

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
... **We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture** ...

Psalm 100: 3

Pastor Amy Larson

A Reconciling In Christ Congregation



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, and transgender persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation.

Welcome Guests. Good Shepherd members welcome you to join us for a potluck supper following tonight's worship in our Fellowship Hall (down the east hallway).

All are welcome to come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine. The bread is gluten-free. Receive the bread with open hands, then dip it into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. If you have an allergy to eggs you may request a wafer. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in front of your chest. You are also welcome to remain in the pew and offer prayers. Ushers will direct you to the communion line which forms at the back of the sanctuary and moves up to the altar rail. If you wish to have the Pastor serve Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers before the service begins.

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. If needed, an attendant is available to be with children in the nursery, activity bags are available there also.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND MINISTRY TEAM PARTICIPANTS :

ACOLYTE - Abby Larson; ASSISTING MINISTER - Jane Jakoubek, ALTAR GUILD - Elizabeth Kaschins; GREETER/USHER - Bev Sheridan, ORGANIST/ PIANIST - Arthur Cohrs.

JANUARY 6, 2016, *EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #s are found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, ELW, (red book in pew) and in With One Voice, WOV, (blue book in pew).

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring", J.S. Bach

PRAYER BELL/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: ELW #275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

GREETING

God who sent the Light into our world,
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,
God who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

PSALM: ELW #731 Earth and All Stars! vs. 1

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 715 Christ, Be Our Light

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Lead us, O God, **lead us by your light.**

PEACE: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY "O Jesus So Sweet" - J.S. Bach

OFFERING SONG: #302 As with Gladness Men of Old vs. 1-3

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family: Shirley Casebere, Janet Gall, Ed Kaschins, Judy Mikkelsen, Catherine Moeller serving in Mexico, Don Pilgrim, Anthony Ruiz, Mickey Slind, Carrie Solberg, Nathan Wicks at Wartburg Seminary and our members at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place, Students in the CNA course. Relatives and Friends: Marion Beatty, Nathan Berg, Family of Marlie Bishman, Jim Cascio, Mike Dikelsky, Jody Kruegel, Josh Martin, Lisa Quenan, Pat Plude, Victor & Maria Sistepaz, Lyle & Walter Steele, John Tapscott, Don Williams, All Residents & Staff of Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place; Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Clinic in Jos, Nigeria; our Companion Congregation in Tsumeb, Namibia, and all suffering from famine and other natural disasters.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – Can be picked up in the Narthex hallway counter today. Each box is labeled with your name on it. If you are aware of someone who will need their envelopes delivered to them, please let us know with a note in the church office.

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE TRAINING COURSE- There are ten students in the course that will be held at Good Shepherd in January. They will be in the building six times in January. Please keep these students in your prayers. Tonight after the potluck, join in putting together care packages for the students.

ELCA WEBCAST, “Confronting Racism: A Holy Yearning” – Thursday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., CFL Recital Hall. This conversation continues the dialogue from the Aug. 2015 webcast with a focus on offering a variety of perspectives on the U.S. criminal justice system. This webcast is grounded in two commitments of the ELCA: the church’s proclamation of Christ and the confidence that this good news brings to set us free from the captivity of racism and the church’s enduring commitment to address the complexity of racism and end discrimination. Join Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and William B. Horne II, an ELCA member from Clearwater, Fla. along with a group of panelists for a timely and necessary conversation for the ELCA. The CFL webcast is hosted by Luther’s Office for College Ministries.

Wednesday, January 6

5:30 p.m. - Epiphany Worship Service
6:15 p.m. - Warm the Winter Potluck Supper
7:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

Thursday, January 7

8:30 a.m. - CNA class, until 3 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. - Community Meal at First Lutheran.

Sunday, January 10

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion - Baptism of Our Lord - The First Sunday After Epiphany
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour
10:45 a.m. - Budget Discussion in Narthex, all Congregants invited to participate.
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School, Youth Sunday School/ Confirmation in pastor’s office.

(sung to the tune of Angels, from the Realms of Glory)

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy,
God of pow’r and God of might:
heav’n and earth reveal your glory.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!
Blessed be the coming Savior.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION
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.**

**COMMUNION SONG: WOV # 646 We Three Kings of Orient Are
BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

SENDING

BLESSING

**SENDING SONG: ELW # 301 Bright and Glorious is the Sky v. 1-4,
DISMISSAL “Pastourelle - At the Manger” - French, Arr. Clokey
Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.****

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