
March 19th, 2017 at 9:30 am Third Sunday of Lent
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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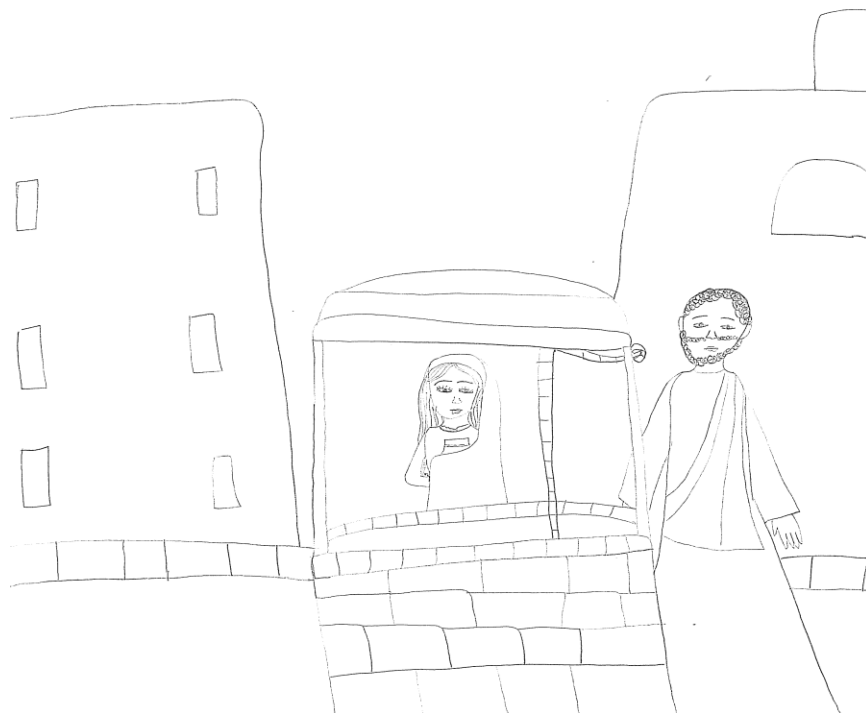
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***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
We are delighted to have you here***

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

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

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

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –
ELW SETTING 10**

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

Chimes

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand)*

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

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Merciful God,

C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

**We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.**

**We fail in love, neglect justice,
and ignore your truth.**

Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.

Create in us clean hearts

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW#618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

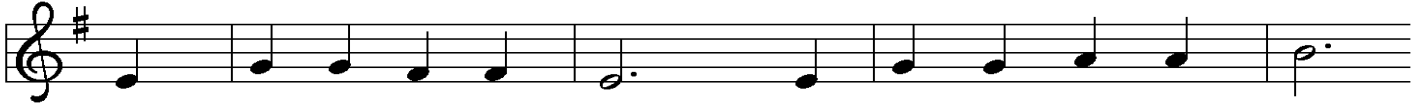
with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, **C:** Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

L: The 1st READING is from Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#95**

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸“**Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

L: The 2nd READING is from Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand as you are able*)

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 4:5-42 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Please be seated

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you

greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”
¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

As the Deer Runs to the River

ELW#331



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Refrain
 Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

APOSTLES CREED' *Please Stand*

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

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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

WA: O God, let your church on earth, justified and reconciled through Jesus Christ, be bold in its proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: In your hands are the depths of the earth and the sea which you made. Make us faithful inhabitants of this earth, caring for the waterways and their creatures. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Lead the nations of the world away from the wilderness of sin and evil, and toward the light of love and peace. Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: To those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging, give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace. *We pray especially for **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Kelsey Albrecht, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron. Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman, Connie, Tom.*** Strengthen and encourage **Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.** Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded Good Shepherd 160 years ago and we thank you for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. Lead this congregation in service to others. Embolden the faithful here with your promise and your presence. Hear us O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We give thanks for the witness and testimony of the saints who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us boast in the hope they have shared, a hope that does not disappoint us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

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.

Please stand

OFFERING SONG

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*)

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

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW#623

TABLE BLESSING:

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

C: Amen.

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

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

SENDING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

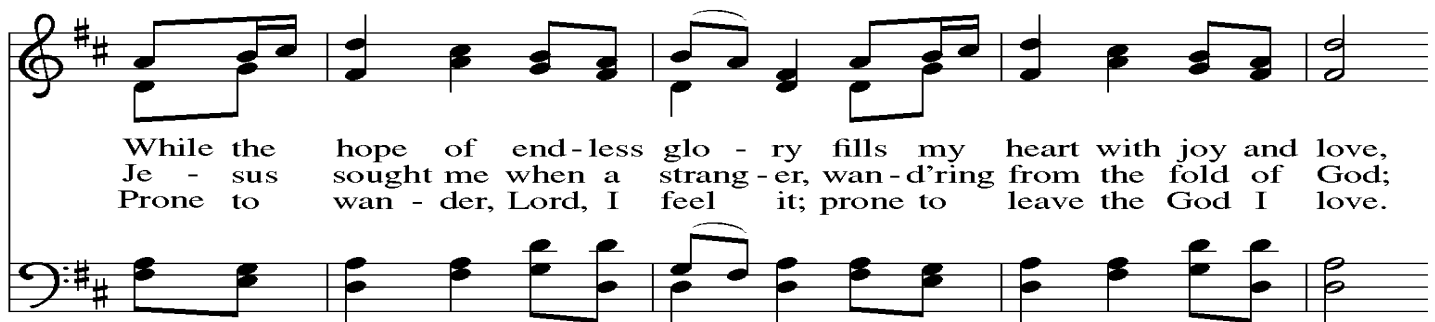
ELW#807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

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

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Karen Niemeier
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<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlachter	<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Beth Martin, Dennis Luke
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Willie Kayser		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Tena Rackow, Virgil and Joanne Martin		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Jerry and Beth Martin		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**March 19th thru March 26th 2017**

Today	Worship Service –Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	First Communion Class	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Lenten Lunch at Lena United Methodist Church	12:00 pm
	Lent Dinner – Learning Committee	5:30 pm
	Lent Service	6:30 pm
Saturday	Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry	
	Men’s Group	4:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service - Holy Communion	9:30 am
	First Communion	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance March 12 was 62

Total Offering 3/12/2017 \$1,884.65 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,509.65

Mid-week Lenten Evening Services

This year’s theme is Luther’s Small Catechism, and our youth will lead the service. Wednesday evening will begin with a light supper prepared by Learning Committee at 5:30pm followed by worship at 6:30pm.

All are welcome to join.

Reformation Bookstore at Good Shepherd:

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

Books will come in April. Please check it out!

The Thankful Quilt

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

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

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

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

NISWO-WELCA 2017 Spring Retreat

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

Registration and Scholarship forms on bulletin board.

FAVORITE HYMNS

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

EMAIL

As the church has changed our Telephone and Internet carrier to Mediacom we now have a new email address in addition to our outlook email. Our new email address is **Email: goodshepherdlc@medicombb.net**