

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

March 23, 2025

10:30 am

Prelude

*Choral Introit*

## Call to Worship

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He restores my soul.

**The Lord leads me in the paths of righteousness.**

**Even though I walk**

**through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil.**

**for You are with me.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever!**

\* *Hymn #8 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

## Prayer of Confession

Silent Confession

**Almighty God, your Son has come among us  
offering to heal our blindness.**

**We confess that we are tempted:**

**To close our eyes to the shepherds**

**who destroy and scatter the sheep of your pasture;**

**To harden our hearts to injustice and unrighteousness;**

**To hold back our hands when we could rescue the oppressed;**

**To close our minds to your living Word.**

**Forgive us. Lead us to hear and see and live anew  
in the guidance of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still  
forgiving. Even when we fail to see God, God still sees us, and  
still loves us. Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven.  
Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

**\*Gloria Patri (623 Hymnal)**

## Welcome and Announcements

Invitational music for **JLK** (42 Hymnal)

***"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all  
these things shall be added unto you—Allelu, alleluia!"***

***Choir Anthem: "I'm Thirsty"***

## Presentation of Tithes and Offering

\* Doxology (625 Hymnal)

\* Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Ezekiel 34: 1—16, John 10: 1 — 21

**Sermon: "Good Shepherds and Bad Shepherds:  
How to Tell the Difference"**

Dr. Andrew McDonald

\* *Hymn #462 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Prayer Requests

*Choral Introduction to Prayer*

## Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

\* *Hymn #66 "To God Be the Glory"*

\* Benediction

\* *Choral Benediction*

\* Postlude

\* Stand, if comfortably able.

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**Building Committee:** Karl Bleyhl

**Sunday School Teacher:** Lisa DeBaillie

**Greeter:** Dave Jenkins

**Prayer Needs:** Doug Johnson (cancer),

Shala Mannochahr, Zach Maxwell,

Donna James, Pauline Shroyer, Claire Barnhouse,

Sam Waldron, Ann Tucker.



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## **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday (3-23)** Sunday School 9:15 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
**Thursday (3-27)** Choir Practice 7:00 pm

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Flowers:** The beautiful flowers this morning, placed by Carla Belgarde, are in memory of her mother Margaret Gilbert.

**Devotionals:** The large print "Daily Bread" devotionals for April are at the back of the church. Please help yourself.

**Choir:** Come and join our choir! We practice on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**Greeters:** Please sign up if you would like to be a greeter.

### **Orion Community Lenten Services:**

Every Friday at 12:00 with luncheon as follows:  
3/28 First Baptist (1101 4<sup>th</sup> St, Orion)  
4/4 United Methodist (407 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Orion)  
4/11 Beulah Presbyterian (9221 148<sup>th</sup> Ave., Orion)

### **Coal Valley Easter Schedule:**

4/11 Lenten service @ Beulah, 12:00 w/luncheon  
4/13 Palm Sunday Service 10:30 am  
4/17 Maundy Thursday@ Beulah, 6:30 pm w/Pot Luck dinner  
4/20 Easter service: 9:00 am breakfast, 10:30 Worship

**Lawn mowing:** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to help mow the church lawn this season.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendars for a Father-Son outing to the River Bandits baseball game on Wednesday, May 28, at 6:30. More details to follow.

**Happy Birthday!** The Board of Deacons would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following people this week:

Emma Steiger	March 23
Michelle Kahley	March 24
Sierra Wray	March 24
Abby Zimmerman	March 25
Alex Morely	March 26
Pauline Shroyer	March 27
Jodie White	March 27
Sandy Karaway	March 28
Janete Moore	March 28



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