



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

**Third Sunday in Lent.** . . . . . March 8, 2015  
**9:00 a.m. Worship.** . . . . . \* Please stand

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Song** . . . . "All Are Welcome". . . . . ELW 641

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**C: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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** . . . . "Just a Closer Walk". . . . . Adult Choir

**Psalms 19** (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**\*Announcement of Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter

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

**Gospel** . . . . John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Song of the Day** . . . . "Blest Are They". . . . . ELW 728

**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.**

**Welcome New Members**

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**

**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** . . . “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”. . . . . ELW 836

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Mary Iverson      **Scripture Reader:** Jon Melby

**Acolytes:** Zachary Niebuhr, Lizzy Baird

**Communion Helpers:** Jon & Pam Melby, Russ Elmer

**Birthdays - Mar 8-14** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

8-Alvin Fuchs	10-Preston Adams	Mike Niebuhr	Eric Warmka
Ryan Treptow	Al Van Horn	Brooke Swanson	13-Tessa Cummings
Megan Warmka	11-Lynne Hansen	12-Alex Huper	

**Wells Area Food Shelf Thank You Event** - Sun., March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the USC Auditorium. An afternoon of music, Saint Andrew's Sisters and other talented acts from the area. Donations accepted.

**Troop 41 Boy Scouts Potato Pancake Supper** - March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Wells American Legion. Menu: Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Bars, Coffee and Milk. Adults:\$8.00, 6-12: \$5.00, 5 and under: Free.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m for fellowship with food provided by the March service group. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Mar 9 - Psalm 84 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22 1 Corinthians 3:10-23	Mar 12 - Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 1:3-6
Mar 10 - Psalm 84 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19 Hebrews 9:23-28	Mar 13 - Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Daniel 12:5-13 Ephesians 1:7-14
Mar 11 - Psalm 84 Ezra 6:1-16 Mark 11:15-19	Mar 14 - Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Numbers 20:22-29 John 3:1-13

**Palm Sunday Brunch-** WELCA will be hosting the Palm Sunday Brunch, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tue., March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**PALM** SUNDAY *Brunch*

*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.*

## **Good Shepherd Greatest Chef Cooking Challenge**

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
7-10 p.m.

Good Shepherd Kitchen & Social Hall

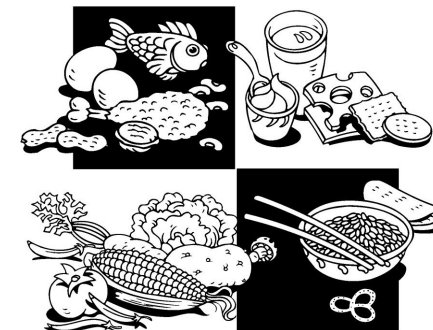
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

(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**