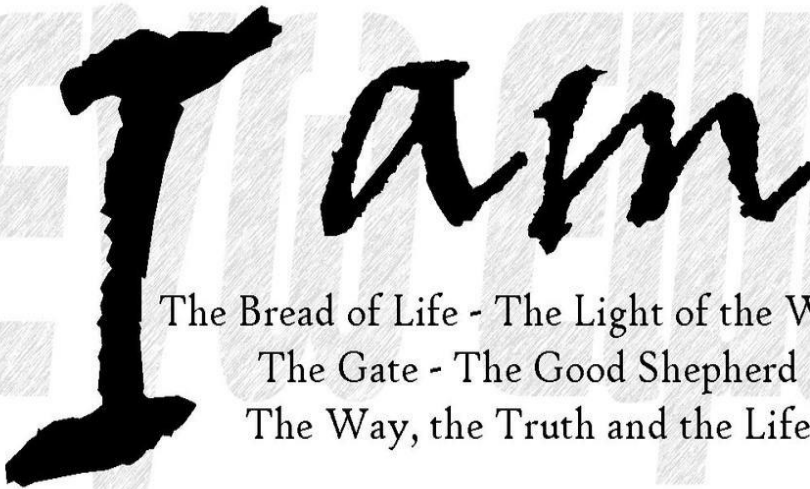


2019 LENTEN THURSDAY WORSHIP

“I AM”



The Bread of Life - The Light of the World
The Gate - The Good Shepherd
The Way, the Truth and the Life

March 14th – I AM the Bread of Life
March 21st – I AM the Light of the World
March 28th – I AM the Door
April 4th – I AM the Good Shepherd
April 11th – I AM the Resurrection and the Life

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NIGHT PRAYER

Vespers

PRELUDE

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

OPENING

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
C: the light no darkness can overcome.
P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C: and the day is almost over.
P: Let your light scatter the darkness
C: and illumine your church.
P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;
C: now is the day of salvation.
P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
C: that the light of your face may shine on us.
P: May your justice shine like the sun;
C: and may the poor be lifted up.

Congregation shall sit.

PSALMODY

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
O Lord, I call to you: come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when
I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.




Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18

HOMILY “*I AM the Good Shepherd*”

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

PRAYERS

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all seeking community, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

P: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Je - sus. **A - men.**

782 HYMN *"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"*

DEPART IN PEACE

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2019 LENTEN SUPPER HOST SCHEDULE

March 14

Social Concerns Ministry

Altar Guild

Worship

March 21

Outreach

Youth & Family Ministry

Council

March 28

Mutual Ministry

Memorial

Stephen Ministry

April 4

Parish Life

Stewardship

Endowment

April 11

Library

Choirs

Adult Learning

April 18

Finance

W-ELCA

Property

A **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER** will be served each Thursday beginning at 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A free will offering will be taken. Suggested cost of the meals equal \$3 per person, \$1.50 for children under 12, and \$10 per family. Any proceeds given above the cost of food will be donated to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Make your own PBJ sandwich will be available and anyone with special dietary needs is welcome to bring a “brown bag” meal. Come, bring a friend and fellowship with your friends at First, and then stay to continue our Lenten journey to the cross and empty tomb.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

HOW IS GOD THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

HOW ARE WE THE GOOD SHEPHERD?