

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS - USHERS: Jeri Laursen;
ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Naslund; PREACHER: Marion Pruitt- Jefferson; PRESIDERS: Rev. Amy
Larson; 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: Donna Bahr, Shirley Casebere, Drew Duffy, Louise Duwe, Diane Kvamme, KJ 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.

EASTER FLOWERS - Altar Guild welcomes contributions of fresh flowers and flowering plants to grace the sanctuary for the Community Easter Vigil on Saturday evening and our Easter Sunday Festival Worship. Contributions can be designated in honor or memory of loved ones and friends. Because of allergies and sensitivities, please refrain from choosing heavily scented flowers and plants. Hydrangeas, azaleas, tulips, daffodils, and mixed bouquets are examples of good choices. Please have them delivered to the Narthex table *no later than Noon on Saturday, April 15.*

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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
April 5, 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 FIVE: HOLY COMMUNION

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: “Three Interludes: I. (1991), II. Abrehet, III. Chromatic Two-Part Invention”

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** # 573 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

*OPENING DIALOGUE

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

Blessed be God, who gives us life and salvation.

A gift we can never deserve or earn.

Given for you, for me, for all for the forgiveness of sins

in bread and wine, body and blood, words and presence.

Given in grace, received by faith.

Give us truly believing hearts, O God, so that we might receive this great gift.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: Matthew 26:26-30

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

REFLECTION

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *Love Bade Me Welcome* - Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back

Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack

From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,

If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:

Love said, You shall be he.

I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,

I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,

Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame

Go where it doth deserve.

And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?

My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:

So I did sit and eat. (George Herbert)

OFFERTORY: “A Different Feeling”

***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:** # 568 Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

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

POSTLUDE: “Asmara, Novel Approach, Not to Forget”

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Thanks to Jonathan Struve for singing, and to Ben Hippen for playing his original piano compositions this evening!

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 repurposing his tree for the project! **Donations to the Sunday School Project to date: \$1128.49**