gifts*

**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

*HYMN *I Am Thine, O Lord*

No. 419

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen* Johann Gottfried Walther
(O World I Must Leave You)

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

*The altar flowers for today are presented by Nancy Allen
in memory of Jim and Lovica Sherman.*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.
Liturgist: Rowena Fink.

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

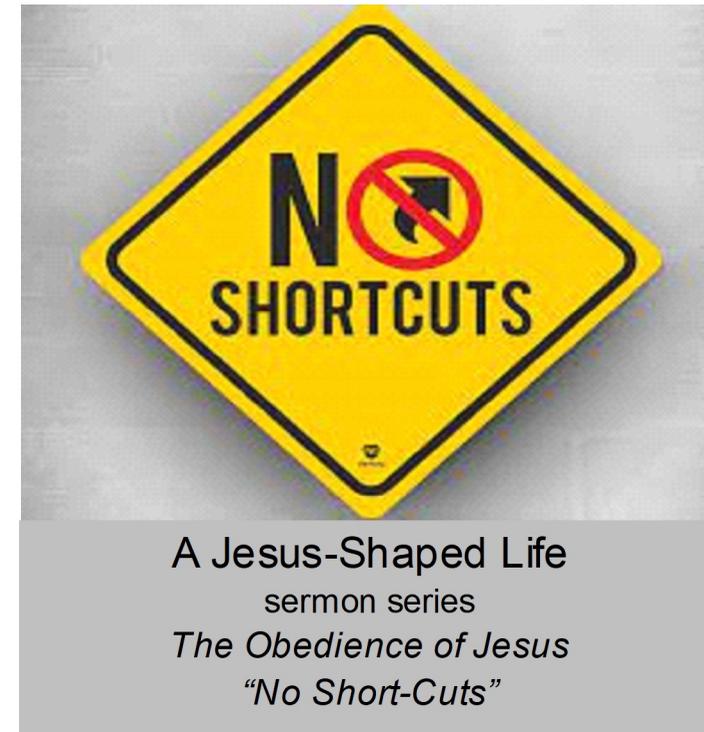
We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP **f**
Celebration of Faith



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Sermon Outline:

**A Jesus Shaped Life:
The Obedience of Jesus**
“No Short-Cuts”
Matthew 5:17-20; 1 John 2:1-6
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Jesus said if we put his words into practice we are like the wise person who built their house on a good foundation. But if we take a short cut and we are not obedient to Jesus, when the storms in life come, we will find ourselves drowning in troubles.

Obedience is not about following all the rules and trying to be perfect. It’s about pursuing holiness of heart and life. Jesus wants us to be obedient to God out of love.

It is in obeying God as Jesus did that we are able to lead a life of holiness. Asking the Holy Spirit to fill us and empower us for real change is how transformation can occur. The Grace of God will give us the strength that we need.

We will be asked to do difficult things in our walk with God. But if we are obedient as Jesus was, then we will find joy in following Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Love equals obedience.

Fullness of life comes by living and loving God. And to love is to obey.

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9:45 - Sunday School
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11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
1:30-4 - Private [Hall]
3:30-5:30—Drama Rehearsal [WC]
4: 00 - Private Hall, yth rm, Gthrng Area
6:00—Middle School Youth Night

MONDAY

10am—Staff Meeting
4-8—Private [sanctuary]
6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

7:00—Disciple [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

5:30-8:00 - High School Yth [Hall/Forge]
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
7:00—Traditional Choir [choir rm/sanctuary]

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