



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

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

Baptism of Our Lord January 5, 2014
9:00 a.m. Worship **Service of Word and Prayer** *Please Stand

Announcements

***Gathering Song** - Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies ELW 553

***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

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.

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

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***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiiah 42:1-9 (printed on the Word insert)

Choir Anthem "Baptized and Set Free" Adult Choir

Psalms 29:1-11

Gospel Song Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715 vs 1

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Gospel Song Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715 vs 2

Children's Message

Sermon

Song - Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized ELW 304

***Response to the Word: Creed and Confession**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

Holy and faithful God, **we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that kill, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life.**

Amen.

"Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

Amen.

***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.***

The Offering

Offertory - Lord of Light ELW 688 vs 1

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.

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 and The Lord's Prayer

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 - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW 310

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

Birthdays - Jan. 12-18 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

12-Erin Eckwright 13-Dennis Morgan 16-Arlyss Schroeder 18-Mike Rebelein

12-Dave Jacobson 16-Landan Magnuson 18-Erinn Hotzler

Annual Congregation Meeting - January 26, 2014 following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Church Social Hall. Elections, Reports, 2014 Budget.

Senior Saints - Start the New Year by joining us at Senior Saints at the Broadway Apartments on Wed., Jan. 15th at 11:00 a.m. We will have a short program and then join in fellowship as we enjoy the food provided by the January service group. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

Congregation Dialog, January 12 – 3:00 p.m.

The 2009 decision of the ELCA to make provision for the rostering of pastors in same gender relationships and the decision by voters in the state of Minnesota to allow for gay marriage has produced controversy here at Good Shepherd and in churches across the country. The controversy has hurt and fractured the congregation. It is important for us to take steps towards healing. Talking together, carefully speaking and listening, honoring the other's point of view are important components of dialog. A congregation dialog has the potential to bring healing where there has been or is division. This is a tool for establishing peace and strengthening the congregation.

At 3:00 on Sunday afternoon the 12th of January Pr. Soli will facilitate a congregation dialog around issues related to the 2009 ELCA decision and gay marriage. The time together will begin with clarification of the current situation in the ELCA and congregation. Those attending will be arranged in a Talking Circle where everyone is given the opportunity to tell their story and how this issues has impacted them and the congregation. Pr. Soli will help speakers express themselves and help others hear each other. He will help the conversation stay on a path and balance participation so that all voices have a chance to be heard.

On Monday, January 13, Church Council members will be considering a policy statement related to these issues. Your participation in the Congregation Dialog will help inform the council's decisions.

"Winter Wonderland"

Dinner and Entertainment
Sunday, January 26, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church

Everyone 18 & over is welcome!

Free Will Offering



"Winter Wonderland" is a celebration of family and friends. Join us in a wonderful dinner and enjoy the "Family Feud" game with Gary Hagen as the host. You do not need a team to attend. You can come and cheer on those who are on the teams. So sign up for the dinner by calling the church office at 553-3513 or signing up on the door by the church office.