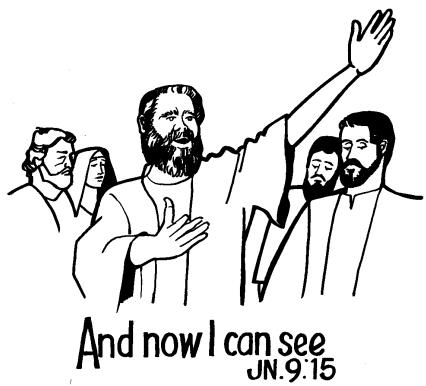
Welcome in the Name of Christ

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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March 19, 2023 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor

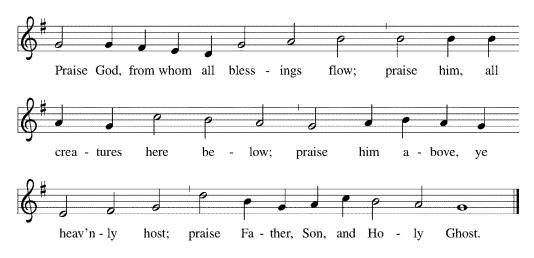
Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons Renate Williams, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

Prelude: "Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded" -Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Doxology #884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign, of the cross, the sign, marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

HYMN "Christ, the Life of All the Living" ELW 339



- 1 Christ, the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
- 2 You have suf-fered great af flic-tion and have borne it pa tient ly,
- 3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe: e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me; for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it. for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent - ed. thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you. for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



OUR STEADFAST SAVIOR THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT

HEALING

Melody.....O Du Liebe Meiner Liebe

P On the way to the cross, our Lord lived a healing life. We celebrate the character of Christ's healing ways this Lent, seeking to make his ways our own as we follow him.

Jesus, you brought needed healing.
In your blessed holy name.
With a touch, you brought back feeling,
To the crippled, blind and lame.
Mending bodies that were broken,
You revealed your saving salve.
Through the cross we see the token
That eternal life we have.

- P Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom
- and healing every disease and sickness.

- P When Jesus saw an invalid lying there, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."
- At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.
- P Ten lepers called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" They were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God.
- Jesus said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."
- P In the way that we comfort others with the message of Christ's power over illness,
- **©** let us live out the character of Christ in our healing ways.
- P In the way we let those who are sick know that we are praying that they be well again,
- let us live out the character of Christ in our healing ways.
- P In the way that we put our faith and trust in Christ to heal and rejoice when he does,
- let us live out the character of Christ in our healing ways.

Healing Jesus, cure the many
In their body, soul and mind.
Help us share our care with any
Who their hope in you can find.
Let us reach out with the blessing
That you will not ever leave
Nor abandon those distressing
To their cloaks you'll ever cleave.

OUR HEALING SAVIOR

Daily Readings for the Week

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Sun		Luke 13:10-17
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Tues	Ma	atthew 8:14-17
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Thurs		Luke 18:35-43
Fri		Mark 5:1-10
Sat		Luke 22:47-51

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HYMN OF PRAISE "The Glory of these 40 Days" ELW 320



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to

Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Psalm will be spoken responsively

PSALM: PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.

"Arise, Your Light Has Come! ELW 314 vs 1



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not

observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one

who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

After the gospel is read,
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Ι walk as child of light. 1 want to a the want to God. 2 want to see... the bright-ness of want to I'm look - ing for... the com - ing Christ. want to give fol - low Je sus. God set the stars to Je Clear Sun look at sus. of righ - teous-ness, be with Je When we have run . . . with sus. light to world. The star of life the my Je is sus. shine on my and show me the path, way to the Fa ther. pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy Je sus. Refrain him there dark-ness at all. The night and the no a - like. The Lamb is light of day are both the

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

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Shine in my heart,

Lord Je

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:

...Merciful God, receive our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers, **Amen.**

MEAL

An offering is gathered and the table is set. Appropriate music may also be offered. As the gifts are brought forward, the assembly stands for the prayer by the assisting deacon.

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"Behold The Heavens" – Bell Choir [8:30]
"Amazing Grace" - Chancel Choir [11:00]

The assembly stands

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

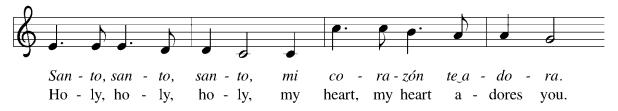
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

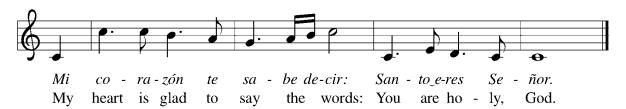
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Santo, santo, santo





Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...
...Do this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup
...we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

The assembly may be seated

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to commune. Children who are not yet communing will receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

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Your Son, hide, but on -1y no sin to you have of We laughed and Your gift love we cru - ci fied. was lost, I should have died. but you have SO him from your side walk up this guilt - y to on scorned him as he died. The hum-ble king we named a your side be brought me to to led by your staff and Refrain God. sod and be - come the Lamb of to O Lamb of fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. and called lamb of God. rod to be God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

my Je-sus

Christ, the Lamb

God.

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(Please come forward as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free wafers are available. Wine is available by individual cup and a common cup. Grape juice is provided in the center ring of each tray. If you cannot eat the host, or if the grape juice is exhausted, be assured that you fully receive the Risen Lord and his forgiveness even in only one "element." If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 785 When Peace Like a River

ELW 814 Take Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 485 I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 472 Eat This Bread

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Amen. **HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" **ELW 793** vi - sion. O Be thou Lord of heart; 1 my my 2 Be thou wis - dom, and thou my true word; my 3 Rich - es Ι heed not, vain, emp - ty praise, nor Light of soul. af ter vic - to - ry won, my all naught be else thou to me, save that art: with thee with Lord. T ev er and thou me, thou mine in her - i tance. now and al ways: may Ι reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun! thought both day thou night, my best by and by shel - ter, thou my tow'r, Thou my soul's and high thou and thou the first heart, on - ly, in my Heart of own heart, what be fall, my - ev - er wak - ing sleep - ing, thy light. or pres - ence my raise thou heav'n - ward. Pow'r of my pow'r. O me heav - en, great God of trea - sure thou my art.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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DISMISSALGo in peace. Follow the way of Jesus and have fun doing it! **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting and hope you will return to worship with us again.

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING

LOOP Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" during worship. <u>Additional hearing devices are available</u> from the Media Center.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Bob Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Lectors: Margot Berger [8:30] & Lisbeth Goetter

[11:00] Our sincere thanks to all!

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

Prelude: "Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - Bells

"Behold The Heavens" - Bells [8:30]

"Amazing Grace" - Chancel Choir [11:00]

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Steve Spengler, Jean Pufahl, Mike Busler, Amy Gilbert, Kim Doan, Vern Stephan, Karen Benefiel, Steve Rhee, Janet Burfeindt, June Dreger-Parsons, Denise Costa, Michael Koch, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Dave Boerger, Karl Hertel, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Carol McClune, Nancy O'Malley, Judy Harper, Sarah and Harry Robertson, Tim Nine, Shona Donegan, Paul Bradford, Daryl Hickman, Christopher Hulbert, Jean Burns, Bill Scott, Kathy Bernard, Anthony Corsino, Sandy Lapointe, Ally Coraggio, Erin LaRoque, , Anastasia Peterson, Leslie Garretson, Pr. Joanie Holden, Katherine Ricker, Kathy Nicholas, Ann Hoy, Eloise Mongardi, Mackenzie, and Nancy Gomes.

Attendance last Sunday

In-Person: 156

General Offering: \$3,512.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study 1:30 p.m. - Social Ministry

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. - Bells **6:30 p.m**. - Scouts

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - SOS

9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time

10:00 a.m. - Craft 'N Share

11:00 a.m. Bible Study for Beginners

5:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper

6:15 p.m. - Lenten Worship **7:00 p.m**. - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. - SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Workday on Grounds

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. – Funeral Maxine Whitcomb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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"Amazing Grace" - Chancel Choir (11:00)

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS continue on Wednesdays, March 22 and 29th. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex. See Betty Sanger for more information.

EVANGELISM TEAM is forming; however, meetings won't start until after Easter. If you are interested, please see Deacon Bob Bonomo.

"BIBLE STUDY FOR BEGINNERS" class meets Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Deacon Bob Bonomo for more information.

BABY DIAPER DRIVE - The Annual Citrus County World's Greatest Baby Shower is just a few weeks away. In addition to the beautiful handmade baby blankets our members donate each year, we would also like to collect small diapers packages (**SIZES 2, 3, 4 and 5**) that will be given away the day of the event. A display table has been set up in the rear of the Fellowship Hall with additional information and a place to leave your donations. Thank You!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAXINE WHITCOMB FUNERAL SERVICE is Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. If you are able, please come out to show your love and support for Ray and their family. Burial will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell following the service.

A MEDICAL SUPPLY DRIVE will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in April. It will consist of supplies (not equipment) that you have in your home that are unused leftovers from home medical care, a hospital stay, or purchased for a loved-one's needs. No prescription drugs. Please contact Vera K. Swade at 352-637-5308 or by email at vswade5016@aol.com.

LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS to decorate the altar are available again for Easter. There are 7 envelopes remaining for lilies and 16 for blue hydrangeas on the table in the Narthex. Please take **one envelope** for each plant you wish to purchase and return it to the church office **no later** than Friday, March 31. Contact Jane Isenstead at 513-4205 for more information.