

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***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>	Wayne Kurth
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Kayla Runkle	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Colton Brinker
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Taylor Bastian	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Jeremy and Cara Schriener
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Wayne Kurth		
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlacter		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Paul and Shirley fox, Neal and Cyndy Shumaker, Lee Wenzel		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jeremy and Cara Schriener, Bob and Sharon Schlachter		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Eugene Hesselbacher, Beth Martin		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 thru March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

Today	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	9:30 am
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children's message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice and Discipleship Bible Study	11:00 am
	Super Sunday Family Skate Day	1:00-3:30 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miranda leads devotions at Friendship Center	1:30 pm
Wednesday	Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Ecumenical Lenten Lunch at St. John's LCMS	12:00 pm
	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	7:15 pm-7:45 pm
Saturday	WELCA Spring Assembly at Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand, IL	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
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Worship Attendance March 8 - 79

Total Offering for March 8, 2015: \$3188.00

Amount needed per week to meet budget: \$2656.90

**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 Lois Paulsen, Betty Koehn, Verl Price, Ellen Kyles, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Lynn Meyers, Brenda's family, and homebound members Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner*

**TODAY WE BAPTIZE** Logan **Andrew Fahr**. Logan is the son of Andrew Paul and Sherry Juanita Fahr. Logan's Grandparents are Paul and Beth Fahr, and his Great Grandmother is Marion Fahr. Baptism sponsors for Logan are Marion Fahr and Nate and Marci Schwartz.

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –**ELW SETTING 3****PRELUDE****“What Wondrous Love is this”****CHIMES****Announcements & Community Concerns****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*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 SONGS

### Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high.  
 Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
 I'm so glad you're in my life,  
 I'm so glad you came to save us.  
 You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
 from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
 from the cross to the grave,  
 from the grave to the sky;  
 Lord, I lift your name on high. (repeat)  
 Lord, I lift your name on high.  
 Lord, I lift your name on high.

### Amazing Love

I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken.  
 I'm accepted. You were condemned.  
 I'm alive and well. Your Spirit lives within me,  
 Because you died and rose again.  
 Amazing love! How can it be? That you my king would die for me?  
 Amazing love! I know it's true. And it's my joy to honor you.  
 In all I do, I honor you. (repeat)

You are my King. You are my King  
 Jesus, you are my king. Jesus, you are my king.  
 Amazing love! How can it be? That you my king would die for me?  
 Amazing love! I know it's true. And it's my joy to honor you.  
 In all I do, I honor you.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM for Logan Andrew Fahr:

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You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN (REPEAT)**

Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world  
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

**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: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Numbers 21:4–9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit

the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22* (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#22**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Ephesians 2:1–10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 John 3:14–21 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

<sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his

only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

<sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lift High the Cross

**ELW#660**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till

all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
2 All new-born servants of the Crucified,  
3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:

*Refrain*

our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Crucified for victory!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

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: Loving God, make your church bold proclaimers of the gospel, so that those who do not know the depth of your love in Christ will hear and believe. Encourage and strengthen the faith of Logan and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Encourage nations to work together for the sake of all people. Break down barriers that prejudice has built up, and restore the dignity of every living thing. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great**

WA: Provide respite and healing for all who suffer *especially Lois Paulsen, Betty Koehn, Verl Price, Ellen Kyles, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Lynn Meyers and Brenda's family.* Hold all people in your expansive love, and restore wholeness of body, mind, and spirit. We lift up the family and friends of Esther Bergman; comfort them in their grief with the hope of the Resurrection. Comfort and encourage *Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner.* Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Turn our hearts to praise as we are forgiven, healed, and freed from every evil that binds us. Shine your light upon us, so that nothing about our life in you is hidden. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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**

**“Mary, Don’t Weep”**

**Good Shepherd Choir**

*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 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.

## COMMUNION SONG

## Amazing Grace

ELW#779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. 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 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****You Are Mine****ELW#581**

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. To stanza 2  
 Come and rest in me. To refrain  
 all will know my name. To refrain  
 up, now walk and live! To refrain



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." To stanzas 3 and 4

4 "I

**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 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)

*Confirmation Students gather for worship and small group after: (Worship 6:30-7:15 and 7:15-7:45)*

### **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 (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

### **Super Sunday Family Skate Day Sunday Today For Youth, Children, Adults, and Friends**

Please join us for a fun family afternoon at the Monroe Roller Den on Sunday, March 15th. Bring your friends and family out for a day of roller skating. Skating will be from 1:00 to 3:30pm on March 15th. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the hallway heading downstairs. We will meet at the Roller Den in Monroe on that Sunday. Any questions, please ask Kelly Geiseman. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult they know. We hope to see you all today! Cost: \$6.00/person

### **Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**

**Dates: August 7th to August 15th**

*We are in the process of forming our team for this year's Good Shepherd Mission Trip.*

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we did in 2013. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry. I encourage you to pray about going yourself and/or about inviting a friend to join you. Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you!

If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793. \$90 down payment due by 3/29.

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study on Daily Discipleship**

**11:00-11:45 am**

Join us this Lent as we dive deeper into our Gospel readings from Sunday morning worship and learn more about following Jesus in our day to day lives. Sunday morning topics will be:

The Path of Discipleship: Within the Light (March 15)

The Path of Discipleship: In the Footsteps (March 22)

The Path of Discipleship: Beneath the Cross (March 29)

### **It is time to order Easter Lilies**

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lilies may be picked up after 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service

### **Youth Set-up and Serve for Easter Breakfast**

All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd, we will be meeting on Saturday, April 4th at 4:00 pm to prepare for the Easter Breakfast. Also, Sunday, April 5th will meet at 7:30 am to serve the Easter Breakfast together.

### **Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> (9:30am):**

Join us for an all-congregation processional with palms during worship as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the people praised him... "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9) "Hosanna!" Jesus knows that his entry into Jerusalem will lead to his death, but he continues in order to seek and save the lost.