

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



Lost and Found by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, sanctifiedart.org

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.
Text in **bold** indicates places where the congregation is invited to join in response.

Gathering

COMMUNITY TIME (9:55)

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

One: O Come, beloved, for the Shepherd calls,

Many: Leaving the ninety-nine to seek the one.

One: In joy, the lost are found and carried home—

Many: Let us worship the God who never gives up.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

Peace I leave with you:
my peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be
troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14:27

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #558 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (vs. 1, 3)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are invited to join Heather for a lesson at the chancel and then head to Discovery Kids classes. Nursery is available for children 0-4 years.

SUNG RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace,

Let the love of God surround you,

everywhere, everywhere

you may go.

Hearing the Word

FIRST LESSON Psalm 23

Reader: Connie Johnk-Ware

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

ANTHEM

Welcome Home

Dvořák arr. David Angerman

Countryside Community Church Choir

SECOND LESSON Luke 15: 3-7

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

MESSAGE

The Search Party

Responding to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #577 *Nearer, My God, to Thee* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has designated Restoring Dignity for the March Box donations.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious Shepherd, you seek us when we stray and rejoice when we are found.
Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and love.
May they be used to welcome the lost, heal the broken,
and bring joy to your heart. Amen.**

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the God of love.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Remembrance

Please prepare to partake of the Eucharist in your seats. The communion kits include whole wheat bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free bread is available. Raise your hand if you need assistance with your communion elements and an usher will assist you. Communion cups may be discarded in the baskets as you leave the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

†SENDING HYMN

Hymn #340 *Softly and Tenderly* (vs. 1, 3)

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Countryside Community Church Choir - Adam Witte, director
Alex Ritter, organ and piano

Joys & Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list every week on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have someone who would benefit from prayer, want to share a joy or be included on the bulletin list, and /or be included on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at 402-391-0350, ext. 225 or sarahrj@countrysideucc.org

Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

Keith & Reva Karstens ask for your continued prayers as Keith recovers from his spinal surgery.

Please continue to pray for **Vicki (Joe) Roy** as Vicki recovers from knee surgery.

Roger (Judy) Waible is settled into Good Samaritan Rehab in Millard for the next few weeks. Please continue to pray for him in his recovery and strengthening, as well as for Judy.



Lenten Season

Labyrinth Prayer Walk: Through Thursday, April 17

- Mondays & Fridays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Good Friday, ALL DAY!
- Groups, call the office to reserve a group time!

Art Walk: Through Thursday, April 17

- Poetry Journey: through Sunday, April 20

Sundays, Through April 13

- Contemplative Lenten Taizé Worship, 8:30 a.m.
- Traditional, Jazz and Communion Worship, 10 a.m.

Mondays, March 31 & April 7

- Discover Awe Book Study, 12 p.m.

Holy Week

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

- Procession, 9:45 a.m.
- Service, 10 a.m.

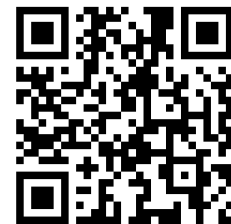
Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

- *Tenebrae* Service, 7 p.m.

Easter

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
- Worship Service, 9 a.m.
- Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt, 10-11 a.m.
- Worship Service, 11 a.m.



Scan the QR code or visit countrysideucc.org/lent for the complete Lenten and Easter Guide