

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors



**February 15, 2026**

*Transfiguration*

***Ann McAlpin, Accompanist***

***Prelude: "In Thee is Joy" by J.S. Bach***

***This time allows you to center your heart & mind on God's presence in worship.***

## **Welcome, Friends in Christ,**

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

*We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service. Parents, please note, these contain a snack.*

*Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.*

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## **Welcome to Visitors, Friends and Members: Pastor Todd Bertani**

### **Call to Worship: "Sing to the Lord" by Allen Pote**

#### **Opening Litany**

God is my light and my salvation;

**Who shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**Of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked,

**To live in God's house, all the days of my life.**

My heart says, "seek his face!"

**Your face Lord, I will seek, all the days of my life.**

**Amen.**

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

**Opening Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” Hymn 634**

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,  
  
bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
  
Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6  
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

**Greeting**

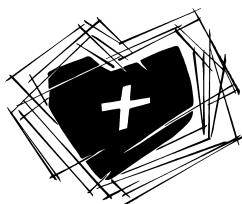
The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## Hymn of Praise

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of miracles,

**Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see, and our hearts to believe. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## The Man Born Blind

### Psalm 27:1-9

**<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.**

**<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

**<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

**<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal  
me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

**<sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will  
offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make  
melody to the Lord.**

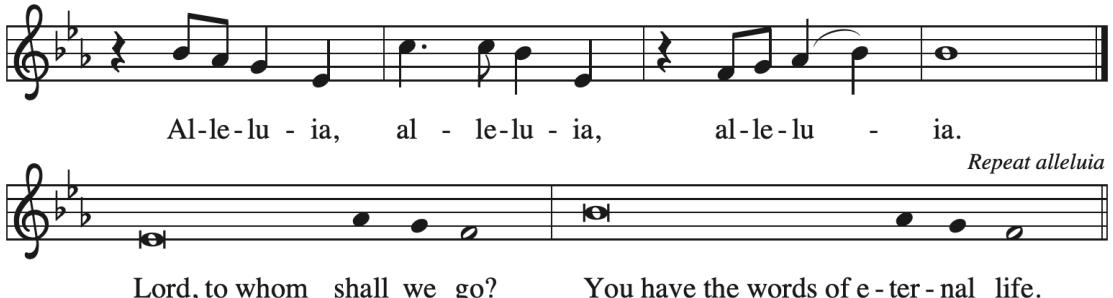
**<sup>7</sup>Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**

**<sup>8</sup>“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

**<sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!**

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel: John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 9.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(Please be seated)*

<sup>1</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to

Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind," <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses." <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani**



## Sermon Hymn: "I know that My Redeemer Lives!" Hymn 619

1 I know that my Re-deem-er lives! What com-fort  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup-ply; he lives to  
this sweet sen-tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com-fort  
once was dead; he lives, my ev-er-liv-ing head!  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com-plaint.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Each petition ends: “Merciful God,”  
Response is “**receive our prayer.**”

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Offering

*Online  
Giving*



**Offertory: “Let Us Break Bread Together” by Jay Althouse**

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## **Receiving of Gifts**

### **Offering Prayer**

God of majesty,  
**no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those  
who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

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 our thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,

through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

The musical notation consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and". The second staff continues with "God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your". The third staff continues with "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff begins with a G clef and a 4/4 time signature, and the lyrics are: "Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff continues with "Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The sixth staff concludes with "Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.".

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and  
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May  
your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God  
incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The 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.

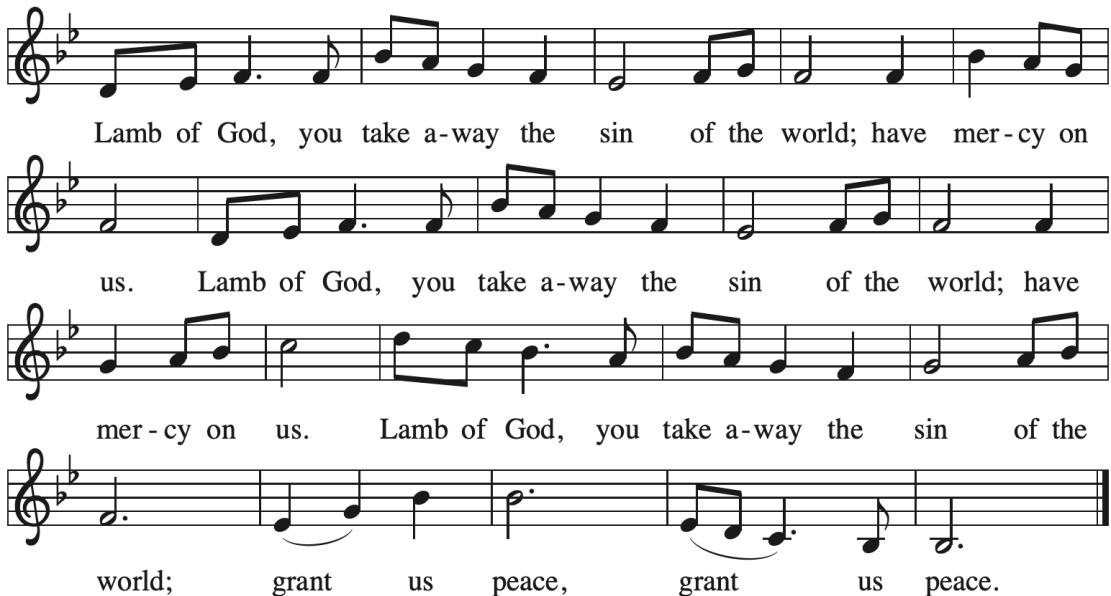
Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

*We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.  
We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

*(Please be seated)*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” Hymn 488

1 Soul, a - don your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,  
 2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass-ing won - der  
 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,

come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.  
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;  
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;  
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
 with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 “Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er.”  
 Oh, most glo-ri-ous con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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## **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Radiant God,  
**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**  
**In the sacrament of his body and blood**  
**you have drawn us to your heart.**  
**Send us from this table with delight,**  
**that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,**  
**and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Ministry Calendar**

### **THIS WEEK**

Work continues on the front doors. With the exception of Sunday and Wednesday services, where you may use the front doors, ALL other times, please use the east or west entrances.

#### ***February 15—Sunday: TODAY***

**10:30 a.m.: Vision in Mission Congregation Meeting**

#### ***February 18—Wednesday:***

**3:00 p.m.: Choir**

**4:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 19—Thursday:**

11:00 a.m.: Council Meeting  
1:00 p.m.: Quilting

**UPCOMING**

**February 22—Sunday:**

10:30 a.m.: **Bible Study: “Defining Moments in the Gospel of John”**  
Led by Robbi Telfer

**February 24—Tuesday:**

Pastor PTO

**February 25—Wednesday:**

3:00 p.m.: Choir  
4:30 p.m.: Lenten Service

**February 26—Thursday:**

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

**February 27—Friday:**

11:00 a.m.: Service at Good Sam

**Blessing**

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
+ bless you now and forever. Amen.

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## Sending Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *Hymn 632*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
  
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

## Sending

Glory to God in the highest!

**And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin

## ***Thank you for serving!***

	<b>February 15</b>	<b>February 18 Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Ann McAlpin	Ann Knipping
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	Mike Kellam	Ralie Deffenbaugh
<b>Ushers:</b>	Randy Huber Mike Wold	Mike Wold
<b>Tellers:</b>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Altar Care:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Communion Asst:</b>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>
<b>AV Engineer:</b>	Robbi Telfer	Bruce Adams
<b>Fellowship Host:</b>	Roxy Hause	<b>NA</b>
<b>Flower Sponsor:</b>	Rich & Sandy Stolte <i>IMo loved ones</i>	Lent
<b>Flower Arranger:</b>	Letha Thorn	Lent

## ***Calendar***

<b>Today</b>	10:30 am– Vision in Mission Congregation Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Feb 18</b>	8:00 am Sacred Space on Zoom 3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday, Feb 19</b>	11:00 a.m. Council Meeting 1:00 p.m. Quilting