

**OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
GREENDALE, WISCONSIN
South 76th Street and Parkview Road
The Reverend Douglas W. Schroeder, Pastor**

Fifth Wednesday in Lent 7:15 P.M. March 18, 2026

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*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Hymn: LSB 440 (vs. 1-4)—Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Psalm 2:1 – 5, 10 – 12 (Read responsively):

Pastor: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

Congregation: *The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.*

P: "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

C: *The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.*

P: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath,
saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy Hill."

C: *Therefore, you kings, be wise, be warned you rulers of the earth.*

P: Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

C: *Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you be destroyed in your way, for his
wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: The Battles Jesus Fought, Part 4 – The Jews

Sermon Text: Matthew 23: 1-36

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.

Offering

Responsive Prayer:

P: O God our surprise,

C: *you offer so much more than our limited plans envision.*

P: You take our place

C: *becoming our salvation through the cross.*

P: As we prepare for Holy Week

C: *strengthen our hearts and minds to follow Jesus on the road to
Jerusalem.*

P: When we betray like Judas, deny like Peter, and scatter like the
disciples:

C: *forgive our frailties and bring us the promise of resurrection and new life
in you.*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: LSB 426—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Benediction

*This is the fifth Wednesday of Lent. Please set the next two weeks aside for
the purpose of reflection and meditation on the meaning of Christ's
suffering and death. May you find that your spiritual life will be nourished
and find new growth during this season of Lent.*