



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

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

First Sunday of Lent ..... Contemporary Worship  
 March 9, 2014. .... 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

**Violin & Flute Prelude “As the Deer”**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Song: “Shout to the Lord”** ..... page 4

**\*Call to Worship:**

L: We gather to worship God who has created us, redeemed us, and walks with us now as we begin our Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

L: On this first Sunday in Lent we are reminded that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. Even when he was hungry he did not yield to the temptation to turn stones into bread.

**C: Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!**

L: Even when he was challenged to prove that God would save him from harm, Jesus did not yield to the temptation to put God to the test.

**C: Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!**

L: Even when offered the kingdoms of the world, Jesus did not worship Satan. He remained faithful and committed to worshiping only God and serving God alone!

**C: Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!**

L: Let us pray that we too will remain faithful, and that God's love through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit will strengthen our hearts during this holy season of Lent.

**ALL: LORD, LEAD US FROM TEMPTATION TO TRUST, FROM FEAR TO LOVE, FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE, FROM SADNESS TO JOY!!**

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**C Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again by your Spirit and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

**Confession:** (sit or kneel)

**C: Lord God, we confess that we are tossed about by the storms of life, and are swayed by the winds of our society. We see clouds on the horizon and we are afraid. Forgive us, and give us a faith that trusts in you, even when we don't understand the struggles in our lives. Inspire us with the strength of Jesus, who faced temptations and triumphed over evil.**

**Words of Assurance:**

P: God's eternal love for us through Jesus' death on the cross has paid the price for our sins, and through the Holy Spirit we are given the power and strength to resist temptation...the power to trust and walk as God's forgiven people in Jesus name.

**Song:** PW 120 “The Strong Name of Jesus”



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**HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Psalm 32** (read responsively)

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sins are covered!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord holds no guilt against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!**

When I kept silent, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”. Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart!

**Song:** PW 230 “You Are My Hiding Place”

**Lesson** . . . . Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned--<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

<sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Announcement of Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

**\*The Gospel** . . . . Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their

splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."  
<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Song: WOV 660 "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL**

**\*Statement of Faith:**

**C: We believe in God the Father, the creator of all life, the source of all love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior, who lived on this earth as a true human being. He knows the trials and temptations we face. He resisted temptation and lived a sinless life. Because he was without sin he was able to bear our sins on the cross so that we might be forgiven. God demonstrated his victory over sin and death by raising Jesus to new life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is God with us now. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to resist temptation and to face the trials that come our way. The Holy Spirit helps us to hold fast to our faith in what God promises; to love us, to forgive us, and to give us the gift of eternal life. We believe that God is present with us always, and reveals himself in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, and the community of believers.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering: "Hallowed Be Thy Name"** (worship team)

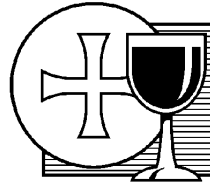
**Prayers of the Church/The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion:**

"ELW 481 "Come to the Table" (congregation)

"Only by Grace" (worship team)

"You Are My All in All" (worship team)



**\*Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song: "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"..... page 5**

**\*Dismissal:**

L: Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord!.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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

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| 10-Preston Adams | Mike Niebuhr   | Eric Warmka       | 15-Daniel Tatge |
| Al Van Horn      | Brooke Swanson | 13-Tessa Cummings | Wilma Thisius   |
| 11-Lynne Hansen  | 12-Alex Huper  |                   |                 |

**Think global...Act local** - You may recall when Esther Dundas of Wells visited Good Shepherd to share her ministry in Ukraine. Joelle Elmer Jacobs and her husband Scott will be visiting Esther in Rivne, Ukraine and hope to bring 2 suitcases stuffed with items for the children in her church. Esther is involved in Sunday school, youth club and day camps for children from 6-16.

The Good Shepherd Global Mission Team will be collecting items and cash through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cash is needed to pay the extra cost of suitcases. Smaller items are preferred as a suitcase can hold many small items compared to a few large items. What is needed? Games (UNO, SkipBo, Phase 10), balls and yo-yos, hair accessories, nail polish, lotion, soap, toothbrushes, school items such as

notebooks and pens (blue please), candy, hats & gloves, any other small prize-type items like Matchbox cars. There are boxes at each entrance to the sanctuary. Cash can be left in the office. On behalf of Joelle, Esther and the Global Mission Team thank you all for your prayers and support as we show God's love across the globe.

**Social Concerns will be serving breakfast** on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 a.m. in the Social Hall. A delicious breakfast will be served to support Social Concerns ministry at Good Shepherd. The FREE WILL donations will be used as an emergency fund for those in need. Our community struggles with unemployment, low wages, high heat bills, and hunger. Please help to ease the struggles of people in our community. Let us be known as a faith community who opens all doors to all people and serves.

**Let's Talk-Be part of the conversation** - The search for Good Shepherd's new pastor is on the horizon. It's time to hear from the whole congregation. In the next few weeks, the Transition Team and Call Committee will be calling members to sign up, attend, and be part of a "Let's Talk" session.

Attending one of the Let's Talk sessions is completely voluntary and if you attend you will be offered the opportunity to speak but not required to do so. Participation is 100% voluntary.

Notes will be taken and gathered from all the sessions. These will include lists of the commonalities named by the groups, the diversity of points of view and opinions on the different aspects of ministry, and a listing of member's needs. The hope is to hear from as many members as possible as the Call Committee begins its work.

Each individual member's participation and contribution to the process is important and valuable. The Let's Talk sessions will help shape the congregation's future and the calling of new pastoral leadership. Please sign up for a time listed below by calling the church office or sign up on the clipboard passed during the worship service. Thank you for being part of the conversation.

Sunday, March 9 @ 10:30 – Jim Stern and Jon Melby hosts

Monday, March 10 @ 9:30 – Julie Treptow and Gary Hagen hosts

Tuesday, March 11 @ 2:30 – Julie Treptow and Gary Hagen hosts

Wednesday, March 12 @ 7:00 – Jim Stern and Jon Melby hosts

Saturday, March 15 @ 9:30 – Blair Wegner and Council Member hosts

Sunday, March 16 @ 10:30 – Jim Stern and Rachel Korman hosts

Monday, March 17 @ 7:00 – Roger Groskreutz and Council Member hosts

Tuesday, March 18 @ 9:30, Broadway Apts - Julie Treptow and Gwen Peterson

**Spring Couple's Retreat - Saturday/Sunday, April 26/27-** You and your spouse are invited to a Good Shepherd couple's retreat to be held at The Lodge Resort and Hotel in Forest City, Iowa. We will leave Saturday morning April 26<sup>th</sup> and return Sunday afternoon the 27<sup>th</sup>.



Pr. Peter will provide a program to strengthen relationships. He will lead the group in discovering the preferred individual and couple styles of working through disagreements and difficult conversations. These include relationships with partners, children, and family member.

The event will be informal, relaxed, and ample time will be provided for enjoying the amenities offered by The Lodge. Couples will like the hiking and biking trails through the woods and along the river. There are opportunities for golf, kayaking, visiting a winery, fishing, and other recreation.

Cost of the retreat is expected to be less than \$75/couple. This would include food, lodging, and program. Actual cost will depend on room choice and other resources available for the retreat. Limited number of rooms available, deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office to sign up

**Healing and the First-Fifteen** - The theme for this year's mid-week Lenten worship is Our Need...God's Healing. Pr. Soli, recognizing that this theme has been chosen more for the adults of the congregation, is planning on an alternative experience for children called the First-Fifteen. The first fifteen minutes of the worship will be especially designed for youngsters. There will be guests in the form of puppets visiting worship and helping younger ones think about the different themes. And, the children along with adults will learn some fun new songs. Then the children (up through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will be invited to go to the social hall for more music and active learning will take place while the worship continues in the sanctuary. Help get the word out and invite families to mid-week worship. First-Fifteen begins March 12.

*The following expert is from the book "The Wounded Healer" by Henri Nouwen.*  
A Christian community is a healing community, not because wounds are cured and pains are alleviated, but because wounds and pains become openings or occasions for a new vision. Mutual confession then becomes a mutual deepening of hope, and sharing weakness becomes a reminder to one and all of the coming strength... Community arises where the sharing of pain takes place, not as a stifling form of self-complaint, but as a recognition of God's saving promises.

**March 12**      6:15 p.m.      Healing for Shame and Guilt