

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

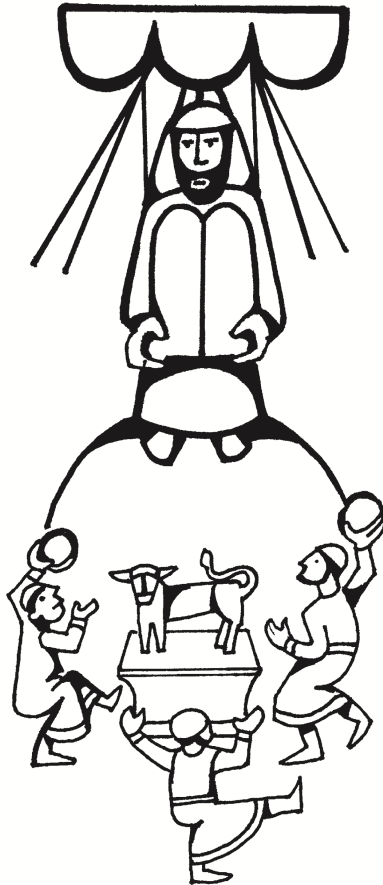
... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3

Pastor Amy Larson

Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Brooke Joyce, Music Director



Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able; Congregation responses are
Page numbers (P.) found in front of red book in pew; hymn nu

GATHERING

GATHERING "Andante Sostenuto" - Franz Schubert

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Let us return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and
with God and neighbor. *Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess t
from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, negle
your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in
sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.** Behold, now is the acceptc
day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all
you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: #652 Built on a Rock vs. 1,3,4 (face the cross**

***GREETING - KYRIE: P. 138-139**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

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

PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to
world,**

where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
it again;**

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the sim

8The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

9The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

10More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

11By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

12Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

13Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable |
your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



***GOSPEL:** John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** #705 God of Grace and God of Glory

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** Each petition ends ... God of mercy

***PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you**
Please feel free to avoid hand contact especially during the flu season. Please
may need to avoid hand contact for health reasons.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Qui tollis peccata mundi" (who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us) - Antonio Vivaldi

***OFFERING SONG**

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



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***OFFERING PRAYER - COMMUNION LITURGY:** P. 144

*At the end of the Thanksgiving at the Table, we join together in prayer and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** Come, Holy Spirit ... Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit** to us in the breaking of the bread ... Send us forth, burning with just **Come, Holy Spirit ...***

***LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 145 *Our Father in heaven ... (the ecumenical prayer)*

WELCOME TO COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you to the communion line which forms at the back of the sanctuary and moves up to the altar rail. Kneel there as you are able as space is available. 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 for reflection.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: P.146 Lamb of God, #773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
#793 Be Thou My Vision

TABLE BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG:** #328 Restore in Us, O God

***PRAYER BELL - DISMISSAL:** Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Gavotte" - J. S. Bach

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Megan Buckingham; Dave Judisch; GREETER: Gail Judisch; ACOLYTE: Oliver & Adeline Bollinger; ASSISTANT MINISTER: Ruth Bruce; READER: Harland Nelson; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; COMMUNION SERVER: Matt Tapscott; ALTAR GUILD: Carrie Solberg, Judy Schoel, Kim Kavan; FELLOWSHIP: Kathy & Jim Buzza, Jerry Bruce, Marilyn Rue, Kate Narveson; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER: Amy Larson; PRESIDERS: Amy Larson, Marion Pruitt-Jefferson.

ADULT FORUM TODAY - "Immigration: Got Questions? We've Got Answers."

Melissa O'Rourke, an attorney who is part of the NEI Peace and Justice Center Immigration Working Group, will present information on the legal aspects of the immigration process, such as: Who can apply, how long is the process, what is meant by "chain migration", what is DACA and what are its implications. Melissa, along with Lyle Otte and Marty Steele, will answer questions and provide information important to those who are advocates and allies for immigrants. Marty will provide brief information on AMMPARO activities.

AMMPARO is: Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. "P" is for PROTECTION – Children and youth who arrive in this country seeking refuge need protection from the Department of Homeland Security's inhumane practice of separating families. In recent months, this practice has been increasing. Lutheran Immigration and

Refugee Service has documented 53 such cases just since this past summer. Separation scenario goes like this: A mother arrives at the border with her child. The border patrol takes them into custody, placing the mother into an ICE facility away from the child and placing her in a different detention center, sometimes away from the child. There are no limits to how long such separations can last, and neither parent is given any indication of what the future may hold for them. To read more about a mother and child from a Feb. 27th story from National Public Radio go to Department of Homeland Security Family Separation. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has a much more detailed description of the practice of Family Separation. click on Children's Issues to read the 2017 report: [Betraying Family Value Policy at the United States Border is Separating Families.](#)

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, March 4 – Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. - Choir Warm-up

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion – Broadcast 11:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Youth Forum

10:50 a.m. - Adult Forum - "Immigration: Got Questions? We've Got Answers"

Tuesday, March 5

9:30 a.m. - Mary Circle - Marilyn Anderson hosts

Wednesday, March 7

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

12:15 p.m. - Lenten Recital - Craig Hultgren, cello

5:00 p.m. - **Midweek Lenten Service** - Soup Supper following

6:45 p.m. - Handbell Practice

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

8:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

Thursday, March 8

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Pastor Amy – Narthex

12:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee, Preus Library

1:30 p.m. - Property & Management Committee

7:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee

Friday, March 9

1:30 p.m. - Education Committee

Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. - Handbell Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion - 11:00 a.m. Broadcast

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Youth Forum

10:50 a.m. - Adult Forum - Midwest Encounters Middle East - Mark

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP – Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, at 5:30 p.m. The theme is “The Stories We Tell.” Listen to key stories of resurrection and hope offered in creative ways and let the stories help you to pray. The services last about 30 minutes; soup follows worship. The signup lists for providing food and serving each Wednesday are available on the Narthex Table. This is a shared congregational ministry; please plan to help out.

MARCH 7 LENTEN RECITAL, 12:15 p.m., GS Sanctuary - Craig Hultgren is a professional cellist who moved to Decorah in 2015. He is an advocate for newly created music with nearly 300 works written for him. He will perform the G Major Suite by Johann Sebastian Bach, “Quiet Music” by Andrew Rindfleisch and one of his own improvisations to be accompanied on organ by Brooke Joyce. Attendees are welcome to bring lunches; and light dessert will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the performance.

MARCH 7 WEDNESDAY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP - USHER: Kathryn Thompson; GREETER: Sara Hanssen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jonathon Struve; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PRESIDER: Amy Larson

MARCH 11 WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Jim Fritz, Erik Berg; GREETER: Anna Norris; ACOLYTE: Maggie Norris; ASSISTING MINISTER & READER: Kate Narveson; CANTOR: Dennis Barnaal; COMMUNION SERVER: Don Berg; ALTAR GUILD: Carrie Solberg, Judy Schoel, Kim Kavan; FELLOWSHIP: Dianne Kruse, Liz Fritz, Sharon Drew, Wanda Deifelt, Germano Streese; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER: Amy Larson; PRESIDERS: Amy Larson & Marion Pruitt-Jefferson.

ADULT FORUM NEXT WEEK - Midwest Encounters Middle East - Mark & Lois Finanger will reflect on their 28 years of living and working in Saudi Arabia. The Finangers will emphasize the unique challenges of navigating the Saudi culture, past and present.

THE MOWING SEASON IS COMING! We need volunteers for mowing this year. The season begins on April 9 and runs for 28 weeks. We are asking to mow with a three person team three times per summer. Please see Bob Naslund following worship today if you have questions. Next week, “Bob’s Clipboard” will be available outside the church office. He will be arranging the final schedule but is not available in March to contact. Thanks to all whom thank God in this manner for the wonderful property we have been blessed with!

MISSION ASSISTANCE FUND DONATIONS NEEDED - Our Mission Assistance Fund is low on funds due to a number of requests recently. Please consider making a donation to the fund by placing cash or checks in the basket on the Fellowship Hall serving table.

HAVE EASTER DINNER AT GOOD SHEPHERD! Do you need a place to go to eat on Easter Sunday? WELCA would like to invite you to a potluck dinner on Easter Sunday, April 1st at noon in the Fellowship Hall of Good Shepherd. Bring a dish to pass. **Please RSVP** to Ann Naslund 563- 380-3486 or Bev Sheridan at 382-9025.

PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family: Kirk Johnson, Christy Vrtis, I Parker, Sharon Rendack, Louise Duwe, George and Martha Lowe, I happens Nelson and family, Anthony Ruiz, all residents and staff at Star, and Wellington Place, and our seminarians. Relatives and Friends: mother of K J Rebarcak), Alisa Leonard (friend of the Holland Family), Louise Duwe), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), Bill Joyce), Doris Buresh (mother of Tom Buresh), Phyllis Grainger (mother of Jiggs Sersland (friend of Judy Schoel), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH. exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the traditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and c persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. Guests are sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews. Guests, you’re information cards about Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd members: and conversation following worship in our Fellowship Hall (down the

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the ord

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being for congregation is glad to share in this work. A nursery is also available parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well. **All grade, including children who are guests today, are welcome to from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.** Listen for the bell during Fellowship Hour Sunday School. Parents, please sign your kids in and out. **All youth are invited to the Youth Forum from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.**

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