



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

Third Sunday of Epiphany. . . . . January 25, 2015  
**9:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . “A Celebration of the Light of Christ”. . . . . \* Please stand**

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

**Violin Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Gathering Song:** PW 142 “Shine, Jesus Shine”

**\*Call to Worship:**

P: We are pilgrim people...people called out of darkness, walking toward the light of Christ.

**C: We are here to be opened...to be changed. We have come to worship God, our Creator, the source of all light.**

P: We gather as the people of God, called by the gospel to follow Jesus Christ in a life of witness and service...

**C: We are the people of God in this world. We are the church of Christ on earth. We are the people moved by the Holy spirit to build a world of light and hope.**

P: In this season of Epiphany let us celebrate the light of Christ as we recall God's glory made known in Jesus!

**ALL: Light of the world, fill our hearts as we worship. Let your light shine through us for all to see!**

**\*Song:** “Here I Am to Worship”. . . . . Printed on Insert

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**C: Lord God, the radiance of your Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth. Make radiant the lives of your people with the same brightness. May we follow your call to bring the good news of Christ to all who sit in darkness, so that all nations may walk as one in the light of your Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.**

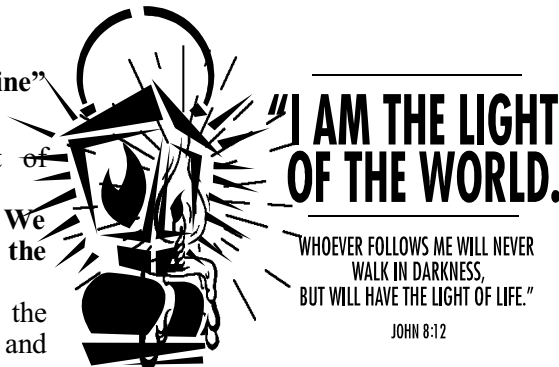
**Confession:** *(Sit or kneel)*

**C: Lord we confess that we often choose to walk in places far from your light rather than follow you. We have neglected opportunities to bring the good news to those in darkness. At times we hide the light that is your gift to us. Forgive us and guide us on our way, that we may shine before others and give you the glory. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

P: Arise, shine, your light has come! God forgives you all your sins through the light of the cross, and through the Holy Spirit you are given the power to answer the calling of the Lord in bringing this light to others. People of God, live no longer in darkness but in the light of Christ!

**Song:** PW 143 “Carry the Light”



**Children’s Message**

**HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Psalms 27** (read responsively)

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear?

**C: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble.

**C: He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

L: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**C: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

L: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

**C: Be gracious to me and answer me!**

L: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

**C: Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

**Scripture.** . . . Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**Sermon**

**\*Song:** WOV 784 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL**

**\*Statement of Faith:**

**C: We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Light of the world, the Son of the living God, who takes away the sin of the world. By God's grace we live our lives of mission and witness for the world. We believe that God is the creator of all people on earth and has created us to live in a covenant of love established through the Word and Sacraments. Through baptism we begin a new life, active through the community of believers throughout the world. We rejoice with those who rejoice and stand together with those who are sad. In the body and blood of Jesus we find the real presence of Christ, and forgiveness for our sin. Within the church of God we accept our calling as missionaries, prophets, teachers, helpers, and friends, in order that we might serve with great purpose the church that presently exists and the church that is to come. Praise, blessing, honor, and glory be to God the creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering:** “Lead Me, Lord” (worship team)

**Offertory Response/Song of the Month:** ELW 540 “Go, Make Disciples”

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

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song:** ELW 677 "This Little Light of Mine" vs. 1,2,3, 1

**\*Dismissal:**

L: Go forth and let your light shine!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Mary Iverson

**Scripture Reader:** Coni Olson

**Acolytes:** Halle Schrader, Lizzy Baird

**Birthdays - Jan. 25-31** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

25-Chayce Lutteke Daniel Elmer 31-Caroline Cihlar Mary Jane Linde

27-Judy Harpestad 30-Jane Ewert Maynard Heitner Arianne Schaper

28-Doug Becher Dawn Lutteke

**In Memory** of Bernice Holstad's birthday anniversary, which is Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, a gift has been given towards Sunday School Bi-fold Door. It is given by Barb Ziegler.

**Annual Meeting** is today following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Elections, Reports and 2015 budget.

**Blue Earth River Conference Assembly** will held on Sunday, February 8, 2015, at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m and the assembly will be called to order at 2:00 p.m. Good Shepherd has nine votes, if you are interested in attending please call the church office at 553-3513. We will share rides that day.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Matthew 8:28 – 9:1

Jan 26- Psalm 46

Genesis 12:1-9

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Jan 27- Psalm 46

Genesis 45:25 – 46:7

Acts 5:33-42

Jan 28- Psalm 46

Proverbs 8:1-21

Mark 3:13-19a

Jan 29- Psalm 111

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Romans 9:6-18

Jan 30- Psalm 111

Deuteronomy 12:28-32

Revelation 2:12-17

Jan 31- Psalm 111

Deuteronomy 13:1-5