



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

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

Epiphany 5..... **Contemporary Worship**
February 9, 2014..... **9:00 a.m.**

* Please stand

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Violin & Flute Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Song: "Send Down the Fire"**..... page 5

***Call to Worship:**

L: As the Epiphany season continues we are reminded that we are called to be a light to all the world, sharing the true light...Jesus, the Christ.

C: We gather in worship as the people of God called to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ in a joyful life of witness and service.

L: God calls us to the ministry of telling the world who Jesus is, to make God's love known to all people...to let our light shine.

C: We are called to be salt for the earth, to show mercy, to feed the hungry, to work for justice, and to help build a world of light and hope.

L: As we commit ourselves to a life of following and serving Christ, he promises that God's Spirit will guide us all the way. With that assurance let us boldly proclaim the good news as we recall the words of Jesus:

ALL: "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE ALL PEOPLE, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN!"

***Song: "We Are Called"**..... page 6

***Prayer of the Day:**

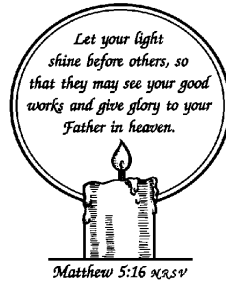
C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Confession: (sit or kneel)

C: O Lord, we confess that we have answered your call to work in your Kingdom, but have often taken our commitment lightly. We allow many things to get in the way. We neglect opportunities to do justice, to show kindness, and to share our many gifts. Open our hearts, forgive us, and guide us on our way, that we may shine with your love before others and give you the glory.

Words of assurance:

P: God, through Jesus, forgives our sin, and through his Holy Spirit empowers us to live lives of compassion. We experience the joy of lives of service as we let Christ's light shine through us! Thanks be to God!



-2-

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Lesson Isaiah 58:6-12

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Sunday School Choir

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation Song: ELW 715 "Christ, Be Our Light" vs 1

***Announcement of Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel** Matthew 5:13-20

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand--shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. "Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures--either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working. "Trivialize even the smallest item in God's Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won't know the first thing about entering the kingdom.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Song: ELW 715 "Christ, Be Our Light" vs 5

Sermon

Song: "Bring Forth the Kingdom"..... page 7

***Statement of Faith:**

C: We believe in a powerful God who created all, and continues to create. We believe in God who came to earth in human form through His Son, Jesus, to save a troubled world from sin and death and to give us the hope of eternal life. We believe that the Holy Spirit is God with us...working in and through us to make all things new. We believe that God calls each one of us to discipleship...to reach out and care, to be kind to others, to work for justice on earth, to feed the hungry, and clothe the poor. God calls each of us to publicly proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the world so that others also may know the joy of an abundant life in his Kingdom forever.

Sharing the Peace

Offering: “Hear Our Praises” (worship team). words printed on page 4

Prayers of the Church/The Lord's Prayer

***Benediction**

***Sending Song:** ELW 677 “This Little Light of Mine” vs 1, 2, 3, 1

***Dismissal:**

L: Go forth and let your light shine! Christ shines through you!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Birthdays - Feb. 9-15 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

- | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 9-Collin Foley | 10-Ron Hartman | 11-Taylor Ovrebo | 12-Elizabeth Stern |
| 9-Lynda Korman | 10-Marcus Weyhrauch | 12-Marlene Lindely | 12-Kent Stern |

2014 Congregation Officers are President-Dennis Rollenhagen, Vice-President-Ryan Crabtree and Council Secretary-Lynne Hansen.

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.

Sr. Saints - Join the Senior Saints for a heart filled program at the Broadway Apartments on Wed., Feb 19th at 11:00 a.m. Everyone 55 and older is invited to enjoy the program and fellowship with food provided by the February service group.

Beyond Our Doors Study - This February Pr. Soli will be leading a this Bible study Sunday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Session 2 - Feb. 12th & 16th. Why are we Here? Session 3 - Feb. 19th & 23rd. Who is our neighbor? The purpose of the study is to listen to what God says to us about our identity as Christians and as the church; what our ministry and purpose might be; and who we called to serve.

Important Rescheduling Notice - “Letting Go of the Past” is being moved to Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m on March 2nd. This healing event for the congregation originally scheduled for the 16th had encountered some scheduling conflicts and is being planned for Sunday, March 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

It is no secret that there have been difficulties and disappointments at Good Shepherd related to challenges the congregation has faced in the past. Most recent was Pr. Kathy’s call to serve as solo pastor, this not working well, and her subsequent earlier than expected departure. This situation and others matters put people on edge and have strained relationships. I sense a desire among leaders and members to “put these things behind us.” I am proposing a way for the congregation to let go and neutralize the strength of the past. As a member of Good Shepherd you are invited to be a part of this healing event. Let me describe the event.

The goal of our time together is to hear and acknowledge past events and feelings. When we do so, we will be able to move into the future without the weight of the past. The “success” of this event depends upon individuals’ willingness to participate. Pr. Soli will facilitate and create a safe place for the sharing.

The event will last about two hours (or more). A personal invitation will be extended to past and present congregation leaders to participate. Your willingness to be part of this event is important and will help heal and open up the door to a new and exciting future for the congregation.