



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 2, 2014

9:00 a.m. Worship **Service of Word and Prayer** *Please Stand

Announcements

***Peace**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

***Gathering Song** - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy. ELW 588

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Scripture Song - Thy Word PW 183 (Printed)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near, Please be near me to the end.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lesson Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up

from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. ⁶"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Choir Anthem "Blest Are They". Adult Choir

Sermon and Children's Message

Blessing and Communion

Post Communion Prayer

The Offering

Offertory - Lord of Light ELW 688 vs 1 (printed)

Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,

Use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;

Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.

Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Prayers

Prayer Response: Let us pray... **Have mercy, O God.**

***Blessing**

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

***Sending Song** - Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer. ELW 618

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God.**

Birthdays - Feb. 2-8 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

2-Brandon Roessler 3-Sheila Malwitz 6-Kathy Goldman 7-Brian Ehlert
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3-Edwin Eytcheson 4-Linda Hagen

Annual Congregation Meeting - Postponed to Sun., Feb. 2, 2014 following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Church Social Hall. Elections, Recommendation from the Church Council to change the by law on a quorum at meetings from 80 to 65, Reports, 2014 Budget.

Wednesday Worship, 6:00-6:45 p.m. A service of Prayer, Praise, and Peace. Enjoy a home cooked meal on Wednesdays, serving from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Suggested meal donation: \$4.00/person, \$15.00 max./family.

Family Ski Outing - Sun., Feb. 23rd, at Mount Kato. Leaving Wells at 1:00 p.m. and returning by 7:00 p.m. Cost to Good Shepherd members is \$20.00/person. Sign up with your deposit of \$5.00 by Wed., Feb. 19th. Scholarships available upon request. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Beyond our Doors Three Session Bible Study in Acts



Sundays and Wednesdays following worship

Session one: February 5th and 9th. The study will address the question:
Who are we? Acts 2:1-4, 40-47.

Session two: February 12th and 16th. The study will address the question:
Why are we here? Acts 4:1-22.

Session three: February 19th and 23rd. The study will address the question:
Who is our neighbor? Acts 1:6-14.