

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 coffee and conversation following 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.

FEBRUARY 14, 2016, FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ORDER OF WORSHIP

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book in pew) page numbers (P.) in front; hymn numbers (#) in back, congregational responses in bold.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "Out of the Depths I Cry to You" -

Jeremy Maas/Tyler Lubke

PRAYER BELL/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS see column on left

GATHERING SONG: #326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

GREETING/KYRIE P. 193

PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray (brief silence)...**Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: [Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#)

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

PSALM: 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my
stronghold,**

my God in whom I | put my trust." R

⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;

Thank you for bringing children to worship today. 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 and activity bags are also available there.

LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Merciful Father, We have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND MINISTRY TEAM PARTICIPANTS: ACOLYTE – Kate Narveson; ASSISTING MINISTER – Harlan Nelson; COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Ruth Bruce; CANTOR – Daniel Raney; ALTAR GUILD – Jane Kemp, Bev Sheridan; GREETERS/USHERS – Ruth & Jerry Bruce; NURSERY – Nathan Larson; FELLOWSHIP SERVERS –Helen Schweizer, Kate Narveson, Naomi Craft; MUSIC DIRECTOR – Brooke Joyce

PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family: Shirley Casebere, Janet Gall, Ed Kaschins, Judy Mikkelsen, Don Pilgrim, Anthony Ruiz, Anvy Wicks, our members at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place; Catherine Moeller serving in Mexico, Nathan and Sarah Wicks at Wartburg Seminary. Relatives and Friends: Weston Noble, Marion Beatty, Nathan Berg, Emily Bishman, Jim Cascio, Mike Dikelsky, Jody Kruegel, Lance Maly, Josh Martin, Lisa Quenan, Pat Plude, Victor & Maria Sstepaz, 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.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Join us in the fellowship hall after the service for a Valentine treat. The small cards on the tables are there to start a

you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;**

I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

SECOND READING: [Romans 10:8b-13](#)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: P. 198 (Acclamation for Lent)

GOSPEL: [Luke 4:1-13](#)

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #319 O Lord, throughout the Forty Days

APOSTLES' CREED P. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY: "Introit" - Heinrich Schütz ((When Jesus did on the cross endure, And on his body wounds did bear, In pain and deep affliction, The seven words which he then spoke, Keep in your heart's affection)

OFFERING SONG: # 330 Seed That in Earth is Dying

OFFERING PRAYER ...Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING/HOLY: P. 199-200

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER: P.112 *Our Father in Heaven...*

COMMUNION HYMNS: Lamb of God P. 201, #808 Lord

Jesus, You Shall Be My Song, #474 Bread of Life from Heaven

conversation or to share a blessing. Please take one with you to give to someone this week, and share the love. From the Evangelism Committee.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP- After Ash Wed., the next five Wednesdays in Lent, Feb.17-Mar.16, we will worship at 5:30pm. We will sing Holden Evening Prayer, welcome guest choirs from Luther College, and reflect on the theme “**Coming to our Senses: Returning to God**”.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - Feb.17- Mar.16 we will share in a soup supper following worship. Please sign up to bring food, help set up and/or clean up. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) and in the Fellowship Hall.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT - Each year the Sunday School invites the congregation to raise funds for a particular project. This year, project funds will be split between a global effort and a local effort: The Lutheran Disaster Response support for Syrian Refugees and the Community Food Pantry at First Lutheran Church. Our goal is to raise \$2000 to split between the two organizations. The Sunday School children will be involved in activities that learn more about hunger and the refugee crisis.

LENTEN LWR KIT COLLECTION- This Lenten season, our congregation is taking part in LWR’s Baskets of Promise campaign. Each week in Lent, we’ll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life’s most challenging situations. Next week we’ll be collecting colored bath towels. Please bring your donations to church next Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Sheridan at [563-382-9025](tel:563-382-9025).

**BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ...Amen.
SENDING**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

PRAYER BELL/DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: " Out of the Depths I Cry to You" - Caleb Sander

DURING LENT, the choir is learning Heinrich Schütz's great passion work, "The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross, " which they will perform with soloists on Good Friday. This morning, we hear the choral introduction to the work.

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, February 14

- 9:30 a.m.- Worship with Holy Communion, First Sunday in Lent
- 10:30 a.m.- Fellowship Hour, Coffee Sale
- 10:45 a.m.- Adult Forum - March Ministry Team meets in Narthex
- 10:45 a.m.- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 16

- 11:45 a.m.- Stewardship Committee- Pr. Amy's office
- 7:00 p.m.- Congregational Council Meeting- Narthex

Wednesday, February 17

- 7:30 a.m.- Men's Breakfast
- 1:00 p.m.- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:30 p.m.- Lenten Wednesday Worship/*Holden Evening Prayer Service*

TOUCH can heal us and call us back to God - Mark 5.22-32

LWR Baskets of Promise Kits: Colored bath towels

- 6:15 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper,
Puppet Ministry Sunday School Room with Sue Blair

- 7:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

Thursday, February 18

- 5:00 p.m. - Decorah Community Meal at First Lutheran
- Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, February 21

- 9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion, First Sunday in Lent
- 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour
- 10:45 a.m. - Adult Forum – Technology at Good Shepherd
- 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School in Sanctuary
Youth/Confirmation in Pr. Amy's office

1:30 p.m. - Upper Iowa River Conference Assembly-
Immanuel Lutheran, Cresco

TRY OUT OUR NEW BELLS Anyone who would like to try out the new bells is welcome to come and play them after worship with Brooke.

ADULT FORUM NEXT WEEK - TECHNOLOGY AT GOOD SHEPHERD: CONNECTING AND REACHING OUT - This workshop is for beginners to veterans alike to talk together about how we can best use the gifts of technology to strengthen our congregational life and outreach.

PLEASE RETURN MINISTRY TEAM FORMS BY FEB. 15 - We will launch a new ministry team structure in April. As is our current practice, all members will be assigned to teams. This is your chance to tell us your preferences.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP SURVEY - Aase Haugen is exploring the possibility of starting a Dementia Support Group for caregivers, family members and friends. Please give them your input by filling out a survey located on the counter outside the office by February 18th.

COMMUNITY SING - Fun and safe singing together, for those who have always loved to sing AND for those who've always wished they could. Join Liz Rog for 8 weeks of joyful and inclusive *Community Singing*. No auditions, no experience needed, just come and be part of the crowd! Learn songs by call and response. 8 Mondays, beginning March 7, 6:30-8:00, in Decorah. To register contact NICC Continuing Education, [\(563\)562-3263 ext. 219](tel:5635623263) or visit www.nicc.edu/solutions.

