

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, cross 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 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.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP - The next five Wednesdays in Lent, March 8 - April 5, we will worship at 5:30pm. Our theme is: 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. Pick up your free Lenten devotional based on the Small Catechism that will accompany our Lenten worship.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - March 8 - April 5 we will share in a Simple Soup Supper following worship. Please sign up to bring food, help set up and/or clean up. The signup sheets are on the Narthex Table (outside the sanctuary). Sue Blair will offer Puppet Ministry for children while their parents are in line for the soup suppers. Meet in the Sunday School room.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT - 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 caring for God's creation and will be divided among the Good Shepherd Reformation Grove and Lutherans Restoring Creation. Donation collection begins this Sunday.

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's memo line to support these causes.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS - USHERS: Jeri & Reg Laursen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Megan Buckingham; COMMUNION SERVER: Jane Jakoubek; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; ALTAR GUILD: Chris Hick, Bob Larson, Linda Wolfs; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Pastors Amy Larson and Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Brooke Joyce, Music Director



Ash Wednesday Worship

March 1, 2017

7:00 p.m.

The Season of Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

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.

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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

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG** #154 Kyrie (sing twice)

***GREETING:** God be with you. And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:4b-7, 3:19, 28:13-14

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

PSALM 51:1-17

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

SECOND READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Return to the | Lord, your God,
who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in | steadfast love.

***GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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:** #600 Out of the Depths | Cry to You

INVITATION TO LENT: P. 252

CONFession OF SIN: P. 252-3

IMPOSITION OF ASHES: P. 254: Hymns #701 Once We Sang and Danced, #606 Our Father, We Have Wandered

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY "Inter Vestibulum" - Cristóbal de Morales

***OFFERING SONG:** #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

***OFFERING PRAYER**

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

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

COMMUNION SONGS: P. 112 Lamb of God, #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling,
#325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

***TABLE BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN:** #811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

***PRAYER BELL**

***ASH WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL:** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness ...
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Vocavi amicos meos" - Morales

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