

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS - USHERS: Ed & Joyce Epperly; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jonathon Struve; PREACHER: Rev. Steve Zittergruen; PRESIDER: Rev. Amy Larson; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce.

ARE YOU ON THE QUARTER TWO MINISTRY TEAM? Please check the bulletin board to make sure you have signed up to serve at least twice in April, May, or June. Together, we all provide this service to each other.

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 soup supper 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!**

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. Our nursery is available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags also are available there. **Sue Blair will provide a puppet ministry for children tonight in the north side Sunday School room as their parents wait in line for supper.**

PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family: Shirley Casebere, Drew Duffy, Louise Duwe, Ed Kaschins, Diane Kvamme, KJ 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), 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.

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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 ...

Psalm 100:3

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



Lenten Midweek Worship
March 29, 2017

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.

WEEK FOUR: BAPTISM

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 MUSIC: "Audierunt quia ingemisco"- Cristóbal de Morales

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** #454 Remember and Rejoice

***OPENING DIALOGUE**

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The name in which we baptize.

What is baptism?

It is water used according to God's command and connected with God's word.

What gifts does baptism grant?

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

How can water do such great things?

The water does not do this alone, but the word of God with and alongside of the water, and faith.

This is a grace-filled water of life.

A bath of new birth in the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: Romans 6:3-10

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

REFLECTION

***HYMN:** #453 Baptized and Set Free

OFFERTORY: "Prayer - Hugo Wolf/Eduard Mörike
Lord, send what You will,

love or sorrow;

I am content that both
spring from Your hands.

But may you wish with neither joy
nor sorrow

to overwhelm me!

For in the middle

lies modest contentment.

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

***PRAYER:** based on Martin Luther's Evening Prayer

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

***BLESSING:** God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless and keep you this night and always.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG:** #543 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

***PRAYER BELL**

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Jerusalem convertere ad dominum" - Morales

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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 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! Thanks to Harley Refsal for repurposing his tree for the project! **Donations to the Sunday School Project to date : \$878.51**

THANKS TO PASTOR ZITTERGRUEN for sharing the word tonight.

THANKS TO JONATHAN STRUVE for singing for us this afternoon.

