



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship "For God So Loved the World" March 15, 2015

In today's scripture passage we read one of the most well-known verse of the entire Bible. "for God so loved the world . . ." The gift of God's love is God's amazing grace and the challenge is to have our lives transformed by this amazing grace.

Welcome

*Gathering Song "Lift High the Cross"..... ELW 660

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Wayfaring Stranger "..... Adult Choir

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (read responsively)

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.
- ² **Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
- ³ gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ¹⁷ **Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**
- ¹⁸ They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.
- ¹⁹ **Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord and you delivered them from their distress.**
- ²⁰ You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.
- ²¹ **Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**
- ²² Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

*Announcement of Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel John 3:14-21

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The Sermon

The Song of the Day "Borning Cry"..... ELW 732

Holy Baptism. Printed

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering for World Hunger

Offertory Response. . . . "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" v 1 & 2..... ELW 808

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

*Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

*Benediction

*Sending Song

*Dismissal "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"..... ELW 779

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Trudy Drugg

Acolytes: Nick Eckwright, Zach Niebuhr

Communion Helpers: Trudy Drugg, Jon & Pam Melby

Birthdays - Mar 15-21 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

15-Daniel Tatge	16-Ann Erickson	18-Gale Gottberg	Darin Magnuson
Wilma Thisius	Halle Schrader	Jackson Huper	21-Spencer Niebuhr

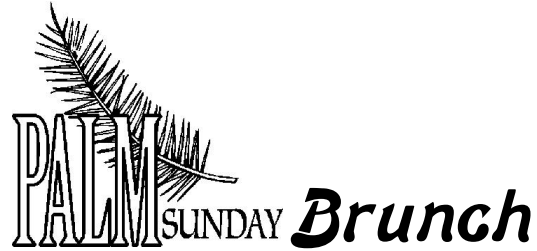
Holy Baptism - Harper Elsie Stern, infant daughter of Nate & Kim (Haakensen) Stern, born Jan. 29, 2015. Her Christian sponsors are Jen Haakensen and Kay Stern. Harper will be baptized during the worship service.

Holy Baptism - Payton Marie Schultz, daughter of Alex Schultz and Samantha Stoppelmoor, born April 21, 2010. Her Christian sponsors are Shelby Pearson and Dalton Arends. Lexa Jo Schultz, infant daughter of Alex Schultz and Samantha Stoppelmoor, born Oct. 5, 2014. Her Christian sponsors are Kelsey & Brandon Bair and Tyler Schultz. Payton and Lexa will be baptized after worship this morning.

An invitation to all ladies of Good Shepherd: We'd love to have you join us for our WELCA Membership Meeting (Women of the ELCA) **When:** Sunday, March 15th at 10:15 a.m. **Where:** the Parlor. Coffee and treats will be served at the meeting.

Senior Saints - Take a trip half way around the world with Gary and Linda Hagen as they share pictures and stories of their recent trip to Thailand. Join us on Wed., March 18th at 11:00 a.m for fellowship with food provided by the March service group. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

Palm Sunday Brunch- WELCA will be hosting the Palm Sunday Brunch, March 29th following the service. We are seeking food donations to provide you with a delicious meal. Please check the table by the office for items needed. All donations are due before March 28th. Sharing our bounty...all unused and unopened items will be donated to the Food Shelf. Leftover fruit cups will be served to Wed./Sun. Students and the french toast to the assisted living at Shepherd's Inn. Thank you.



March 29, 2015

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

*Serving: French Toast Bake, Bacon
Frozen Fruit Cups, Sunrise Tomato Juice, OJ, Coffee*

Sponsored by the Women of the ELCA

*Donation sign up sheets will be located on the table by
the church office if
you are able to help. Thank you.*

Daily Scripture Readings

Mar 16 - Psalm 107:1-16
Exodus 15:22-27
Hebrews 3:1-6

Mar 17 - Psalm 107:1-16
Numbers 20:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Mar 18 - Psalm 107:1-16
Isaiah 60:15-22
John 8:12-20

Mar 19 - Psalm 51:1-12
Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 4:1-13

Mar 20 - Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10
Hebrews 4:14—5:4

Mar 21 - Psalm 51:1-12
Habakkuk 3:2-13
John 12:1-11

THE BAPTISM OF

Harper Elsie Stern

March 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

(L: Pastor; P: Parents; S: Sponsors; C: Congregation)

God's Promises in Baptism

L: Baptism is an action of God. In the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and given eternal life. Baptism frees us from sin and death by joining us to Jesus Christ.

S: **We present Harper Elsie Stern to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

L: You have presented Harper Elsie, for Baptism. Will you share Christ's love with her by your words and actions? Will you treasure her as a special gift from God and care for her with the love of Christ? Will you pray for her, that God's presence fills her life?

P/S: **We will.**

L: Will you teach her how much Jesus loves her? Will you teach her that she is a child of God forever? Will you bring her to the gathering of God's people so that she grows up worshiping and praising God? Will you teach her to pray, introduce her to the Scriptures, and see that she is given every opportunity to grow in Christ?

P/S: **We will.**

L: I ask you to publicly take a stand for Jesus Christ. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and his empty promises?

P/S: **I do.**

L: Do you believe in God, our Creator, Savior, and Counselor?

P/S/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.**

Baptism

L: Harper Elsie Stern, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication

L: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Harper Elsie; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

The Sign of the Cross

L: Harper Elsie Stern child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Baptismal Candle

L: Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Prayer

L: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Nate and Kim, parents of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

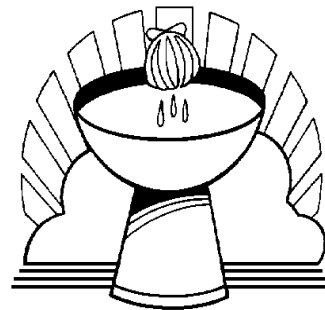
C: **Amen.**

L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Harper Elsie. Will you pray for her and share your faith with her? Will you remind her that she belongs to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

C: **We will.**

L: Please, welcome your new sister in the name of Jesus.

C: **Harper Elsie, you are a child of God with us. Together we belong to Christ and together we are called to praise and serve him. We welcome you into the Lord's family, into Good Shepherd's congregation, and into our hearts and lives.**



Good Shepherd Greatest Chef Cooking Challenge

Saturday, March 28th
7-10 p.m.

Good Shepherd Kitchen & Social Hall

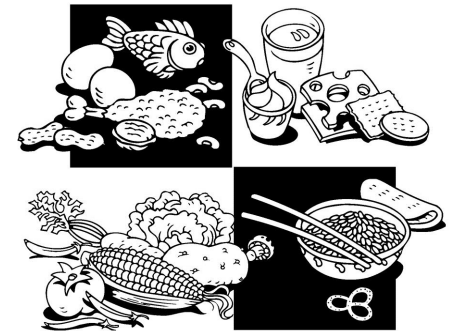
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

(Grades 9 & up are needed as coaches & judges)

Ever see any cooking challenge shows
on the Food Network?

Come and be a part of a team that puts together tasty food
combinations that will impress the judges
and help you win the cooking
challenge.

No cooking skills needed - if you
like to eat, you can handle this
challenge. Sign up required.
(sign up on the church office door
by March 25)



**Greatest Chef
Cooking Challenge**

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 Friday, April 3rd. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tue., March 31st 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 9:00 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 _____

Crafty Quilters are looking for a sewing machine in good working order to be used on Monday's for sewing quilts. If you would like to donate yours please contact the church office at 553-3513.

Thank you to the Women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: I wanted to take time to thank you for donating all of the quilts to my students. They loved them and could not believe someone took the time to make them! Thanks again. Rachael Korman, Special Ed Teacher, Albert Lea Schools.

Adult Bible Study - Beginning Wed., April 8th at 7:00 p.m. following the Worship Service. This is "back to basics" course that will enlighten and refresh your knowledge about the following: How to tell the difference between the Law and the Gospel; Five things you should know about the Lutheran Reformation; The anatomy of a Baptism; How to receive Communion; The three most Rebellious Things Jesus Did; How to Read the Bible; How to Share your Faith with Someone. Participants will need a Lutheran Handbook and Workbook. Price for the two books is \$13.99. Please call the church office to sign up so we have enough books for everyone. All are welcome!