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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Songs: How Deep the Father's Love For Us . . . Stuart Townsend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
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Refiner's Fire . . . Brian Doerksen

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Chorus:

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You, my Maker
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart
 Cleanse me from within
 And make me holy
 Purify my heart
 Cleanse me from my sin
 Deep within

Repeat Chorus

Refiner's fire
 My heart's one desire
 Is to be holy
 Set apart for You, Lord
 I choose to be holy
 Set apart for You, my Maker
 Ready to do Your will
 Ready to do Your will

Confession (All): Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weaknesses. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humbly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for your purposes. Grant us Your gift of faith.

Absolution (Pastor)

Apostle's Creed: 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.

Communion Song (8:00): As the Deer . . . Shane & Shane

As the deer panteth for the water
 So my soul longeth after Thee
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship Thee

Chorus:

You alone are my strength, my shield
 To You alone may my spirit yield
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship You

You're my friend
 And You are my brother
 Even though You are the King
 I love You more than any other
 Even more than anything

Repeat Chorus

Oh-oh, You alone are my strength, my shield
 To You alone may my spirit yield
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship You
 Oh, I long to worship You

The Lord's Supper (8:00 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: ESTRANGMENT, Part 4 – Give Me My Inheritance!

Sermon Text: Luke 12: 13-21

Offering

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song: Lead Me To The Cross . . . Hillsong United

Savior I come, quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus:

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me
Lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried human
The Word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Repeat Chorus:

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me
Lead me

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Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER CHART: The flower sign up is posted on the bulletin board. The cost is \$20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the late service on Sunday.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

LENT: We will have services at 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent.

MALACHI 3:10 CHALLENGE: Each year Our Shepherd challenges its members to pledge *20% of found or unexpected money* to the Lord in an offering based on the passage Malachi 3:10. Please sign up to participate and share the blessings received because of your commitment.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, March 21, 2026, we are asking for 8 volunteers to bag and distribute food to those in need from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please sign up using the link on our website.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, April 4, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We make and serve breakfast for those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer, see our website for the link.

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED: Please sign an attendance card if you are willing to serve once a month as an usher/greeter at either 8:00 or 10:30 services.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL: Join your fellow congregation members in a time of prayer and reflection during our 24-hour prayer vigil. This will be in the Fish Building chapel – sign up for the time that works best for you.

EASTER FLOWERS: Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to purchase Easter flowers. Pricing and styles available are listed. You can take the plants home after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER BREAKFAST: We will have our annual Easter Breakfast this year following the 7:00 a.m. sunrise service on April 5. Please sign up if you plan to attend!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Lenten Worship	7:15 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	8:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today ~ Nepali (South Asia)

Sinhala (Sri Lanka)

"I am of another faith, and I have been listening to this programme for two weeks. It is an excellent programme, and I have learned about spirituality through it. This is a wonderful programme."

"I am a believer; I am 29 years old. I have been listening to this programme for long time. There is no way for me to go to church. Your programme has made a big difference in my life. I lived through death and life. Your programme has become a great source of strength for me. "

Tamil (Sri Lanka)

"I'm a 28-year-old married and born-again Christian. Except for my younger brother, my whole family is now listening to the podcast. We embraced Lord Jesus as our Saviour five years ago, but I did not have a close relationship with God. But once I started listening to this programme, I felt like God was speaking to me. Previously, I had no knowledge of God, and even after accepting Christ, I was far from him and was punished for disobeying his instructions. But the Holy Spirit spoke to me about my flaws through the programme. I was in an unequally yoked relationship and suffered greatly. Following the warning of God's Word, I committed fully to the Lord. My husband wanted to file for a divorce because I am a Christian. This programme comforts, teaches and strengthens me in all aspects."

"It's been 15 years since I've accepted Christ. We receive a great amount knowledge within the short time of the program. I committed so many sins even after knowing God. One day I unexpectedly had a stroke and was paralysed. Then I started reading and meditating on the Word of God. I also listened to this programme and repented of my sins. Been very true to God in every possible area and started obeying his Word. God has done so many things in our family to glorify his name."

Nepali

There is a disabled woman who cannot walk and lives in a difficult situation. She asks for help from strangers to survive and depends on her elderly mother to assist her. Each day, they both tune in to the programme The Word Today, learn something new, and maintain their focus on God. Their lives are testimonies of how God's Word has helped them withstand all sorts of life's storms.

"I am a new believer; it has just been two years, and I have been nurturing and growing in faith by listening to programmes such as The Word Today in Nepali. There have been many difficult periods in my life, and God's Word through radio broadcasts have kept me spiritually alive. The programme is a part of my life. I am overjoyed and feel blessed since I am a part of his tremendous ministry. I've come to realise Jesus is my only true friend. He never fails me and loves me totally. Thank you for bringing a wonderful present into my life — a radio device with an SD card filled with programmes.