



PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

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[GSLC Information on Our Worship Service](#)

Please continue to read the weekly newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin as well as our web site, <https://gslcms.org>, for up-to-date information.

Our church office is open Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 pm. The office number is 805-967-1416 if you would like to call.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. Amen.

[GSLC's On Line Giving Options](#)

Good Shepherd has offered electronic check donation capabilities (through Vanco) for a while. You now have the ability to sign up directly through Good Shepherd's web site to donate your electronic check (through Vanco) once or on a recurring basis.

You can also make a special one-time donation by credit card on Good Shepherd's website (through Square).

For either donation type, go to <https://gslcms.org/giving> and then click on the appropriate donation button. You can specify whether you are donating to the GSLC budget or the Food Distribution program. If you prefer, you can also mail us your offering or drop it off at the church office.

Our Livestream full Sunday Service is available on the GSLC Website

We are livestreaming our Sunday service at 9:30 am which is able to be viewed when the service starts. You can also watch it on our website anytime after that.

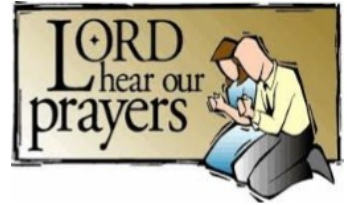
This is a full service - prayers, sermon and music. The liturgy will be provided on the web site as a PDF document, along with a "public" version of the weekly bulletin (no contact information and no weekly giving statement). The recording includes the liturgy and song lyrics superimposed on the video images. You are encouraged to respond to the liturgy and sing along with Adam. **Go to:** <https://gslcms.org/watch>.

Count Your Blessings



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We Remember in our Prayers



For Successful Medical Care and Healing

For Our Members:

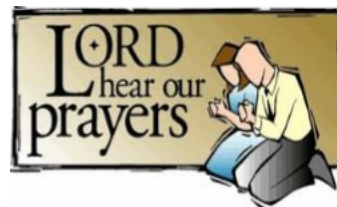
- Dr. Bob O.**—*healing and recovery from surgery*
- Nancy S.**—*complete recovery and healing from recent hip surgery*
- Edna K.**—*dealing with numerous health issues*
- Martha F.**—*complete recovery and healing from recent hip surgery*
- Judy S.**—*Parkinson's disease & polycystic kidney disease*
- Janet E.**—*dealing with numerous health issues*
- Dave F.**—*dealing with numerous health issues*
- Brigitte S.**—*continued prayers for healing*
- Gary R.**—*healing from upcoming eye surgery April 8*
- Shawna H.**—*continued recovery and healing*
- Margret B.**—*for peace*

For Friends and Family Members:

- Patty & Marshall F.**—*(Food Distribution Volunteers)—significant elderly health issues*
- Francesca**—*(friend of Andrea & Mark Preiser)—successful treatment of breast cancer*
- Marshall F.**—*(husband of food distribution volunteer)—blood cancer diagnosis*
- Sayil**—*(brother of Bonnie Moore's dear friend)—in a motorcycle accident. He is home now and infection-free. Continued prayers for healing.*
- Natalie K.**—*(friend of Lizzy Savage)—healing to breathe better and peace*
- Rob L.**—*diagnosed with Parkinson's disease*
- Jim**—*(Edna Koek's brother)—healing from cancer*
- Rev. Jim J.**—*Parkinson's disease and other health issues*
- Diane D.**—*(friend of Lorna White)—dealing with cancer issues*
- Steve M.**—*(Shawna Hall's dad)—recovering at home*
- Apolonio**—*(friend of Spike & Bonnie Moore)—continuing treatment & recovery from Esophageal cancer*
- Sondra**—*(friend of MaryAnn Miller)—diagnosed with cancer*
- Mark S.**—*healing from surgery*
- Jessie**—*(niece of Edna Koek)—health issues*
- Craig**—*(Edna Koek's nephew)—healing from surgery*

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We Remember in our Prayers



For Friends and Family Members:

- **Patrick K.**—(Edna Koek's nephew)—healing from surgery
- **Linda M.**—(Shawna Hall's mom)—ongoing health concerns
- **Bob R.**—(Vicki McPhail's brother)—recovering at home
- **Melanie H.**—healing from continuous health crisis
- **Judy**—(friend of Shawna Hall)—starting cancer treatment
- **Patrick K.**—(Edna Koek's brother)—continuing cancer treatment
- **Christine K.**—(cousin of Lorna White)—Dementia is getting worse
- **Arlene K.**—Parkinson's disease
- **Terry O.**—relieve discomfort & suffering from her health issues
- **Scott R.**—(friend of Pastor Keith)—cancer treatment
- **Ed**—(friend of Lizzy Savage)—prayers for salvation
- **Farzeen & Family**—(friends of Lizzy Savage)—prayers for salvation

Additional prayer requests, prayers of thanksgiving, prayers of comfort:

Prayers of thanksgiving in celebration of **Joan Barnett's birthday on Mar 30**

Prayers of thanksgiving in celebration of **Tom & Martha Fisher's 58th wedding anniversary on Mar 30**

Prayers of thanksgiving in celebration of **Ian & Susan Miller's new granddaughter, born March 24, 2026 to Sean and Anna Miller**

Prayers that God continues to bless our **preschool families and staff**

Continued prayers for **Centro Cristiano Vida Nueva, in Oaxaca, Mexico**

Continued prayers for **Pastor and Mrs. Paul Nelson as they continue their work in Indonesia**

Flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God **in celebration of Tom & Martha Fisher's 58th wedding anniversary on Mar 30**



Bible Studies



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday

11:00 AM — **The Book of Job:**

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Led by Pastor Keith

For six weeks, our **Sunday morning Bible Class** will further address Job's major topics and themes.

Our Bible study is after the Sunday worship service, 11:00am–Noon, in the sanctuary. I invite you to join in our study of Job. – Pastor Keith

Read through The Bible in Two Years:

Let's read God's Word together and see the great things God does for us through His Word! Haven't started yet? It's ok to jump in any time!!

March/April 2026

Mar 30 - Numbers 28:1—30:16

Mar 31 - Numbers 31:1—54

Apr 01 - Numbers 32:1—34:29

Apr 02 - Numbers 35:1—36:13

Apr 03 - Deuteronomy 1:1—46

Apr 04 - Deuteronomy 2:1—37

Apr 06 - Deuteronomy 3:1—29

Apr 07 - Deuteronomy 4:1—49

Apr 08 - Deuteronomy 5:1—33

Apr 09 - Deuteronomy 6:1—25

Apr 10 - Deuteronomy 7:1—26

Apr 11 - Deuteronomy 8:1—20





Holy Week Sermon Series

The Book of Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of Job. This Lent we are going to explore this magnificent composition that is numbered among some of the greatest literature of all time.

Nine sermons will help us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths, while six Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes will further address the book's major topics and themes.

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. **We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.**

Martin Luther asserted that “**Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture.**” Others have called Job “the Shakespeare of the Bible.” Yet the early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called **the book of Job an “eel,”** since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives, so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Preaching plans are as follows:

March 29—Palm Sunday, “On Earth is not His Equal!” (Job 41:20–34)

April 3—Good Friday, “Tearing Down the Spite House” (Job 42:7–9)

*April 5—The Resurrection of Our Lord, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!”
(Job 19:23–26)*

Job's most famous statement appears in 19:25, “I know that my Redeemer lives.” Christ is alive. He has conquered death and the grave. His Word is sufficient. His grace is enough. His love brings comfort and healing. And this Lent, these gifts come to us through the book of Job.

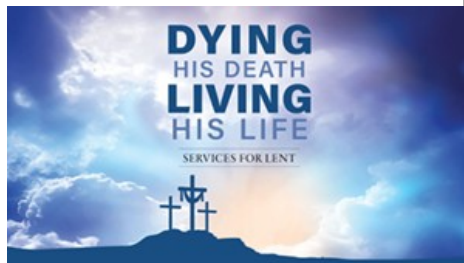


Maundy Thursday Worship

DYING HIS DEATH — LIVING HIS LIFE

In Lent and in this series, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ in His death so that we might live with Him in His resurrection. The old is gone.

The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for Jesus. In word and song in these worship services for the holy season, contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.



April 2 (Maundy Thursday) • Remember His Death (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Maundy Thursday “Bring-A-Dish-To-Share” Supper

We are having our last “**Bring-a-Dish-to-Share**” supper this Thursday (Maundy Thursday) before the service.

Supper will start at 6:00 p.m. with the **service starting at 7:00 p.m.** Bring any main dish, side dish or dessert you like and come have fellowship before the service. Table service will be provided.



Art Show at Good Shepherd



Theresa Egan and Lizzy Savage are showing 18 drawings and paintings at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church called “Honoring Jesus Christ” The Art Exhibit will hang through the Lenten/Easter season. Exhibit hours are Mon-Thurs 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. To schedule an appointment outside those hours, please contact Lizzy Savage at 805-453-0571.

Art takes many hours and it is the expression of an Artist to Share their expression of Christ to you.

Don't miss the long piece above the Door called "Open the Scrolls" as we do that each time we come to church. The piece is Jesus as HE is the Word of God brought forth in our church.

Lizzy also has Art this month at the:

- * Santa Barbara Tennis Club
- * Faulkner Gallery
- * Gallery 113
- * Carpinteria Art Center



Holy Week Schedule 2026



March 29 (Palm Sunday) 9:30 a.m. – The Book of Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord - “On Earth is not His Equal” (Job 41: 20-34)



April 2 (Maundy Thursday) 7:00 p.m. – Dying His Death – Living His Life: “Remember His Death” (1 Corinthians 11:26)



April 3 (Good Friday) 7:00 p.m. – The Book of Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord - “Tearing Down the Spite House” (Job 42: 7-9)



April 5 (Easter Sunday) 9:30 a.m. – The Book of Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord – The Resurrection of Our Lord, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” (Job 19: 23-26)





EASTER BRUNCH

Come join us for Easter Brunch on
Easter Sunday, April 5th!

Brunch will start at 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.
before Easter worship and continue after
Easter worship till around noon.

We need help setting up, serving and
cleaning up. If you would like to help,
please contact Trisha at 805-967-1416.

Bring your favorite brunch dish to share and celebrate!

There will be an Egg Hunt after the Easter worship service on the big grass
lawn for the preschool and elementary-age children!



Easter Egg Hunt



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD
1333 S. Kirkwood Road
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for continuing to partner in the mission work of Rev. Paul Nelson serving on your behalf as Synod-called and sent missionaries! Each of you are truly appreciated for your fervent discipleship, regular prayers, loving encouragement of and joyful advocacy for these treasured workers.

LCMS member congregations like Good Shepherd and our Synod's missionaries are linked together in Christ's mission. You and your fellow congregants around the country send and sustain each missionary's presence and service on the mission field, demonstrating love and care for them each year. Our Triune God encourages and inspires our missionaries through you, for without your involvement there could be no LCMS missionaries serving in the world! May all of the facets of the ministry by your congregation be richly blessed as you continue to witness about Jesus!

Eddie Honaker



**CENTRO CRISTIANO
VIDA NUEVA
OAXACA MEXICO**



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT



**SPONSOR A CHILD
WITH A BACKPACK
AND SCHOOL
SUPPLIES**



SUMMER 2026



"PLANT YOUR SEED IN THE
MORNING AND KEEP BUSY
ALL AFTERNOON, FOR YOU
DON'T KNOW IF PROFIT WILL
COME FROM ONE ACTIVITY
OR ANOTHER—OR MAYBE
BOTH."
ECCLESIASTES 11:6 NLT



Backpacks are \$40.00 each.

Join Adam for a Music Meditation

Adam Phillips, GSLC's Music Director, provides meditative instrumental and vocal music every **Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.**



Please join Adam (or an occasional guest artist) in our sanctuary as they explore a variety of hymns and other musical prayers performed on a variety of instruments. The meditation is livestreamed on GSLC's Video Page on our website <https://gslcms.org>, and available afterwards as video and audio recordings until the next live event. Older meditation videos are archived.

ALTAR FLOWERS POLICY



If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please **call** (805) 967-1416, or **email** (gslc2@yahoo.com) the church office. **One beautiful bouquet is \$25.** Please make out your check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) and write flowers on the memo line. You can mail it to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or drop it by the church office Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

QUILTING NEWS & NOTES

Quilting will meet on Wednesdays only from 9:30 a.m. until around 1:00 p.m. in Room 19.

Some Saturdays will be reserved for "work days" when we can get together and iron, cut and do some general cleaning of the room or accomplish special projects. We will let you know when those Saturdays will be!





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SHEPHERD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION!



* **ONGOING Needs:**

- Donate \$\$
- Donate gently used, clean, ready-to-use clothing, especially for men and kids
- Purchase food & hygiene
- Extra citrus, fruit and/or any veggies from your yard
- Plastic grocery bags, paper bags with handles or reusable cloth bags
- Help on Friday
- Help on Saturday



NOTES

* **Food items that we don't usually get from S.B. Food Bank, such as:**

- Peanut Butter, jelly, jam, syrup, flour, sugar, unsweetened almond milk
- **Non-sugary** cereal (Ex: Wheat Chex, Cheerios, Raisin Bran), breakfast bars, oatmeal

* **Hygiene and household goods, such as:**

- Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, soap
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoos/conditioners
- Cleaning supplies, diapers/wipes, male/female personal items

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

Over-the-counter medicine or soft drinks/sodas

**Questions? Contact Val at 805-705-3311 or Cindy at 805-680-4686
or see them after church on Sundays.**



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Seeking a Better Connection with God



Jesus Sessions with Lizzy Savage

We will be having Jesus Sessions every Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 6 pm in the Fireside Room. If you want individual prayer please contact Lizzy.

We are a prayer intercession group that prays for the private prayer needs of others, our church, and our area. We pray to help people connect better with God.

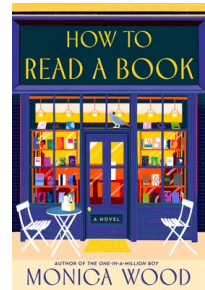
Please contact Lizzy Savage at 805-453-0571 to make an appointment! The Jesus Sessions will meet every week.

Seeking a Better Connection with God
Lizbeth Savage
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JesusSessionsgslc@gmail.com



“BETTER READ THAN DEAD” BOOK CLUB

The book chosen for our **April 11th** meeting is:
“How to Read a Book” by Monica Wood



Please join us for discussion when we meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Contact Val Eurman by phone (805-705-3311) or email (veurman@cox.net) if you have questions or would like more details.

Here is the link: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/62365896-how-to-read-a-book>





What is the GSLC Memorials and Endowments Fund?

The Memorials and Endowments (M&E) Fund is administered by the M&E committee, which consists of three volunteer congregational members and three ex-officio members that include Pastor Keith, our Accountant/Bookkeeper and our Treasurer.

Its purpose is to disburse funds for projects and programs within the Good Shepherd Community that are not part of the annual church or preschool budget expenditures.

Past M&E Fund disbursements have included Preschool music, the Good Shepherd concert series (which is self-sustaining now), audiovisual equipment in the sanctuary, Food Pantry equipment and scholarship assistance for children of Good Shepherd staff members.

Donations are typically made as either memorials (in memory of someone) or endowments and can be specified (restricted for the first five years) to particular program areas such as music or youth. Gifts can be cash, stocks or even real property.

It is important to note that with endowment funds, only earnings (interest) generated by the principal amount may be spent. Since most conservative interest earnings are currently in the range of 2% to 4% per year, only a large endowment (probably \$1 million or more) can earn adequate interest to fund a program.

Please see Pastor Keith or Dan Barnett, our GSLC Treasurer, if you have questions regarding donations to the M&E Fund. Disbursement requests may be made on the request form (see our church secretary, Trisha, for a form) and will be considered at the next M&E committee's meeting.



Room Needed for a Short Time after Eye Surgery

Gary Row is looking for a room to recover in after possible eye surgery on April 8th.

He may experience vision loss after the surgery and should not be alone during recovery time due to the fact that he has vision loss already in one eye. His time frame for recovery would be 1 week maximum. He is happy to pay rent for a room.

If anyone is interested in hosting Gary or renting him a room for that short time, please call him at (805) 636-5257 or Trisha at 805-967-1416 during her regular office hours.

Our Week at Good Shepherd

Monday, Mar 30

10:30 a.m. Las Floralias Flower Arranging Group (Fireside Room)
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Open Mixed Al-Anon group (Fireside Room)

Tuesday, Mar 31

3:30 p.m. Jesus sessions with Lizzy (Fireside Room)
6:00 p.m. Men's Stag Al-Anon group (closed) (Room 14)

Wednesday, April 1

9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Room 19)
10:00 a.m. Christian Music Meditation (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 2 — Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Women's AA group (Youth Room)
6:00 p.m. Bring-a-dish-to-share supper (Fireside Room)
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 3 — Good Friday

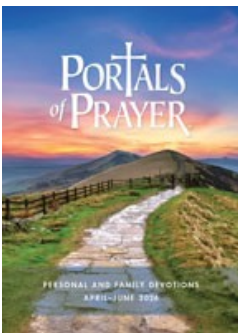
10:00 a.m. Food Distribution Prep (Entire Campus)
1:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery group (Room 14)
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. Schooner AA Group (Fireside Room)

Saturday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Food Distribution (Entire Campus)

Sunday, April 5 — Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Easter Brunch (till 9:20 a.m.) (Fireside Room)
9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Easter Brunch (Fireside Room)



AVAILABLE for FREE!
Portals of Prayer devotion booklets for APRIL — JUNE 2026 are NOW available. Come by the church office during business hours (Mon-Thurs 8:30 am — 12:30 pm) to pick one up. They will also be available on the table in the church narthex on Sunday mornings.

