

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS** - USHERS: Jeri & Reg Laursen;  
ASSISTING MINISTER: Reg Laursen; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce.

**All are welcome at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling In Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identifying persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation.

**Welcome Guests!** Good Shepherd members invite you to soup supper following worship in our Fellowship Hall (down the east hallway). Guests and members please sign and pass the red Fellowship Folders in the pews. **There are information cards about Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Folders. Guests, please take one!**

**Thank you for bringing children to worship tonight.** It is hard work to worship with kids, but it is such important work that helps them and the whole church. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. The presence, energy, and noise of children are most welcome here. Our nursery is available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags also are available there. **Sue Blair will provide a puppet ministry for children tonight in the north side Sunday School room as their parents wait in line for supper.**

**PRAYER LIST** - Good Shepherd Family: The family of Bud Bahr, the family of Dorothy Magelssen, Shirley Casebere, Drew Duffy, Louise Duwe, Ed Kaschins, Diane Kvamme, KayJ Rebarcak, Jonathon Struve, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, and Nathan Wicks at Wartburg Seminary. Relatives and Friends: Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey, Joanne Dornbush (mother of Sue Blair), Mary Joyce (mother of Brooke Joyce), David Mitcheltree (friend of Brooke Joyce), Sarah Jane (daughter of Jane Jakoubek), Pat Plude and family (friends of Brooke Joyce), Dorothy Raney (mother of Dan Raney), Jiggs Sersland (friend of Judy Schoel), Lyle Steele (cousin of LaVerne Ramsey), John Tapscott (Matt Tapscott's father), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Congregation in Tsumeb, Namibia.

**ADULT FORUM MARCH 12** - Medieval Liturgical Drama for Easter Sunday: As we make our way through Lent towards Easter, it is always interesting to learn more about the ways that Christians from earlier times observed this sacred time. On March 12th, please join Luther College Prof. of Music History, Melanie Batoff whose topic will be: "Medieval Liturgical Drama for Easter Sunday." On Easter Sunday, medieval Christians gathered to commemorate Christ's Resurrection by performing the Visit of the Sepulcher, a liturgical drama of the three Marys' visit to Christ's abandoned tomb. The way that this biblical account was brought to life through singing and reenactment will be discussed.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

701 Iowa Avenue, Decorah, IA 52101 563-382-3963  
[decorahgoodshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:decorahgoodshepherd@gmail.com) [goodshepherddecorah.or](http://goodshepherddecorah.or)

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
**... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...**  
Psalm 100:3

Pastors Amy Larson and Marion Pruitt-Jefferson  
Brooke Joyce, Music Director



Lenten Midweek Worship  
March 8, 2017

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? INSIGHTS FROM MARTIN LUTHER FOR OUR FAITH TODAY

Martin Luther questioned the assumptions of his day and offered new interpretations about the life of faith. This Lent, as we commemorate the Reformation, we'll look at his teachings on central aspects of faith and re-interpret them for our day.

### WEEK ONE: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

From *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* - ELW (red book in pew);  
page numbers (P.) in front; hymn numbers (#) in back; congregational responses in **bold**  
The congregation stands when indicated by \*

**GATHERING MUSIC:** "Credo, pt. 1" (Missa Pange Lingua) - Josquin Des Prez

#### PRAYER BELL

#### WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***GATHERING SONG:** #320 The Glory of these Forty Days

#### \*OPENING DIALOGUE

We begin in the name of the Lord, whom we are to fear and love.

#### **Fear God? Are we to be afraid of our Creator?**

Not afraid, but filled with reverent awe.

#### **How shall we do this?**

By trusting God above all things, and calling upon God's name.

#### **In every time of need, in prayer, praise, and thanks.**

And because we fear and love God, we love and respect all God's creation.

**People and animals, plants and water, mountains and deserts.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**READING:** Deuteronomy 7:6-10, 11

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTION

\***HYMN:** # 769 If You but Trust in God to Guide You

**OFFERTORY:** "Credo, pt. 2" – Josquin Des Prez

\***OFFERING SONG:** #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

\***PRAYER:** based on Martin Luther's Evening Prayer

\***LORD'S PRAYER P. 112** *Our Father, who art in heaven*

\***BLESSING:** God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and keep you this night and always. **Amen.**

\***SENDING SONG:** #509 God's Word is Our Great Heritage

#### \*PRAYER BELL

\***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Prelude in C minor" - J. S. Bach

*Acknowledgments Luther's Evening Blessing is from the Small Catechism. Copyright © 2017 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB118886.*

**Thanks** to the **Luther College Collegium Musicum**, directed by Kathy Reed, for singing tonight!

**LENTEN AND EASTER OFFERINGS** will be given to the Campaign for the ELCA and the NE IA Path to Citizenship. The Campaign for the ELCA is our opportunity to invest in the future of this church, deepen relationships and expand ministry opportunities that serve our neighbors and communities in the United States and around the world. PATH TO CITIZENSHIP is a northeast Iowa organization whose mission is to aid people who need help navigating the complicated path to legal status. Please write **Lent** on your check to support these causes.

Each year during Lent, the children at Good Shepherd seek to raise awareness and provide an opportunity to give towards special mission projects. This year's projects focus on environmental stewardship and caring for God's creation; to be divided among the Good Shepherd Reformation Grove and Lutheran World Relief for a Sustainable Response to the East African Drought. Donations will be received Place these donations under the tree in the Sanctuary during the offering. Please write **Sunday School Project** on your check. Thank you for your support of these projects!

**THANKS TO HARLEY REFSAL** for the use of his repurposed tree as a visual reminder of the Sunday School Lenten project. The tree, originally Mike and Sue Blair's Christmas tree, was stripped and shaped by Harley and so given new life.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE:** *Free Indeed*, a Lenten devotional with daily readings from Luther's Small Catechism, is available on the Narthex table. This devotional expands on our Lenten theme: *What Does This Mean? Insights from Martin Luther for Our Faith Today*.