
February 23, 2020 at 9:30 am

Transfiguration Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

*Liturgy for the season of Epiphany is God Give Us Life.
Today we sing it all.*

WELCOME

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Tena Rackow

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

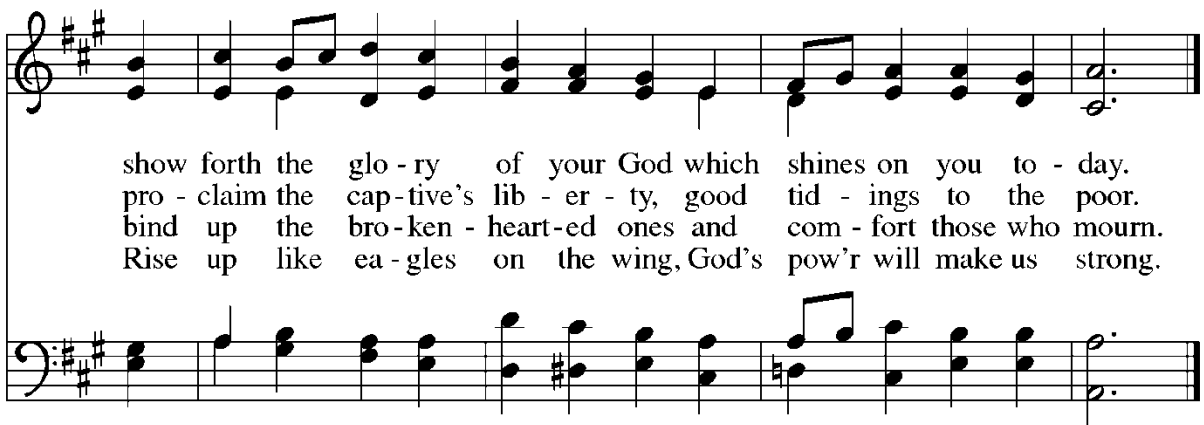
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

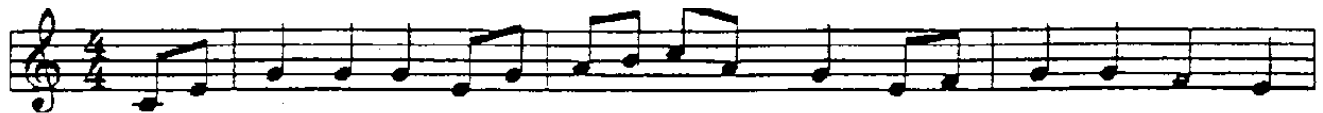


1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

INVOCATION



(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world, In the name of Christ the




Son, In the name of the Ho - ly Spir - it (C) A - men, A - men.

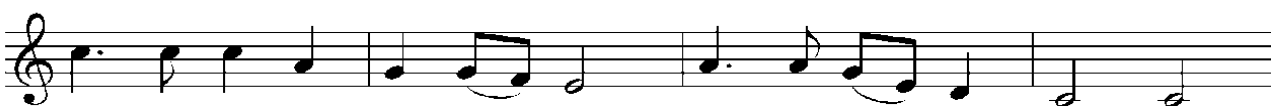


GATHERING SONG


Refrain




Make a joy - ful noise to the Lord, en - ter in with sing - ing.



Join the fes - ti - val of love, al - le - lu - ias ring - ing!




Born of the wa - ter we re - call death de - feat - ed, life for all.




In the bod - y of the ris - en Son wel - come ev - 'ry - one. *Refrain*

KYRIE:


(Assisting Minister: regular print, C: Bold)




Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: **God of love, have mer - cy.**




For the peace from a - bove, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**




For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the




u - ni - ty of all peo - ple, pray to our God:




God of love, have mer - cy. God of love, have mer - cy.



For the peo - ple of God, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious God. **A - men**

SONG OF PRAISE

“GLORY TO GOD”

(Refrain)

(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!

(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry, glo - ry,

Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love. (Fine)

(Verses)

(L) 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength and
 (L) 2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and praise: be to

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's. (To Refrain)
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for ev - er and ev - er. (To Refrain)

SALUTATION

(L) May God be with you. (C) And with you, too.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

L: A reading from Exodus.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 99 (*Read responsively.*)

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From the full - ness of God have we
all re - ceived: grace up - on grace, peace up - on peace.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "**This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!**" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "**Get up and do not be afraid.**" ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "**Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.**"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "OH, WONDEROUS IMAGE, VISION FAIR" ELW#316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

THE PRAYERS

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

WA: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

WA: Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Awesome God, you speak and the earth trembles. You display your majesty in the mountains and your mystery in the clouds. Grant that we discover your magnificence in all of your created world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Caring God, you are a refuge for all who are neglected and abused. Bring freedom to those who are oppressed and give comfort to those experiencing pain of any kind. We especially lift our friends and family members in our prayer: **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Mary Schick, Kyle, Dave Lartz, and Brian Gobeli.** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish.** Pray for peace, love, comfort and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Mary Albright. Comfort them in their grief. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Gracious God, you are the light and our salvation. We ask your protection for snowbirds and those who are traveling. Provide them plenty of sunshine and much needed rest. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Everlasting God, you offer eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the witness of those who lived and died in the faith. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us.

Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

CHOIR ANTHEM**"IN A LOWLY MANGER BORN"**

OFFERING SONG

The following hymn is sung during the presentation of gifts:



Come, bring them to the ta - ble— bring the gifts of bread and
 wine, the hopes and dreams of all the peo-ple, the
 of - f'ring of our lives, the of - f'ring of our lives.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. **C:** God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS**

P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.

C: We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world
 We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.

P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

C: Amen.

P: In the night which he was betrayed,..... Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

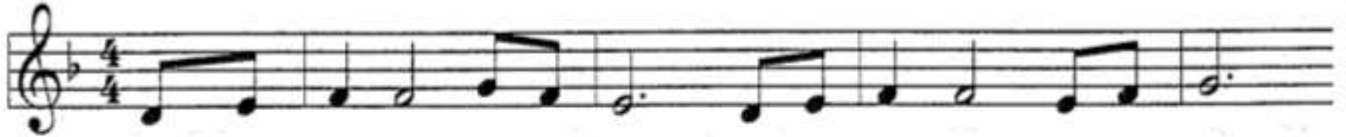
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

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 (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 and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION SONG

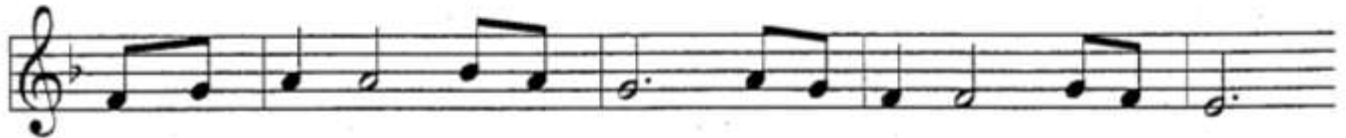
“CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL”



1 Christ, have mer-cy on us all. Keep us stead-fast e'er we fall.
 2 God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wis-dom, give us peace.
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe a-gain. Light the dark-ness, be our friend.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



4 Bake a great loaf; give it time; choose the best grapes from the vine.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



COMMUNION SONG

"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"

ELW #838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “NOW THE BODY BROKEN”

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first two staves correspond to the first line of lyrics, and the next two staves correspond to the second line. The final two staves correspond to the third line of lyrics.

1 Now the bod - y bro - ken; now the blood is shed;
 now the eyes are o - pen to the liv - ing Bread;
 Bread of life, Bread of hope, Bread of peace.

2 Now with wills u - nit - ed, now with o - pen hands,
 now with hearts de - light - ed hear our God's com - mand:
 "Share the life, share the hope; share the life, share the
 hope; share the life, share the hope, share the peace."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**BLESSING**

P: May Christ, the source of our life, love us dearly, keep us in his peace, and accompany us in our journeys, And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"SHINE, JESUS, SHINE"

ELW#671

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSIAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa
Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow
Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

<p>Lector: Beth Martin Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle Acolyte: Jared Runkle Greeters: Bill and Jean Engel Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher Ushers: Jerry and Beth Martin Jim Swain, Andrew Martin</p>	<p>Communion Set-up: Vivian Hesselbacher Communion Assistant: Michelle Andrews and Denny Luke Communion Ushers: Donna Gullickson and Krista Keene Sound System: Troy Doubler and open Elevator Operator: Troy Keene</p>
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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

February 23rd through March 1st, 2020

Today:	Worship Service – Transfiguration Sunday	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	12:00pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Lenten Luncheon at Lena United Methodist Church	12:00pm
	Ash Wednesday Service, Lena United Methodist Church	1:00pm
	Ash Wednesday Service, Good Shepherd	7:00pm
Next Sunday:	Worship Service-First Sunday of Lent	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Confirmation Class	11:00am
	Chime Practice	12:00pm

Attendance: February 16th - 53

Total Offering 02/16/2020 - \$1563.00 amount needed; \$2638.14



Go and Cheer!

We are your “grandparents
February 13th -March 4th Art Exhibit @ Highland.

Today, Highland Chamber Music Concert @ Highland, 3pm

The Highland Concert Band and Orchestra will play chamber music in the form of percussion ensembles, string quartets, and flute, clarinet, wood wind, and brass choirs. The repertoire will include music of the masters. This is a free event, no tickets required.

If your games, concerts, plays, etc. are coming up, please share with the church office.

Lenten Devotion Book—Wondrous Love

Wondrous Love provides a devotion for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of Matthew. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the Matthew texts with quotations to ponder, reflect, and prayer. (p3 *Wondrous Love*)

Both regular print and large prints are available at the rack.

This Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday worship service includes confession of our sin in a litany of repentance, imposition of ashes, and communion. You are welcome to join this year's Ash Wednesday joint service with Lena UMC. Afternoon service will be at 1pm at Lena UMC, and evening service will be at 7pm at Good Shepherd. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunch Schedule

Theme: Picture of Bread

February 26 at Lena UMC hosted by Lena UMC/ McConnell UMC

March 4 at Good Shepherd

March 11 at E-Free

March 18 at Synergy hosted by Synergy/ Beloved

March 25 at St. John's

April 1 at St. Joseph

April 8 at Lena UMC hosted by Salem UCC.

Lunch starts at noon followed by short devotion. Free will offering will be accepted.

Derinda Trinity Lutheran Church Chili/Filled Noodle Supper

Come celebrate heritage and fellowship with the handmade filled noodles and homemade chili, salads, and fresh baked desserts that will be at Trinity's annual Chili and Filled Noodle Supper. Come dine in or pick up from 4-7 pm on Sunday evening, March 1st at Trinity Lutheran Church, 8393 Derinda Road, Elizabeth, IL. Adults \$8; children 5-12 \$6; children under 5 eat free! There will be fun for all ages with the snack/cake walk as well! We hope to see you then!

Christ Lutheran Church, Chili/Filled Noodle Supper

Christ Lutheran WELCA of 600 South Main Street, Stockton will host its annual Chili/Beef Noodle Supper on Monday, March 9th from 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join in the meal which includes; soup, sandwich, veggie cup, dessert and beverage. Carry-outs are available. Proceeds will benefit a youth trip to Minneapolis and Mark Kruse and his family. Mark is undergoing cancer treatments. For additional information please call 815-275-0303 or visit their website at christlutheranstockton.com.

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$12.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the flower envelopes provided in the pews.

Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office.

*Orders must be in by **March 15th**. Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.*