



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

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2014

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

Announcements

Call to Worship Seeking Him

***Gathering Song** - This Little Light of Mine. ELW 677

***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 Seeking Him

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm 40:1-11 (Read responsively)

¹I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff,

making my footing sure.

³The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me."**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

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Gospel John 1:29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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Children's Message and Sermon

Song - Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak. ELW 676

***Response to the Word**

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

Choir Anthem "The Light Still Shines" Adult Choir

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 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** - We All Are One in Mission. ELW 576

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

Birthdays - Jan. 26-1 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

27-Judy Harpestad 30-Jane Ewert 31-Caroline Cihlar 31-Arianne Schaper

28-Doug Becher 30-Dawn Lutteke 31-Maynard Heitner 1-Jean Carlson

28-Daniel Elmer 30-Alysha VanFleet 31-Mary Jane Linde

In memory of Bernice Holstad's birthday anniversary which was Jan.17th a memorial has been received towards the Roof Fund. It is given by Barb Ziegler.

Annual Congregation Meeting - January 26, 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. Reservations are NOT necessary but it is appreciated if you can call 553-3513 or text 507-200-0246 the number who will eat.

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.

Winter Wonderland - Reminder to those who signed up for the dinner and entertainment. We have 76 people signed up for this event. We would like to start the dinner at 6:00 p.m. so come a few minutes early to find your seat. "Family Feud" with 6 different teams participating will follow immediately after the dinner.