

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

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....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Robert A. Hobby

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

**People: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.**

Liturgist: The night is far gone, the day is near.

**People: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 117

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **You, O God, illumine our world with the light of a new day, the day of our salvation in Jesus' name. Bring his presence here as we lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light and truth. It is by the eternal hope of Jesus we pray. Amen**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 4:1-14*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE *Hallelujah! What a Savior* No. 165 vs. 3

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Lenten Creed*

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.  
We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.  
We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.  
We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,  
and that difficult times and disciplines are also loving gifts.  
We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.  
We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.  
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *I Only Looked Away* Beall/Carter

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 6:10-18*  
MESSAGE *"Prepare for Battle"* Pastor Janet Sattel

\*HYMN *It Is Well with My Soul* No. 377

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not always follow your path of peace. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Thy Word Is a Lamp* No. 601

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* Robert Buckley Farlee

\*Congregational Response Tune: *HENDON*

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

\*HYMN *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* No. 514

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Saints of God, put on the full armor of God. Be strong in the Lord! Walk in your belovedness and remember: God delights in you!

**People: We remember. Thanks be to Christ.**

**All: Amen!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* No. 671 vs. 1

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.**

**Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.**

**O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

\*POSTLUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* J. Wayne Kerr

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

*The altar flowers this morning are presented by Ron and Sue Brewer  
to the Honor and Glory of God.*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.  
Liturgist: Bruce Conrad



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**Church of the  
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*"connecting to broken and hurting people"*

Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor

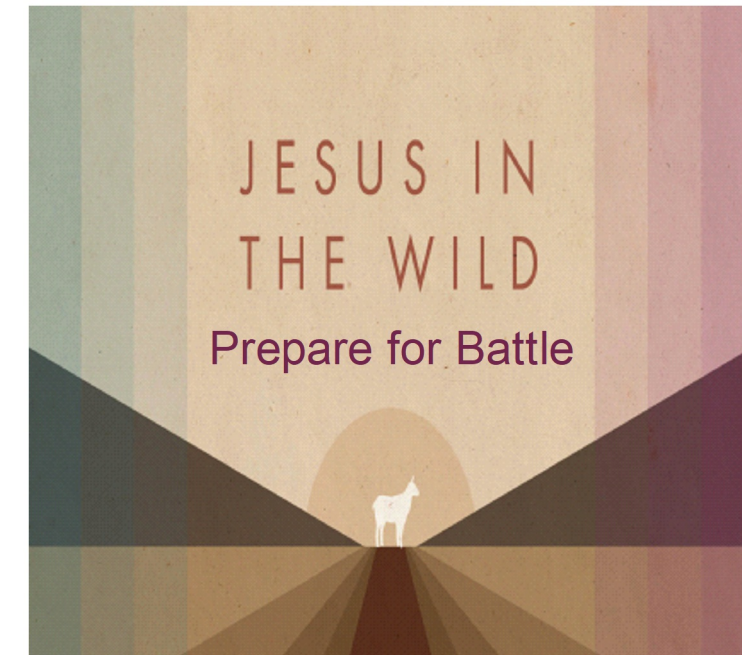
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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

*Celebration of Faith*



March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

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Sermon Outline:

JESUS IN THE WILD Week 5: Dressed for Battle

Luke 4:1-14; Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV

Put on the full armor of God: our strength must come from God - we cannot fight these battles on our own.

We stand on a firm foundation, the foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord, the crucified and risen Son of God. "Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist." Truth with a capital "T"

The breastplate of righteousness protects our heart, the core of our being. Righteousness is a gift given to us by the work of Christ on the cross.

Our feet are to be "fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." We have the shalom of God - the peace of Christ - that we are take out into the world.

Our shield of faith which reminds us that despite what reality tells us is going on, we are not alone and we will prevail, because Christ has already won the victory. Faith puts out those flaming arrows - hope extinguishes the lies of the world.

The helmet of salvation is the knowledge of our belovedness. We protect our minds from the wrong information of this world.

The sword of the spirit is the Word of God. Our sword is the "it is written" - the truth and the power of the living word of God.

Keep that sword sharp. We will be ready when we have the Word of God hidden in our hearts. Cultivate that intimacy with God. When the enemy attacks, pull out that sword and speak the word of God to cut down the lies.

We pray so that we are in a constant state of awareness of the presence of God all around us.

Scriptures to memorize:

2 Cor 12:9; Heb 13:8; 2 Cor 5:21;

1 Peter 3:15b; Heb 11:1; Phil 4:8; 2 Tim 3:16

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**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

**Calendar for Week of 3/26/2023**

**SUNDAY**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - COGS kids choir [Hall]

1:00 - CR leadership meeting [Hall]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

**MONDAY**

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

6:45 - Church & Society [Lounge]

**TUESDAY**

7:00 - Book Study [Lounge]

6:30—Book Study [Forge Rm]

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

**THURSDAY**

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

6:30—Life Healing Choices Study [Rm 21]

**FRIDAY**

3-8pm - Youth Ultimate NERF Event [see Youth Announcements]

**SATURDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

10AM—2:30 PM—Easter Festival

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