

SERVICE OF THE WORD



Organ/Piano-Led Worship

February 21 & 22 | 5:00 PM, 8:30, & 9:45 AM

Welcome to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

We're glad you are worshipping God with us!

PASTORAL STAFF

Corey Fuhrman, Senior Pastor
Lindsey Bina
Peter Harrits
Julie Wright

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Deacon Mark Ertl, Director of
Worship & Music

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 & 9:45 am—
Organ/Piano-Led Worship with
Communion served on first and third
weekends.
Sunday, 11:00 am—Band-Led
Worship with Communion

LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S

BULLETINS

Large print and children's bulletins are
available from the ushers.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Personal hearing assistance headphones
can be obtained at the production
booth.

ART OFFERING

All are invited to draw or color a picture
as an offering to God during the sermon.
These pictures may be placed in the
offering plate or brought up front during
the offering time, along with any
financial offerings. These pictures will be
displayed next weekend to help make our
narthex more colorful!

JOIN A VOLUNTEER TEAM

Share your time and talents during worship!

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Lent 1 —February 21 & 22, 2026

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Gathering

Prelude Brass Ensemble, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”—Dorsey/arr. Croasmun

Word of Welcome

Anthem (9:45) Lighthouse Singers, “Living Proof”—J. & C. Stevens

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

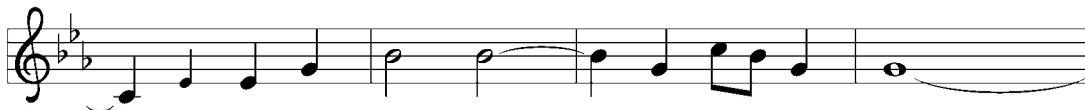
Amen.

Gathering Song

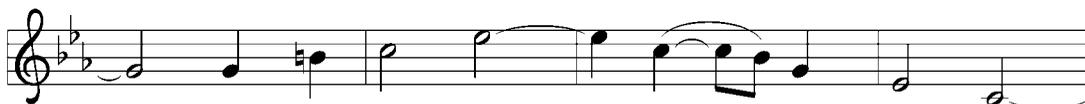
“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” ELW #325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, we reject the forces of evil that defy you and that tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

Psalm 32 (Sun)

Senior Choir, “Blessed is the One”—Craig Courtney

Blessed is the one whose transgression are forgiven.
Blessed is the one whose sins are covered,
the one to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, in whose spirit is no guile.
You are my hiding place.
You will preserve me from trouble, surrounding me with songs of deliverance.
When mighty waters rise, they will not reach me.
Blessed is the one, O Lord.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation

“Listen, God is Calling” ELW #513

Lis - ten, lis - ten God is call-ing, through the word in - vit-ing,
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Good News for Kids (Sun)

Sermon

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

“When We Are Tested” ACS #922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Apostles' Creed

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In unity with Christians throughout the world, we confess our faith:

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 into hell, 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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

See page 11 for a list of prayer concerns.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Thanksgiving

Offering

Brass Ensemble, “Adagio”—Mendelssohn/arr. Allen

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

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- Text: “SOTV” to 73256.
- Place an offering or giving card in the plate during worship or in the black kiosk in the narthex.



The assembly stands.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

“Create in Me”—Mary Rice Hopkins



Cre - ate in me__ a clean heart, O God, that I might serve__ you.



cre - ate in me__ a clean heart, O God, that I might be re - newed.



So fill__ me and heal__ me, and bring me back to you.



Cre - ate in me__ a clean heart, O God, that I might serve__ you.

Thanksgiving for the Word

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Let us pray.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,

and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

† bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ELW #504

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leading Worship Today

Preacher

Pastor Julie Wright

Liturgist

Pastor Lindsey Bina (Sun)

Organist/Pianist

Jim Jordan (Sat)

Associate Organist

Deacon Mark Ertl (Sun)

Director of Music & Worship

Good News for Kids

Marissa Bachtel, *Youth Ministry Director &*

Global Missions

Brass Ensemble

Jim Jordan, *director*

Senior Choir (Sun)

Mark Ertl, *director*

Lighthouse Singers (Sun)

Kari Anderson, *director*

Lectors

8:30 Pamela Scalise

9:45 Judy Anderson

Joys & Concerns

We pray for those who are ill or injured:

Jack Johnson
Kathy Larson
Forrest Krogh
Kathy Germar
Scott Raberge
Larry Betchwars
Clay Van De Bogart
Randy Dahlberg

We extend our deepest sympathies:

Joe and Mark Gonnella on the death of their mother/grandmother, Barbara Gonnella
Family and friends of Pat Pittman

Audrey and Gus Degler on the death of their sister-in-law, Jane Degler

If you need pastoral care:

Call 952.432.6351
Email jill.johnson@sotv.org
Submit a prayer request at the
Welcome Center or sotv.org.



PURCHASE EASTER FLOWERS

Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter worship by purchasing a fresh flowering plant. There are many flower options to choose from. Flowers can be designated in memory or in honor of loved ones, and may taken home after the last Easter

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP ORDINARY SAINTS



Wednesdays in Lent | 12:00, 4:30, 5:45, and 7:00 PM

This Lenten season, we will center ourselves on song, prayer, and reflection around the stories of the ordinary saints who teach us about faithful living.

STAY CONNECTED AT SOTV

Find spaces and places to practice paying attention to how God is at work in and through us and our neighbors.

Visit the Welcome Center to pick up a News for the Flock catalog and Woven Words stories publication. Join us on any of the following platforms to keep informed about the happenings at SOTV and in our wider community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



WHAT MAKES YOU COME ALIVE

Wednesdays, February 25 - April 1
10:45 - 11:45 AM OR 7:00 - 8:00 PM

In *What Makes You Come Alive*, Dr. Coleman Brown shares how the spiritual wisdom of Howard Thurman can help us find our own inner strength and purpose.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

With Strings of the Valley
March 5 | 6:00 PM

Players of stringed instruments (guitar, mandolin, banjo, violin, cello, etc.) are invited to join for a play-along or come and sing!



RUN RAGGED

March 6 | 7:00 - 11:00 PM

Grades 6 - 9 are invited to join us for this fun, exciting event at church! We will have Human Whack A Mole, an obstacle course, gaga ball, church wide games, prizes and more! Pizza will be provided at 9:00 PM.



APPLE VALLEY FOOD SHELF OPEN HOUSE

March 8 | 9:15 - 11:30 AM

Come see the heart of our community in action! Stop by to tour the Food Shelf, meet the amazing team, and learn how we're making a difference right here in Apple Valley.



LUCKY BINGO

March 15 | 1:00 PM

Gather in the Great Hall for an afternoon of bingo with Shepherd of the Valley Preschool (SOTVP). May the luck of the Irish be with you!

A full listing of upcoming events, more information and registration for events can be found at sotv.org/events



WORSHIP

Next Weekend in Worship

February 28 & March 1

Preacher: Pastor Corey Fuhrman

Text: John 3:1-17

Worship Highlights: Holy Communion, Sounds of Praise (8:30 & 9:45 AM)

Wear Sparkles to celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord!