

## 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.

**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

## MARCH 6, 2016 - FOURTH 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:** "Canzona, pt 1" - J. S. Bach

**PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** see column on left

**GATHERING SONG:** Let me Be Your Servant, Jesus (see handout)

**GREETING - KYRIE- PRAYER OF THE DAY** P. 193-94

#### WORD

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Joshua 5:9-12...**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 32**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time  
of trouble;**

**when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

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

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay

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...** Let us come home to God, confessing our sin (silence is kept for reflection.) Merciful Father, **We have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your children. 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 – Keaton Solberg; ASSISTING MINISTER – Anthony Ruiz; COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Bob Larson; CANTOR – Dennis Barnaal; ALTAR GUILD – Jane Kemp, Jerrine & Karl Jacobson; GREETERS/USHERS – John & Lindy Moeller; NURSERY – Nathan Larson; FELLOWSHIP SERVERS – Karl & Clara Knutson, Jeri Laursen, Alicia Trout; MUSIC DIRECTOR – Brooke Joyce.

**PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family:** Shirley Casebere, Janet Gall, Ed Kaschins, Judy Mikkelsen, Anthony Ruiz, Anvy Wicks, Family of Don Pilgrim, 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 (Tanya Gertz's sister-in-law), Jim Cascio (Mike Blair's brother-in-law), Mike Dikelsky, Jody Kruegel, Lance Maly, Josh Martin, Lisa Quenan, Pat Plude, Victor & Maria Sistepaz, Lyle & Walter Steele, John Tapscott (Matt Tapscott's father), Don Williams, Sarah Ylvisaker Storvick, 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.

**PRAYER LIST UPDATES** - To help congregation members better care for one another, we would like to indicate which Good Shepherd members have requested that their relatives and friends be on the prayer list. If you have requested that someone be on the list, please contact the church office to tell us the connection and indicate if you still request prayers for this person. Names

near you.”

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21...**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** P. 198 (Acclamation for Lent)

**GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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:** #606 Our Father, We Have Wandered

**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:** “Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani - Heinrich Schütz”

**OFFERING SONG:** #330 Seed That in Earth is Dying vs. 1,3

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**COMMUNION LITURGY** P. 199-200

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

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** Lamb of God P. 201, # 608 Softly and

Tenderly Jesus is Calling, #592 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

**BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### SENDING

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG:** #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

**PRAYER BELL/DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE:** "Canzona, pt 2" - Bach

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During Lent, the choir is learning Heinrich Schütz's great passion work,

that have been on for quite a while will be removed unless we hear otherwise.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP - Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.** We sing Holden Evening Prayer, welcome guest choirs from Luther College, and reflect on the theme "**Coming to our Senses: Returning to God**". On March 9<sup>th</sup>: Faith comes through HEARING, Jesus calls us to life- John 11:32-44. We share in a Soup Supper following worship and Puppet Ministry with Sue Blair. Please sign up to bring food, help set up and/or clean up.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT** - The Sunday School is raising funds for 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. Last week contributions were \$785 for a total to date of \$1381. Thank you for your generous support of this project!

**LENTEN LWR KIT COLLECTION** - 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. This Wed., Mar. 9, we'll be collecting **combs**.

### **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

#### **Sunday, March 6**

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion, Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Youth SS/Confirmation in Pr. Amy's office

#### **Tuesday, March 8**

9:30 a.m.- Anna Circle, Agnes Hjelle hosts

2:00 p.m. - Pr. Amy @ Wellington Place

5:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee

6:30 p.m. - Adult Forum Sub Committee

8:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee

#### **Wednesday, March 9**

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

**12:15 p.m.**- Lent Organ Recital by Greg Peterson (note time change)

3:30 p.m. - Sunday School Children gather to prepare Soup Supper

5:30 p.m.- Lenten Wednesday Worship/*Holden Evening Prayer Service*

Faith comes through HEARING- Jesus calls us to life-

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross, " which they will perform with soloists on Good Friday. This morning, we hear Jesus sing, "My God, why have you forsaken me?"

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John 11:32-44

LWR Baskets of Promise Kits: Combs

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

7:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

8:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 10**

No Adult Bible Study during Lent

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

**Sunday, March 13**

9:30 a.m.- Worship with Holy Communion, Fifth Sunday in Lent,

Installation of Church Council

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

10:45 a.m.- Sunday School in Sanctuary

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will meet three Sundays in March. We will not meet on Easter Sunday. Our themes from Desmond Tutu's "Children of God" storybook are:

- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Let My People Go, Exodus 7-15
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Jesus in the Desert, Matthew 4
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Jesus' Last Meal, Matthew 26

**IN MEMORIAM EIUS** – A concert of new music for voices and percussion at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6, in the NRH. A pre-concert talk will be offered at 3 p.m. in the Jenson-Noble choir room. The concert features the world premiere of "In Memoriam Eius" by Brooke Joyce which tells the story of the woman from Bethany who anointed Jesus before his crucifixion. Luther's Collegiate Chorale will sing portions of Mark's Gospel in Latin, alongside soloist Genevieve Kalland '16. The performance also features the Iowa/Hungary Percussion Project.

**SOUP SUPPER, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>** The Education Committee is coordinating the soup supper on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Children are invited to come after school that day to make two soups for the supper, including a recipe from the Soup for Syria cookbook, which ties in with our Lenten Project. We will have activities to keep the kids occupied until worship at 5:30pm.

**EASTER FLOWERS** - Altar Guild welcomes contributions of fresh flowers and flowering plants to grace the sanctuary on Easter. Because of allergies and sensitivities, please refrain from choosing heavily scented flowers and plants. Hydrangeas, azaleas, tulips, and daffodils are examples of good choices. If you want the flowers to be in memory of someone, send that information to Jenny by Wednesday, March 23 for

inclusion in the bulletin. Please deliver the flowers to the Narthex table by 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 26.

**CREATE A TITLE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD'S NEWSLETTER!** The Good Shepherd Newsletter needs a title! Congregation members are invited to submit proposals for titles to the church office via email, mail, or dropped off by Wednesday, March 23. After that deadline, the Executive Committee (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and Pastor Amy), will select a title from among those submitted. More than one title can be submitted by an individual. A prize will be awarded to the winner. Let the brainstorming begin!

**COFFEE CUP DONATIONS** - Aase Haugen Senior Services is asking for your extra coffee mugs to replace the use of Styrofoam cups at weekly events used by residents, visitors and friends. Please drop off the cups in the Fellowship Hall next time you visit. Thank you for your generous support of this "Green" coffee cup project.

**HELP WITH LAWN MOWING** - Looking to add volunteers to help with mowing this season. If you have not been on the mowing list and are willing to help, email Marty Steele at [feldesteele@msn.com](mailto:feldesteele@msn.com) before March 27.

**CAMP EWALU BUDGET DEFICIT** – Camp Ewalu is facing an \$80,000 gap between expected income and expenses. Most of this budget deficit is due to high medical benefit costs; which have tripled over the last four years. Along with this increase in expenses, they are also facing the challenges of deceased camper members over the last three years. In addition, this past year's Christmas appeal was not as successful as in previous years. Please consider a major gift at this time.



