

January 10th 2016 at 9:30 Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
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.

THE ROSE on the altar is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birth of Kenlee Rene Price, born December 31, 2015 daughter of Adam and Dena Price. Siblings: Brother Lukas and Sister Penelope.

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<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>	Braden Diddens	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Jay Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Jean Wenzel		
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Michelle Andrews, Karen Niemeier		
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Wayne Kurth		
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Eugene Hesselbacher, Sheila Keene		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Chris Brinker		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker, Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Donna Gullickson, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker, Neal and Cynthia Shumaker		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Sue Kraft, Michelle Andrews, Karen Niemeier		

– ORDER OF WORSHIP –
ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

Announcements & Community Concerns

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of peace,

C: we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God’s pardon and peace: in the name of † Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW#305



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

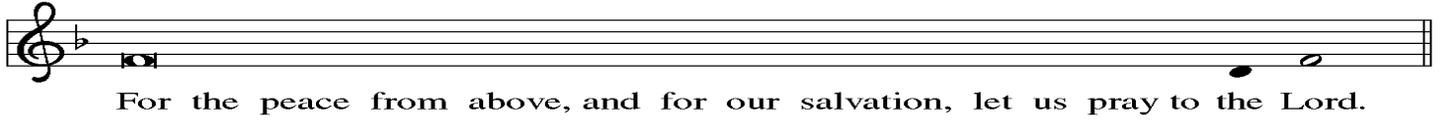
GREETING:

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**)



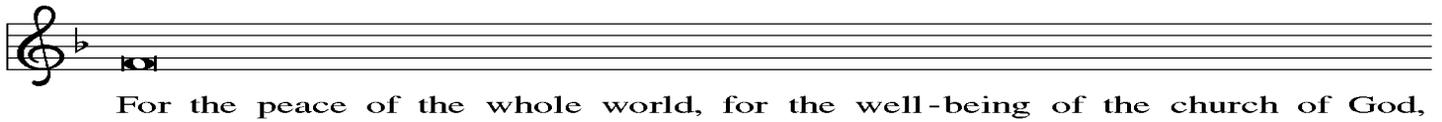
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



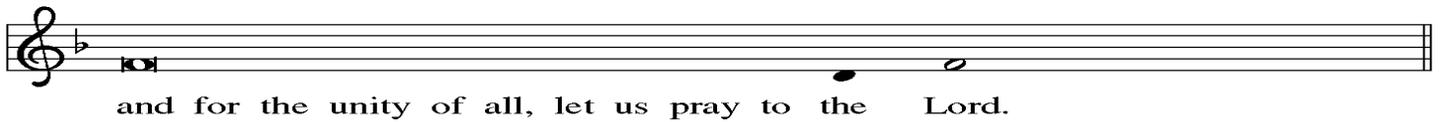
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



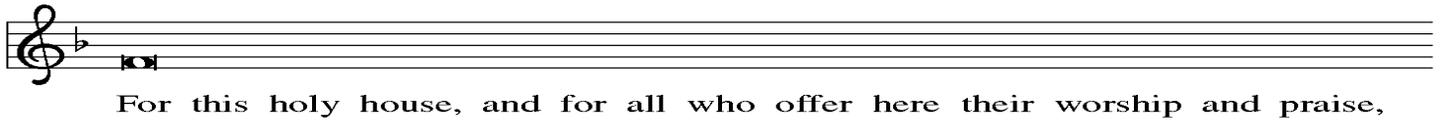
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



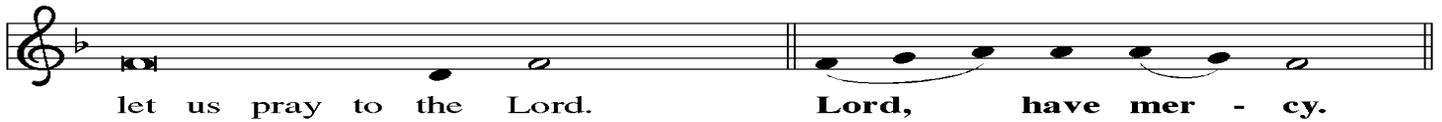
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.**

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray **C:** Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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.)

L: The 1st READING is from Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 29 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) ELW#29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

L: The 2nd READING is from Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning

John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." P: The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees

HYMN OF THE DAY

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.
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



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.
Come and rest in me.
all will know my name.
up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2
To refrain
To refrain
To refrain



Do not be a - afraid, 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

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *brief silence.*

WA: For your church on earth, that your Spirit guides your children. Unite us in our common call to live out your justice and stand with our siblings of every faith community. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For this world, which you redeemed, that the powerful in all nations foster its health and care for all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Give your people of every land the tools and strength to care for one another. Give passion to strive for justice to your people. Bless all countries with the courage to follow what is wise and good. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Lift up the poor and oppressed, ease the troubled minds and hearts of those in turmoil, and surround those who are ill with the comforts of good medicine and good friends, signs of your healing. We pray especially for *Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, and Kelly Huneke*. We lift up the family and friends of Joey Keene comfort them in their grief with love and the hope we have in Jesus Christ our Savior. Strengthen and encourage *Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen*. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

WA: Guide those preparing for baptism, their sponsors, and this assembly so that we all live into the promises made in baptism. Lead us all to scripture, the holy supper, and toward justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

WA: We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed and for the assurance of the same resurrection by our baptism into Christ's death. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **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

Tena Rackow

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.

OFFERATORY HYMN

Baptized in Water

ELW#456

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray. C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **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

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 here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). 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 wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW#154

Musical notation for the Communion Song, "Lamb of God". The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 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: Let us pray, We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Baptized and Set Free

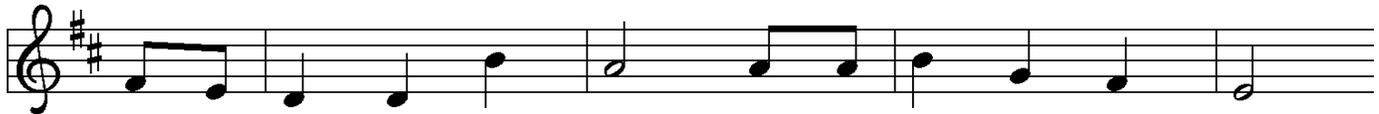
ELW#453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

DISMISSAL (*from back*)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 10th thru January 17th 2016

Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Worship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
	Learning Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45 am
	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday	Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment	12:00 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Anniversary Open House for Paul and Marilyn Hardel	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance, January 3, 2016 was 52

Offering for January 3rd, 2016: \$2,498.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,659.88

Prayer Requests

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, *Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, and Kelly Huneke and homebound members Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen.*

Please join Paul and Marilyn Hardel

As they celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary and Paul's 90th birthday, Sunday, January 17, 10:30am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Capital Campaign Information Meeting Sunday January 24th at 10:45 am

With information on Project Scope and resolutions for the Annual Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting January 31st, 2016 at 10:45 am

Capital Campaign Resolutions, Electing new Church Council members, Feedback on proposed revisions to Endowment Policy, Information on Safe Child Policy, Celebrating 2015 and planning for a new year of mission and ministry in 2016, Possible nominations for a Call Committee

The 2016 ANNUAL REPORT will be available for you to pick up at church Sunday January 24th. It will also be available at the annual meeting on January 31st. However, if you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office at 815-369-5552

WELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday

January 20, 2016 at 10:30 am at church in Fellowship Hall. We will be planning the Lenten Lunch.