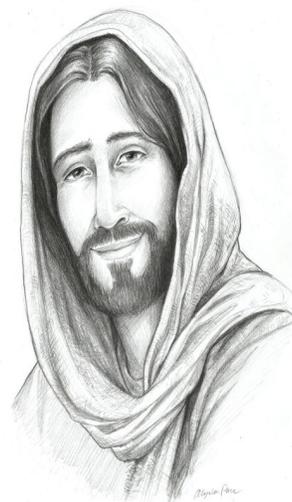


# The Shepherd's Voice

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## THRIVENT'S \$1 MILLION ONLINE DONATION CHALLENGE

From now through June 30, Thrivent will be providing an extra \$1 for every \$2 donated (for the first \$1 million in donations made) through Thrivent.com. Donations must be made online through Thrivent Choice Giving Platform, but this match is separate and different from the Choice Giving Program. Anyone—not just Thrivent members—who makes a gift to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have their gift matched!

It's easy to do! Simply:

1. Go to the [Thrivent Choice Giving web page](#)
2. Type "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" in the search box and hit Enter on your keyboard.
3. When the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church record appears, click "Make a Personal Donation" to get started. Need help? Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. So say you decide to make a \$50 gift to Good Shepherd through Thrivent's website. Thrivent will then add another \$25 to the gift, providing \$75 for Good Shepherd.

The matching opportunity will go until the \$500,000 match is met or June 30, whichever comes first, so don't delay! Many thanks to Thrivent for this generous match!

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please add to your prayers this week the following:

- **Bob Zook**, recovering from a pacemaker implant and anticipating further surgery in April.
- for all who are battling the coronavirus and the families of those who have died from the virus, families who are struggling with issues of childcare, lost income, postponed events, etc.
- for the family of **Pastor John Cotton**, pastor of Christ Lutheran in Nebraska City, who was taken to his eternal home recently.
- **Janet Amack**, with severe memory issues.
- **Norma Muth**, just started new round of chemotherapy.

**Be with us through this season,  
Lord,**

**And all our earthly days,**

**That when the final Easter dawns,**

**We join in heaven's praise.**

**LSB 418, vs. 4**

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** *"He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption."*

The only price that could redeem us was the very Blood of the Christ. This is the only sacrifice of true worth. His sacrificial giving sets the pattern for our life. For how can we, who are redeemed by the self-giving of God, not also give of ourselves to His Kingdom.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

People celebrating birthdays are:

Gabe Moline	Jack Novacek
Wade Smith	Kayla Simnitt
Arlyss Ketelsen	Clint Kirkland
Renee Jackson	Darla Posner
Jacob Schlatter	Paige Renter
Ivy Theewen	Amy Fitzsimmons
Mariah Niemeyer	Sara Schroeder

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Lyle & Anne Nelson  
Rev. Mark & Katherine Williamson  
Curt & Corie Christiansen  
Steve & Joyce Eckhoff

**LIFE MOMENT:** Whose life matters most? Every human being matters down to the tiniest and feeblest, since God made sure to incarnate Himself as embryo in Mary's womb and then became completely helpless in crucified execution. How much do they matter? So much that Jesus redeemed them each and all, with His lifeblood as the price. *Lord Jesus Christ, bring forth Your name from our lips so that it draws all people to You. Amen.*



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## MAIN STREET LIVING SPECIAL

Special programming for the Easter season begins on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Palm Sunday will be a one-hour tour of the Holy Land. The documentary "The Holy Land — The Eternal Rock Tour" will air for the entire hour replacing the "This is the Life" segment and the local worship service on KLKN, channel 8 at 10 am. The documentary shows the locations where many Biblical events occurred.

On Easter Sunday, Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer will deliver a special Easter message. Rev. Meyer is President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Mark your calendars for these two special events.

These two presentations can also be viewed on the web site, [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), until the Friday of the week following the broadcast.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED  
\$10,740.00

ATTENDANCE: N/A

OFFERING: N/A

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## **WORSHIP:**

Worship is far and away the most common word used by English-speaking Christians today — it's the title of this book, after all! But it can be a little misleading. At its root, it's a contraction of "worth-ship" and comes historically from a feudal society where people were required to acknowledge the "worth" of their overlords. This is what is meant even today when we refer in court to the judge as "your worship."

Certainly we ought to acknowledge God as our Lord! We ascribe to Him, the greatest "worth" when we sing His praises. This is a vital part of biblical worship usually expressed by the Greek word *pros-kyneo*, "bend the knee," as the Wise Men did before baby Jesus (Matthew 2: 11) and the heavenly hosts do before God's throne (Revelation 4: 10). But using the word *worship* to describe the entire Divine Service can mislead us into thinking only about its *sacrificial* side. It focuses on what we do, rather than what God does. It's like a heart out of rhythm or limping along on one leg.

## **DIVINE SERVICE (*Gottesdienst*):**

The old Latin expression *cultus Dei* was much broader. It meant something like "service of God" and included both God's service to us and our service to God, both the strong and the weak beats of the heart. Our German Lutheran forefathers translated this as *Gottesdienst*, "God's service" to get across the same idea.

In recent times, English-speaking Lutherans have tried to recover this broader idea with the phrase "Divine Service." The idea is that God serves us with His gifts in Word and Sacrament, and we serve Him by responding in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Never one without the other, but God always comes first.

## **LITURGY:**

The word *liturgy* expresses the same idea. This comes from an old Greek word still used by Eastern Orthodox Christians to describe the Divine Service. At the time of the Reformation, Lutherans revived the word to challenge the corrupt medieval idea that the Mass was all about our sacrifice to God.

The Greek word *leitourgia* combines two words that mean "people" and "work." But it's a mistake to explain it as "the work of the people." It really means "work **for** the people." In ancient Greece, it referred to gifts that rich citizens made to the community for the public good. In the Bible, it refers to the public services of the temple, where God — the ultimate wealthy patron — provides everything His people truly need through His priests (see Luke 1: 23). And in the New Testament, Jesus Christ leads an even more excellent liturgy (Hebrews 8: 6).

Sometimes people think of "liturgy" as a particular order of service or a formal style of worship. But though we might call our Western rite "the liturgy," the word really means something bigger and more profound. The liturgy is God's service to us in Word and Sacrament. So we really should never say 'liturgies' (plural) but rather "the liturgy" (singular), which comes in various forms.

*taken from Lutheranism 101: Worship (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2017, pg. 48-49.*