
February 25th, 2018 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anna Patterson

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number .We are delighted to have 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 –
WOV SETTING 6**

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Krista Keene

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: In the words of a reformation hymn,
let us confess our sin before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Out of the depths I cry to you;

C: O Lord God, hear me calling.

Incline your ear to my distress

in spite of my rebelling.

Do not regard my sinful deeds.

Send me the grace my spirit needs.

Without it I am nothing. Amen.

P: In God alone, in God we hope,
and not in our own merit.

We hope as Israel in the Lord,

who sends redemption through the ✠ Word.

Praise God for grace and mercy!

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW#796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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

Lord Have Mercy (*Verses 1 & 2*)

WOV#602

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. **C:** Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” ¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:23-31(*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#22**

²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

L: The 2nd READING is from Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

C: Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 8:31-38 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sunday School Children

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW#325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

CREED (from the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism) *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

P: The Third Article: On Being Made Holy

C: 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

THE PRAYERS

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

WA: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: We pray for the church. Make us bold to proclaim your love. Give us courage to carry the cross that confronts us each day and follow Christ. We lift up our sisters and brothers in Trinity Lutheran in Durand and Prince of Peace in Freeport. Continue to strengthen church leaders, pastors, bishops, deacons, and all who minister in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the world. For flowing streams and still waters. For urban parks and wilderness reserves. For pastures and forests. Instill within us a reverence for the earth as your creation and our fragile home. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

WA: We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor our common humanity within diversity. Turn enemies into friends. Lead us away from hatred, fear, and misunderstanding. Show our hearts the way to peace and fill us with compassion. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those in need. For people whose struggles we fail to acknowledge. For those who leave their homes and families in search of safety or employment. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Verl Price, Richard Rutter, Leona Block, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Meghan, Sharon, Lucy, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye, Jamie, Sharon, Nick and Pam.* Strengthen and encourage *Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for this assembly. For those who prepare this space for worship. For ministries of fellowship and hospitality. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for all who provide care and support to those who are homebound. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith. Bring them to the fullness of their inheritance in Christ and into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

Pastor: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

Terry Hart

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 PRAYER

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 Lord

WOV#616

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

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

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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. Please dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle, and returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



LAMB OF GOD**ELW#195**

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

As the Grain of Wheat

ELW#465*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the
hill
were gathered into one to become our
bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of
earth
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our
midst,
may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you.

*Refrain***POST COMMUNION 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 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (V1 All, V2 Women, V3 Men, V4 All) ELW #802

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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

Terry Hart

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr
Lector: Dennis Luke Acolyte: Hanna Brinker Assisting Minister: Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant: Dennis Luke Communion Usher: Jerry and Beth Martin
Communion Set-up: Vivian Hesselbacher Communion Asst: Sue Diddens, Dennis Luke
Elevator Operator: Donna Gullickson Sound System: Jay Andrews, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters: Darlene Aurand, Chris and Angie Brinker
Ushers: Michelle Andrews, Jerry and Beth Martin

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

February 25th thru March 4th, 2018

Today	2nd Sunday of Lent Worship Service-Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho Text Study	2:00 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Lenten Lunch and Devotions at Lena UMC	12:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner	5:30 pm
	Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle	9:00 am
	Pastor Miho at Diakonia Class, Christ Lutheran, Stockton, IL	6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Next Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent Worship Service-Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance February 11th was 50 Total Offering 02/18/2018- \$2,034.00 Amount needed \$2,662.13

Good Shepherd Wednesday Evening Lent Services

This year’s mid-week Lenten service will be using Into the Wild: A Lenten Liturgy and Intergenerational Study on Hunger by ELCA World Hunger. We will explore wilderness in our places and hear that God walks with us in the wild. Supper starts at 5:30pm and service starts at 6:30pm. People in every age and every walks in life are welcome to join the Lenten journey.

Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 9:00 am at church in Fellowship Hall. This is “Potluck” we will not have a hostess. Rene’ Johnson is the Bible Study leader. We begin our Bible Study, “**Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations**” by Mark Allan Powell in the January/February 2018 “Gather” magazine. Session One: Washing hands with distant hearts. Bible text: Mark 7:1-9.

Updates on the Stubbs Family

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs’ family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>

Copy of the Sermon is Available

If you would like a copy of the sermon, please talk to the ushers or Pr. Miho.

Devotions for Lent Booklets

We have two Lenten devotion for this year. You Are the Way is a daily devotion which explores “I am” statements in the Gospel of John. Another one is Faces of Christ which explores Christ in global perspectives. Both are available at all entrances.

2018 Lena Lenten Lunch

Soup and sandwich lunch starts at noon followed by a short devotion,
Theme is “Seven Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John.”

Feb 28th - Lena UMC

March 7th - St. Joseph's Catholic

March 14th - Lena EV Free

March 21st - St. John's

March 28th - Salem UCC & Beloved (Hosted at Lena UMC)

“Souper Bowl of Caring”

The Youth Group of Good Shepherd would like to thank all worshippers who donated to the Souper Bowl Sunday, on Feb 4th, \$246.82 was collected. 100% of the offering goes directly to the agencies designated. 50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Win Food Pantry and 50% to the Lutheran World Relief Hunger Appeal.

Thank You!

Fellowship Hour Volunteers needed !!

To sign up for treats for Fellowship after Sunday Church Service.

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 18th.

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

Fun Fair

You are invited to come and have fun at the Fun Fair in the Pearl City High School gym (100 S. Summit St.) on Tuesday March 6th from 5:30pm-8pm. All proceeds will help youth members attending ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas this summer. See flyer on the bulletin board for details.