

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 9:30 am

First Sunday of Lent

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome  
and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

**WELCOME!** We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

**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** Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Marybeth Brinker
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Kayla Runkle	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Wayne Kurth
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Jean Wenzel	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Sheridah and Marybeth Brinker
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Donna Gullickson		
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Willie Kayser		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, Lee Wenzel, Andrew Martin		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Beth Martin, Eugene Hesselbacher		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**February 22<sup>nd</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

Today	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children's message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	-First Communion Class, following Sunday School Opening	
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Discipleship Bible Study	11:00
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Life Line Screening	
Wednesday	Lenten Lunch at Good Shepherd	12:00
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm- 5:00 pm
	<b>Lenten Dinner</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
	<b>Lenten Worship Service with Drama and Holden Evening Prayer</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	Confirmation Mentors	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men's Group	4:30 pm
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Worship Attendance February 15 - 56

Total Offering for February 15, 2015: \$860.25

Amount needed per week to meet budget: \$2716.43

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**Request for Prayer List:** Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793
**Good Shepherd Prayer List**

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *especially Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Larry Pals, Francis Daul, Donna Euler, Terry Hudik, Terry Olstad and Larry and homebound members Gladys Staterman and Dorothy Weimer.*

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –

***ELW SETTING 3***

**PRELUDE** (*A time for prayer and reflection*)

**Announcements & Community Concerns****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Please stand*)

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. **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: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, + God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

**ELW#319**

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

**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** *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. **C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Please be seated**

The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Genesis 9:8–17

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1–10** (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#25**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** (Sing Psalm 25 from VBS and invite adults to sing)

To you, oh Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I trust oh Lord.

To you, oh Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I trust oh Lord.

Higher than the mountains, deeper than the sea,  
wider than the oceans is your love for me.

You’re with me on the mountains and in the valley below (wa-oh).

You are right here beside me everywhere that I go. (Repeat)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Peter 3:18–22

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. L: The word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Stand*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:9–15 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending

like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news." P: The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ! *Please be seated*

**SERMON**

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW#733

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove; join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

**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: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

WA Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Holy God, in baptism you wash us clean from sin and refresh us with your promise of belonging. Unite your church in proclaiming that in your family all are welcome, all are beloved, all are made whole. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: The earth thirsts for your life-giving water. We pray for desert places where there is no rain and for restoration of polluted rivers and oceans. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Flood our world with a desire for peace. Where people are oppressed, bring justice. Where there is terror, bring safety. Stir up compassion among leaders and citizens so that every person is treated with dignity, kindness, and love. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Your heart aches with those who are in pain. Tend to those who are hungry, lonely, lost, and those in any need *especially Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Larry Pals, Francis Daul, Donna Euler, Terry Hudik, Terry Olstad and Larry*. Hear their cries and spur us to respond as your hands and heart in the world. Comfort and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer*. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Bless ministers, musicians, teachers, visionaries, council members, committees, and all those who strive to lead this congregation faithfully into the future. Ground their work in scripture and prayer and fuel it with your great imagination. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

***Please be seated.***

**OFFERING**

**Karen Niemeier**

*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. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.*

## OFFERING HYMN

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW#186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERING PRAYER** *(after acolyte presents offering at altar)* **Please stand**

**A:** Let us pray. **C:** Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ 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**

## COMMUNION SONG

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BLESSING P:** The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW#505

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>a bulwark never failing;<br/>our helper frees us from the flood<br/>of mortal ills prevailing.<br/>For still our ancient foe,<br/>forsworn to work us woe,<br/>with guile and dreadful might<br/>is armed to wage the fight:<br/>on earth there is no equal.</p> <p>2 If we in our own strength confide,<br/>our striving turns to losing;<br/>the righteous one fights by our side,<br/>the one of God's own choosing.<br/>You ask who this may be:<br/>Christ Jesus, it is he,<br/>the Lord of hosts by name.<br/>No other God we claim!<br/>None else can win the battle.</p> | <p>3 Though all the world with devils fill<br/>and threaten to devour us,<br/>we tremble not, we trust God's will:<br/>they cannot overpow'r us.<br/>Though Satan rant and rage,<br/>in fiercest war engage,<br/>this tyrant's doomed to fail;<br/>God's judgement must prevail!<br/>One little word shall triumph</p> <p>4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs,<br/>shall end all their thanksgiving.<br/>The Spirit and the gifts are ours,<br/>for God with us is living.<br/>Let goods and kindred go<br/>this mortal life also;<br/>though all of these be gone,<br/>they yet have nothing won.<br/>The kingdom's our forever!</p> |
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DIMISSAL (*from the back*)

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Karen Niemeier**

**Wednesdays During Lent**

Family Friendly Wednesday nights, Light Meal and Evening Worship

Mark your calendars for February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>

Dinner Served 5:30-6:30pm

(Come as you are and come when you can. We'll serve until our service begins at 6:30)

Evening Worship: Holden Evening Prayer Lenten Service 6:30-7:00pm

(Service with music, prayer, & special Lenten Drama, "The People Vs. Jesus)

Lenten Mentors and Confirmation Students Meet: 7-7:30

**Ecumenical Lenten Lunches February 25<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd**

Join the people from the community and local churches for a meal and Lenten reflection with Pastor Miranda over your lunch hour.

**First Communion Classes**

First Communion Classes will be held today

following Sunday School Opening 11am to 11:45 am.

First Communion Sunday will be March 1<sup>st</sup> during the 9:30am service.

**Monroe Clinic Grief Group Series: 2015 February Grief Group**

Heal grief and education group offers sessions open to anyone 18 yrs and older who have experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supporting setting. When: Wednesday mornings (2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) from 9:00am to 10:30am at the Camilus Center 2101 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information please call Monroe Clinic Hospice office at (608) 324-1230.

Also registration can be done online at [www.monroeclinic.org](http://www.monroeclinic.org).

There is no charge for Heal grief Group and it is open to the public