



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

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent. March 30, 2014

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion. * Please stand

Prelude

Welcome

***Gathering Song** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”. Red Book #803

***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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”. Adult Choir

First Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 9.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel** John 9:1-41

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

The Sermon

***The Song of the Day** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”. Red Book #779

***The Apostles’ Creed**

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.

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

***Sharing of the Peace**

The Offering

Prayer after Offering

P: Let us Pray, Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer

Communion will be served in a continuous manner using intinction. Ushers will direct you from both sides down the center isle. You receive the bread at the center station and then walk to the side where you will dip the bread in the wine or grape juice. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table. Please sign the pew pads and mark with your communion.

Distribution

Song “Come to the Table” Red Book #481

Prayer after Communion

***The Benediction**

***Sending Song** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”. Red Book #774

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Birthdays - March 30-April 5 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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| 30-Matt Beyer | Tom Wetzell | 4-Emma Beyer | Sandy Tatge |
| Lacy Schroeder | 2-Madalyn Hart | Chloe Cummings | 5-Nick Eckwright |
| 1-Casey Dobbe | 3-David Groskreutz | Caden Niebuhr | Aaron Schaper |
| Russ Elmer | | | |

The Eternal Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Gordon Harpestad, whose birthday anniversary is March 29th. It is given by his family.

Flowers and plants on the altar are from the funerals of Joyce Mericle and James Sorom.

Waterpark Family Outing - Sun., April 13th, at the Serengeti Holiday Inn in Owatonna. Cost is \$8.00/person with a \$4.00 deposit due by April 4th. We will meet at Good Shepherd to car pool at 1:00 p.m. and returning by 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the church office door.

Tyler Doyle Benefit – There will be a spaghetti supper benefit for Tyler Doyle on Sunday, April 6th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at St. Casimir's Catholic Church in Wells. Take-outs will be available. A silent auction and bake sale will also be held. Tyler, is the son of Kerry & Angie Doyle of Easton. He is recovering from a bone marrow transplant. To donate items for the auction, contact Dorothy Wach or Sharon Parriott. Bake sale items may be dropped off at St. Casimir's on Saturday or Sunday by 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Wells Lions and Fusion.

50's Malt Shoppe – The annual 50's Malt Shoppe will be held Sun., March 30th, from 4:30-7:15 p.m. at the Wells United Methodist Church. Go back to the 50's... slick back your hair, put on your poodle skirt & saddle shoes, and cruise on down for a burger and malt and enjoy dancing and listening to 50's music by "Undercover." Contests for the best 50's costume, limbo, hoola hoops, and bubble blowing. Proceeds go to support youth missions and activities.

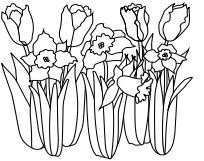
Council - Call Committee - Transition Team members will hold a Visioning Retreat on April 6. As a reminder members are asked to RSVP by calling or emailing the church office.

Ecumenical Community Event - April 6th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Peace Church in Minnesota Lake featuring Beth Crosby. Free will donation. Proceeds divided among Loaves & Fishes/Mapleton, Wells Area Food Shelf and Peach Church Food Shelf.

Wells Firefighters Pancake Breakfast - April 6th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Wells Fire Hall. Serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee.

Palm Sunday Brunch will April 13, 2014 sponsored by the Women of the ELCA. If you are able to donate items or work for the brunch please sign up on the sheets on the table by the church office. Thank you.

Easter Garden - We will again have an Easter Garden on Easter Sunday. We would like a variety of spring flowers and Easter lilies, to adorn the altar. If you would like to donate an Easter plant, please feel free to purchase and bring it to the church or have them delivered by Saturday, April 19th. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tue., April 15th so she can publish it in the bulletin. Use the following form and place it in the offering basket or return to the church office. Flowers and plants may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship.



EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS

I plan to purchase an Easter plant and bring it to the church to add to the Springtime decorations:

Name _____ Phone _____
This plant is in memory of _____
This plant is in honor of _____

Good Shepherd Daily Prayers

The week of Mar 30th

Please pray for the following this week in your daily devotions.

Those who need comfort and care

Shannon Reuss, Jan Helfritz, Bill Niebuhr, Caroline Tatge, Kathy Goldman, Stu Fullarton

Those serving in the Military

J. B. Willner, Mike Kauffmann, Jared Detloff, Joshua Hansen, Danielle Hueper, Brandon Roessler, Mitch Meyer, Kevin Stern, Joshwa Kauffmann, Eric Treptow, Kerri Zuehlke, Alex Ramaker, Logan Matticola, Mike Moll, Keith Latourelle, Ernie Quezada, Cole Wenzel, Craig Carroll, Bonnie Budahn, Mike Budahn

Prayers for the families of: Joyce Mericle, Jim Sorom

Our Missionaries - Karen Anderson and The Lofstrom's

Companion Synods - Bogota, Colombia Central Diocese in Tanzania

Partner Congregation - Kinambeu Lutheran in Tanzania

Apr 1 - Psalm 146
Isaiah 42:14-21
Colossians 1:9-14

Apr 2 - Psalm 146
Isaiah 60:17-22
Matthew 9:27-34

Apr 3 - Psalm 130
Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3
Revelation 10:1-11

Apr 4 - Psalm 130
Ezekiel 33:10-16
Revelation 11:15-19

Apr 5 - Psalm 130
Ezekiel 36:8-15
Luke 24:44-53

Daily Scripture Readings

Mar 31 - Psalm 146
Isaiah 59:9-19
Acts 9:1-20