

WORSHIP LEADERS and MINISTRY TEAM PARTICIPANTS: – ACOLYTE: Karla Erdman; USHERS: Karl Jacobsen, Lindsay Erdman; GREETER: Reg Laursen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Kate Narveson; COMMUNION SERVER: Jerrine Jacobsen; CANTOR: Daniel Raney; ALTAR GUILD: Bob Larson, Chris Hick, Linda Wolfs; FELLOWSHIP SERVERS: Karla and Lindsay Erdman, Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson and John Jefferson, Clara Knudson; 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 coffee and conversation 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!**

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. 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. 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. Egg-free wheat wafers are available upon request. 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.

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. Our nursery is available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags also are available there. **All children ages 4-12, including children who are guests today, are welcome to attend Sunday School from 10:50-11:30am.** Listen for the bell during coffee time to mark the start of Sunday School.

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, K J 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.

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 ...

Psalms 100:3

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



First Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2017
9:30 a.m.

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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

GATHERING MUSIC: "Aus Tiefer Not" - Robert Frenzel

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Using the words of a reformation hymn, let us confess our sin before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Out of the depths I cry to you;

O Lord God, hear me calling. Incline your ear to my distress

In spite of my rebelling. Do not regard my sinful deeds.

Send me the grace my spirit needs. Without it I am nothing. Amen.

In God alone, in God we hope, and not in our own merit.

We hope in the Lord, who sends redemption through the † Word.

In the name of Jesus † , your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

***GREETING - KYRIE:** P. 98

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;**

I will guide you | with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;**

but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;

shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

***LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** P. 103

***GOSPEL:** Matthew 4:1-11

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:** #808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

***APOSTLES' CREED:** P. 105

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** ... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Out of the Depths" - Brooke Joyce

***OFFERING SONG:** # 600 Out of the Depths, I Cry to You vs. 1

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY:** P. 107-108

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

COMMUNION HYMNS: P. 112-13 Lamb of God, #479 We Come to the Hungry Feast,

#325 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me, #322 Oh, Love, How Deep

***TABLE BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG:** # 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

***PRAYER BELL**

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE "Fugue in C Minor" - J. S. Bach

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FROM THE ALTAR GUILD ... A CHANGE IN LITURGICAL SEASONS: The Time After Epiphany ended last Sunday, the Transfiguration of our Lord. The penitential forty-day season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1. The liturgical color for this season of the church year is purple - the color of penitence and in remembrance of the royalty of Christ who reigns from the cross. In our sanctuary, it is the primary color of the pieces hung in the gates of our weavings, the altar and pulpit paraments, and pastor's stole. A purple cloth is draped on our Shepherd's Cross during this season. Purple ribbons are wound on the grapevine wreaths hanging on our entrance doors. The tone of this season is restraint, even austerity; flowers will not be present until the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

CAMP EWALU BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL - Camperships are available. Many Decorah kids attend during Week 7.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS - USHERS: Jeri & Reg Laursen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Reg Laursen; ALTAR GUILD: Chris Hick, Bob Larson, Linda Wolfs; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, WORSHIP LEADERS and MINISTRY TEAM PARTICIPANTS –
ACOLYTE: Lulu & Poppy Bellrichard; USHERS: John Moeller, Chris Hick; GREETER: Abby Larson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Marv Slind; COMMUNION SERVER: Megan Buckingham; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; ALTAR GUILD: Bob Larson, Chris Hick, Elizabeth Kaschins, Linda Wolfs; FELLOWSHIP SERVERS Doris Barnaal, Pastor Marion and John Jefferson, Clara Knudson, Mickey Slind (F); ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. - Choir Warm Up

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Adult Forum - Christian Advocacy and Community Organizing

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Tuesday, March 7

1:30 p.m. - UIARC Conference Gathering

4:00 p.m. - Mary Circle - Lynn Sootheran hosts at the church

7:00 p.m. - White Privilege Conversation in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 8

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - Communion at Aase Haugen

12:15 p.m. - Lenten Organ Recital - Gregory Peterson

2:00 p.m. - Miriam Circle - Carol Hasvold hosts

5:30 p.m. - Lenten Service

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

Thursday, March 9

NO Bible Study during Lent

Sunday, March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour – Coffee Sale

10:45 a.m. - Adult Forum – Medieval Liturgical Drama for Easter Sunday

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

ADULT FORUM TODAY - Christian Advocacy and Community Organizing as Christians, we are called to be actively, critically engaged in the world God has entrusted to us. We invite you to participate in a conversation about advocacy, community organizing, and effective ways to let your representatives know your opinions on legislative issues. Megan Buckingham and Kate Narveson will be facilitating this conversation.

[LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES will be on Wednesdays at 5:30pm, March 8-April 5. Simple Soup Suppers will follow worship. Our theme for Lent is “What Does This Mean? Insights from Martin Luther for Our Faith Today”. Worship leaders and soup supper servers are needed for Lenten evening worship services. Please sign up in the hallway to help with worship and on the Narthex table to help with soup suppers.](#)

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 beginning today and will continue through the Lenten Season. 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!

TREE PROJECT KICK-OFF: Today the Sunday School children will announce their yearly Lenten offering program. Half of the money they raise will be directed to Good Shepherd's Tree Project, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This project has two elements. First, the committee will recommend to Property and Management a planting plan for our property. The Sunday School's Lenten offerings will help fund this first step. The final part of the project will offer help to any Good Shepherd member of family that wishes to plant a tree on their property.

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 will help us enter our Lenten theme: *What Does This Mean? Insights from Martin Luther for Our Faith Today*.

LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL MARCH 8 - Gregory Peterson's program will include Chorale Preludes for Lent from *Das Orgelbüchlein* by J. S. Bach and 79 Chorales by Marcel Dupré. Greg is professor of music, college organist, and head of the Music Department. During his years as a Luther College student, Greg served as Good Shepherd's organist.

DAVIS PROJECT FOR PEACE UPDATE: Last Sunday at the Adult Forum, Mwyai Pankuku gave a presentation called *Empowering Women and Girls for Education in Malawi*. Her project focused on providing adequate bathrooms in schools so that young women can continue to attend after the onset of menses. Currently, she is focusing on producing reusable sanitary pads for young women. If you would like to make a contribution, you can send a check to Luther College, Center for Global Learning, Davis Peace Prize/Malawi.

AASE HAUGEN SENIOR SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING is planned for 2pm on **TODAY** at Vennehjem. Please share with your churches delegates any comments or questions you may have. All church members are invited to attend this annual meeting. "Over the years, Aase Haugen has evolved and changed with the needs of the community, always bringing its best and most innovative solutions to the table. Our operations are still guided by a group of local congregations, and we still enjoy the family atmosphere with those who stay with us. Our services have grown, our facility has changed, but our dedication to those who need us has not." (Aase Haugen website)

FUTURE OF THE FOOD PANTRY – First Lutheran will be hosting a meeting on Monday, March 13, 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the future location of the Food Pantry. This faith based ministry has been in operation for over 20 years and has served thousands of clients in NE Iowa, serving 11 counties. The demand for our small pantry has increased to a point that we need more space for display, storage and refrigeration. It is our hope that we will be able to find a new location in Decorah that will allow us to better serve our communities. We will be discussing our future plans for the pantry and how our Social Concerns Committee is preparing for this important transition. All congregations are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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.

LUTHER COLLEGE REFORMATION EVENTS - As part of our commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Luther College is excited to announce the upcoming conference: "*Liberating Grace: The Power of the Reformation in the World Today*," March 31-April 1. The conference will feature keynote addresses by Lutheran pastor and author Nadia Bolz Weber on Friday evening and a Saturday morning lecture on the ELCA's global and ecumenical work with refugees and immigrants by Ralston Deffenbaugh of Lutheran World Federation. Bach's Mass in B Minor will be offered Saturday night in the CFL. A schedule of the conference is posted online at: <https://www.luther.edu/reformation-2017/conference/schedule/> Register for the conference online at tickets.luther.edu or via the Luther Ticket Office, (563) 387-1357 or boxoffice@luther.edu

