



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Ministers: All The People of The Congregation**  
**Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship**

**Fifty Sunday of Epiphany**..... February 8, 2015  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**..... \* Please stand

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Song** . . . . . “Beautiful Savior”..... ELW 838

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy and merciful God,

**C: We confess that we sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.**

P: Hear the voice from heaven: “You are my own, my beloved.” God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**C: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Choir Anthem** . . . . . “Lead, Kindly Light”..... Adult Choir

**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God's steadfast love.<sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

**\*Gospel** . . . . . Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**\*The Song of the Day** . . . . . “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”. . . . . ELW 773

**\*The Apostles’ Creed**

**C: 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.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**The Offering**

**Offertory Song** . . . . . “Praise and Thanksgiving” vs 1. . . . . ELW 689

**The Prayers of the Church** (kneel or sit)

**\*Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer**

**Distribution**

**\*Communion Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song/Song of the Season** . . . . . “Go, Make Disciples”. . . . . ELW 540

**\*Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Mary Iverson  
**Acolytes:** Cody Paal, Connor Ehlert

**Scripture Reader:** Rick Hotzler

**Birthdays - Feb. 8-14** -8-Barb Stensrud, 9-Collin Foley, Lynda Korman, 10-Ron Hartman, Marcus Weyhrauch, 11-Taylor Ovrebo, 12-Marlene Lindely, Elizabeth Stern, Kent Stern

**Blue Earth River Conference** meeting is today at 2:00 p.m. at First Lutheran in Albert Lea. If you are interested in attending please meet at the church at 1:15 p.m. to pool rides.

**Brought to Life** - Lenten Wednesday Worship, 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This year our Lenten Wednesday worship services will feature the music from Holden Evening Prayer along with a drama, introducing you to a biblical character who was brought to life when they came in contact with Jesus. As you hear the stories of Lazarus, Peter's Mother in law, Thomas and others we are encouraged to wonder how your relationship with Jesus might leave you a changed person. Ash Wednesday is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Delicious home cooked meals are served each Wednesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Social Hall. Suggested price: \$4 per person or \$15/family.



**New Member Gathering** - People who are interested in joining Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are invited to a Gathering led by Pastor Mary on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Church Parlor (the room behind the kitchen/social hall in the basement). If you or someone you know has been visiting Good Shepherd, this gathering will give them an opportunity to explore church membership. Following this Gathering the people will be given a "Shepherd" who will further connect them to activities at the church. New Members will be received on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

**First Communion** - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and their parents will gather on four Wednesday evenings to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. Pastor Mary will lead the preparation and we will gather in the Church Social Hall in the basement. Please bring your Bibles. First Communion Preparation Wed., March 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. First Holy Communion - Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:15 p.m.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Feb 2- Psalm 102:12-28 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37	Acts 14:1-7	Feb 6- Psalm 30 Leviticus 14:1-20	Acts 19:11-20
Feb 3- Psalm 102:12-28 2 Kings 8:1-6	Acts 15:36-41	Feb 7- Psalm 30 Leviticus 14:21-32	Matthew 26:6-13
Feb 4- Psalm 102:12-28 Job 6:1-13	Mark 3:7-12		
Feb 5- Psalm 30 Leviticus 13:1-17	Hebrews 12:7-13		



Wednesday, February 25, 2015

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Game night and make your own Sundaes

No charge

For grades 7-12

Meet in the Social Hall (church basement)

Parents are welcome

Come and meet Pastor Mary

join the discussion about future plans

for the Good Shepherd Youth Group



at Mt Kato

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Meet at the church at 1:00 p.m.  
on February 22<sup>nd</sup>

to car pool together

Please sign up on the office door

Cost: Church Group Rate

Lift ticket - \$20.00

Rental - \$19.00

Helmet - \$4.00

Scholarships available: Please see Pastor Mary