March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 am Fourth Sunday of Lent

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by Anna Patterso**n** 

# Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you here

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number. Thank you.

> Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

# -ORDER OF WORSHIP -ELW SETTING 10

**PRELUDE** 

(A time for prayer and reflection)

**Tena Rackow** 

# **Announcements & Community Concerns**

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Please stand*)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

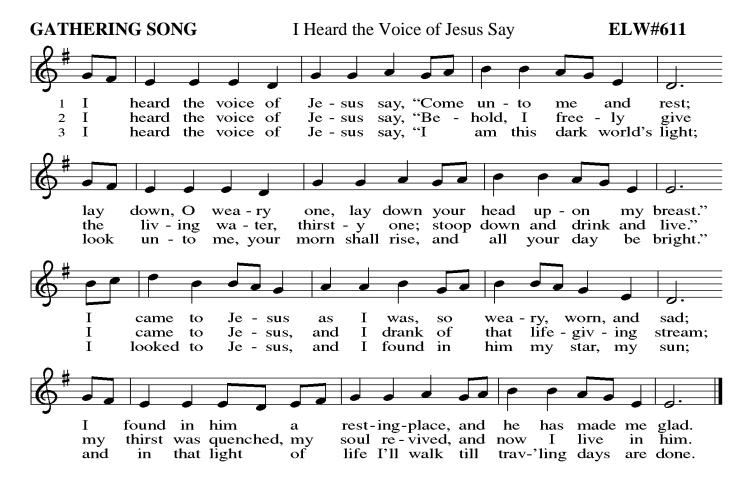
P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Merciful God,

C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth.
Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.
Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

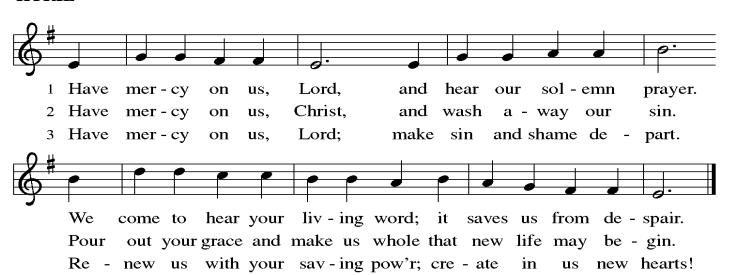
C: Amen.



# **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.** 

#### **KYRIE**



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

First Communion Class

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from 1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." 8Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) ELW#23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

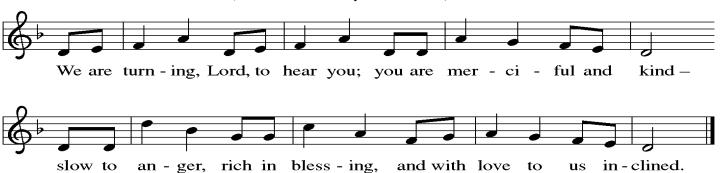
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as you are able)

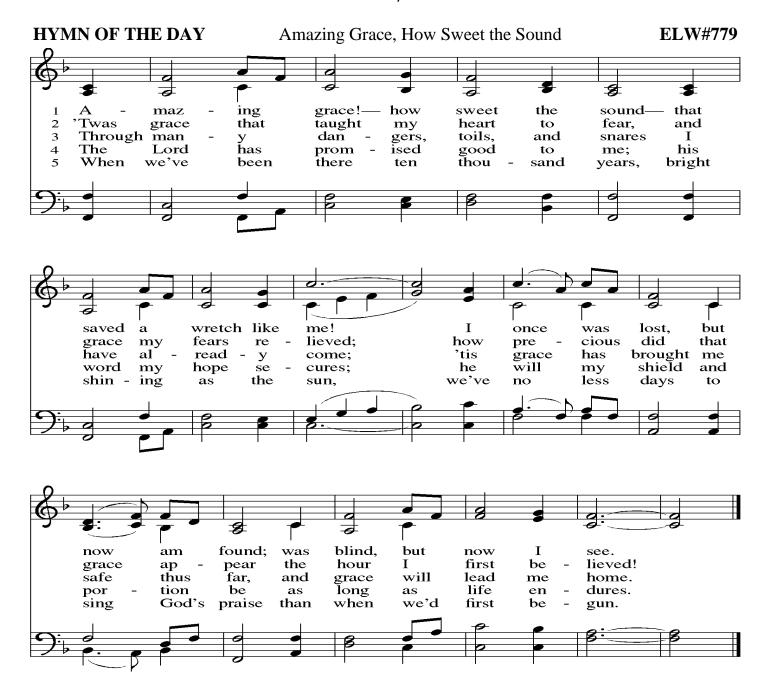


THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 9:1-41**C: Glory to you, O Lord**. *Please be seated* 

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and

that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." <sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." P: The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Pastor Miho Yasukawa



# APOSTLES CREED' Please Stand

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need. *A brief silence* 

WA: God of the ages, you invite us to the table to share the holy meal. We especially rejoice with our First Communion children, Jared, Jacob, Lucas, Sarah, Nakoah, Shayleigh, Khayne, and their family. Unite us in one body in Christ. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: You shed light on your creation. Let the changing of the seasons bring forth growth and new life from what was dormant and fallow. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Shine your light on the people of every nation. Reveal your reconciling love in places where fear and conflict thrive. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

WA: God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusing times, bring healing to those in painful times, bring peace to those in trying times. We pray especially for Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Kelsey Albrecht, Gladys Staderman, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron. Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman, Connie, Tom, Millie Anderson. Strengthen and encourage Fern Harnish and Steve Fahr. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Restore, renew, and enliven the ministry and work of this congregation. Help us to see your purpose clearly. Hear us O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

WA: We remember and give thanks for those who have joined you in eternal light. Let their lives of faith shine in our hearts and guide our paths. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.** 

# **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

# **OFFERING**

"The Shepherd's Psalm"

**Choir Anthem** 

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

Please stand

**Offering Prayer** (after acolyte presents offering at altar)

A: Let us pray, C: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

.....With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



.....O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



# **COMMUNION SONG** (sung by all) Lamb of God



#### **COMMUNION SONG**

Jesus Loves Me

ELW#595

# **TABLE BLESSING:**

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.** 

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.** 

**BLESSING** P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ‡ peace. **C: Amen.** 

# SENDING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

**ELW#768** 

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;

for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

V1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r

to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness thy face to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

V2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

V3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

I am blind without thy light to see.

Lord, just always let me thy servant be.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

# **DISMISSAL** (from the back)

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE Tena Rackow

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# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>Pastor</u>: Pastor Miho Yasukawa <u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u> Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

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Sound System: Troy Doubler

<u>Greeters:</u> Jay and Michelle Andrews, Darlene Aurand <u>Ushers:</u> Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Jerry and Beth Martin

# THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD March 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

Today	Worship Service – First Communion Sunday-Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Lenten Lunch at St. Joseph Catholic	12:00 pm
	Lent Dinner – Council	5:30 pm
	Lent Service	6:30 pm
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	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance March 19 was 64

Total Offering 3/19/2017 \$2,086.45 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,511.71

# First Communion Service today!

Join with us today as we celebrate God's work in the lives of Jared Runkle, Jacob Runkle, Lucas Fye, Sarah Geiseman, Nakoah Cornwell, Shayleigh Albright, Khayne Albright as they celebrate their First Communion.

#### **Mid-week Lenten Evening Services**

This year's theme is Luther's Small Catechism, and our youth will lead the service. Wednesday evening will begin with a light supper prepared by Council at 5:30pm followed by worship at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join.

# **Reformation Bookstore at Good Shepherd:**

During March, Good Shepherd is hosting the Reformation Bookstore. All the books are 50% off and shipping is free. We will display sample copies of some of the books in the Fellowship Hall, and you can fill out order forms there. Payments will be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will collect orders until March 31.

Books will come in April. Please check it out!

# The Thankful Quilt

During lent the youth and the congregation will be participating in creating a THANKFUL QUILT There will be cloth squares and fabric paints at the church entrances for thoughts of thankfulness to be placed upon the squares. (Thankful for parents) (Thankful to be able to worship) to give as examples. The squares can be taken home to do and then brought back and placed in the offering plate or in the bulletin baskets.

The squares will be placed on a poster to start with as a hanging from the banister above the East entrance steps.

Later these squares will be sown to form a quilt that will be displayed from that banister.

\*\* Everyone is encouraged to participate. All have something to be thankful for.

# **NISWO-WELCA 2017 Spring Retreat**

"Making a Difference – Leaving a Legacy" is Saturday. April 22, 2017 at LOMC, in Oregon. IL. Registration and Coffee from 8:15-9:00am. Cost is \$35.00/person, which includes morning coffee, lunch, snacks and materials (please bring a Bible). Registration Deadline is March 20, 2017. Look for information flyer.

Registration and Scholarship forms on bulletin board.

#### **FAVORITE HYMNS**

As the winter is ending and spring is near, it is also time to think of your favorite hymns for the summer months. Please fill out the form starting April 2. Think of your favorite hymn and write down the title and if possible the hymnal and page number so it can be found. We are limiting everyone to their three most favorite hymns. Please turn your hymns in by May 7 so that they may be organized and put into the hymn schedule starting in June this year.

#### **EMAIL**

As the church has changed our Telephone and Internet carrier to Mediacom we now have a new email address in addition to our outlook email. Our new email address is: <a href="mailto:goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net">goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net</a>
Pastor Miho's new email is Pastor Miho new email: <a href="mailto:gslpastor@mediacombb.net">gslpastor@mediacombb.net</a>

# 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Willie Kayser

Please help Willie celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at an open house on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Your presence is most welcomed.

Please no gifts
Hosted by the family of Willie Kayser