



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Angels of the Passion: 'Traitors!'"



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Worship Services: Wednesdays During Lent: 10:30 am & 6:30 pm
Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Communion is Celebrated every Sunday
(The 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 8am; the 2nd and 4th at 10:30am)

Sunday School/Bible Study: Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00-1:00 pm

(Pastor always available via cell! Call or text!...763-913-8445)

As We Gather...

Greetings People of the Good Shepherd! It's a privilege and honor to worship our Merciful Heavenly Father with you this fourth Wednesday in Lent. We're so glad you are here! As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!

This midweek Lenten message in the Angels of the Passion series reflects on Satan the "traitor" who seeks to turn God's people away from Christ. Through the stories of Job, Peter, and Judas, we see how the devil works—sifting, tempting, and exploiting human weakness. Yet the difference between Peter and Judas reminds us that the Christian life is not about never falling, but about turning back to Christ in repentance. Though Satan prowls like a roaring lion, Christ has already won the victory, and through His forgiveness He restores sinners and even uses them to strengthen others in the faith.

Service Notes...

In preparation for worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for this evening is printed for you below; please take a few minutes to look it over as you prepare for worship. You may also want to mark the songs: **425, 424 & 805/887** in the Lutheran Service Book (*LSB*) before we begin. **Reminder:** If you have a smart phone, and you're on Facebook, please "check in" at **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May our Good and Gracious Shepherd bless your worship this day...this NEW day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

Children: We are blessed to have a lot of young families and young children here at *Good Shepherd*. We take Jesus’ words very seriously when He says, “Let the little children come to me...” We also know how difficult it can be to keep children sitting quietly for any period of time, much less an hour long church service! For your convenience, “Quiet Bags” have been provided for young worshippers. They are located in the narthex to your right when exiting the sanctuary. Also, for your convenience, a “Quiet Room” is located at the back of the sanctuary for use during those “difficult” times. Also, please keep in mind that everyone here loves to have children here and will help you in any way they can!

Guests, Visitors & The Offering: If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God’s work at *Good Shepherd* ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! But please do take a minute to check in at one of our kiosks in the atrium and sign the guestbook so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.** (*The Offering plate is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary*)

Pre-Service Meditation...

Please check out some of the pre-service prayers in the front of the LSB and/or meditate on one or more of the Psalms printed in the front of the LSB (specifically Psalm 30 today).

Prelude...

Words of Welcome...

*The Opening Song: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
(LSB pg. 425; please stand for verse 4)*

The Invocation & Opening Sentences (Based on Psalm 130)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b;*

All: Amen.

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

All: O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Pastor: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: But with you there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

All: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning...

(Continued...)

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

All: And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities...Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

We Pray

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

All: And also with you.

(Silence is kept for personal prayer, reflection & meditation. Then a prayer is spoken...)

+ We Hear God's Word +

Job 1:1, 6-12; 2:1-8

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

⁶ One day the angels^a came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan^b also came with them.

⁷ The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹² The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

On another day the angels^a came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. ² And the Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

³ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

⁴ "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵ But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

⁶ The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes... This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

^a Hebrew *the sons of God*

^b Satan means *accuser*.

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1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen...This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Sing: "O Christ, You Walked the Road" (LSB pg. 424)

Luke 22:24-34

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you^a as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." ...This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

John 13:21-30

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." ²² His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. ²³ One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." ²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. "What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, ²⁸ but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. ³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night...This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

^aThe Greek is plural.

*The Message: “Angels of the Passion: ‘Traitors!’”
(Sermon Application...)*

What did God teach you in His Law today (*What you should do, or have failed to do for God*)?

What did God teach you in His Gospel today (*What God has done for you through Christ*)?

What is the main thing you’re taking home from this message today?

Have a comment or question about today's message? Have any questions about any of this Jesus/Christian stuff? Text the pastor at 763-913-8445 or email him at pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org. If you'd like to hear Sunday's message, or share it with a friend, it posts on our Facebook page and/or Website by 10 am on Monday...



The Prayers & Confessions of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]; [Romans 10:9]

Pastor: Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

All: have mercy and hear us.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Matthew 6:9-13

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian teaching.

The Prayers, Continued...

Pastor: Almighty God...Hear my prayer, O Lord...

(10:30 am) **All: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

(6:30 pm) **All: let my cry come to You...I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

The Benedicamus (*Benedicamus is Latin for "Bless we the Lord"*)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

The Closing Song: (10:30 am): "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" (LSB pg. 805)

(6:30 pm): "Now the Light has Gone Away" (LSB pg. 887)

Thank you for worshiping with us, it's better with you here!

Please stick around as long as you desire for fellowship, Good Shepherd style!

If you're visiting us, please remember to sign the guestbook before you depart...and come soon to see us again!

If you haven't checked in at the Good Shepherd Kiosk, please take a moment to do so before you leave! It's fun!

Next week we will continue our Wednesday Lenten Series “Angels of the Passion” with “A Mission of Mercy (Pt. 2)”

Feed your body & feed your soul Wednesdays during Lent at *Good*

Shepherd!...And bring some friends! (Food at 5:30; Worship at

6:30...Wednesdays!)

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Services: 8:00 am (*Adult Choir*) 10:30 (*Sunday School & Bell Choir*)

Maundy Thursday Services: 10:30 am (*Organ Alone*) & 6:30 pm (*Adult Choir, Bell Choir & cello*)

Good Friday Worship Services: 12:30 (*Adult Choir and cello*) & 6:30 pm (*Bell Choir and trombone*)

Easter Morning Services: 6:30 (*Organ*), 8:30 (*Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Brass*), & 10:30 (*Adult Choir & Brass*)

To God Alone all Glory Goes!

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