



**Welcome to Good Shepherd**  
**Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship**

**Today's Worship**

**February 7, 2016**

*The Transfiguration*

*The transfiguration story is filled with mystery. Jesus took three of his followers up to a mountaintop and suddenly his appearance was changed. The disciples were clearly terrified by the event. Often big changes in our lives are mysterious and terrifying, like a new career or a major illness. Yet, we are encouraged to not run from our fears but to embrace them. God said, "This is my Son...listen to him!" In the same way, God invites us to move toward Jesus, even when we are afraid.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn . . . . .** "Beautiful Savior". . . . . ELW 838

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Jesus is the one who knows us better than we know ourselves. Let us confess our sins before our Savior and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Let us pray: Christ, Messiah, Light of the world,

**C: We do not have the strength to reject all that separates us from you. Alone, we never will. Forgive our foolish attempts to save ourselves. Save us. Lead us toward the world you dream for us and for all. Amen.**

P: Do not fear. Jesus, our Savior, offers forgiveness. He shines with the light of glory. Listen to him and live a full life. Thanks be to God.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**C: Light of the world, when your appearance changed on the mountain, your followers were given a glimpse of your glory. Shine your light into our lives so that we may know how truly marvelous you are. Transform our understanding and show us your glory. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

**Choir Anthem . . . . .** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light". . . . . Adult Choir

**Psalm: 27:1-7** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh--my adversaries and foes--they shall stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**\*Announcement of Scripture Reading:**

P: A reading from the book of Mark chapter 8.

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

**Bible Story . . . . .**Mark 8:27-9:10

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him." <sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

<sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn . . . . .** "Christ, Be Our Light". . . . . ELW 715

**\*Sacrament of Holy Baptism. . . . .** Printed

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory . . . . .** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" . . . . . ELW 697

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer**

**Distribution**

**Communion Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn . . . . .** "This Little Light of Mine". . . . . ELW 677

P: Go in peace and share God's abundance.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Mary Iverson

**Scripture Reader:** Marilyn Rauenhorst

**Communion Helpers:** Sandy Tatge, Dawn Lutteke, JoAnn Ovrebo

**Birthdays-Feb7-13** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

7-Michelle Becher	9-Collin Foley	Marcus Weyhrauch	Elizabeth Stern
Brian Ehlert	Lynda Korman	11-Taylor Ovrebo	Kent Stern
8-Barb Stensrud	10-Ron Hartman	12-Marlene Lindely	13-Hudson Warmka

**Holy Baptism** - Eva Cynthia Schroeder, infant daughter of Bryan & Amy (Hinkley) Schroeder, born August 14, 2015. Her Christian sponsors are Adam & Joanne Schroeder.

**In the cold and flu season** - or any time - worshipers may greet others during the Passing of the Peace without shaking hands. Feel free to do what keeps you healthy or makes you comfortable.

**“We Care for Your Care”** campaign. The Social Concerns Ministry Team are collecting personal care items for the Wells Area Food Shelf. The items needed are tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, brushes, shower gel, nail clippers, nail files, lotions, deodorant, etc. *no sample sizes* please. Items are needed by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping our community.

**Senior Saints** - Come and share a time of food and fellowship with our special guest Chuck Brooks at the Broadway Apartments at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend.

**February Food Collection** - During the month of February, a grocery cart located next to the pulpit in the sanctuary will be collecting donations of Hamburger or Chicken or Tuna Helper. All items collected this month will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. A special thanks for the many individual fruit and pudding cups that were collected in January for the Backpack/Communities Against Student Hunger.

**Blue Earth River Conference Annual Assembly** of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. February 14, 2016 registration begins at 2:00 p.m. Salem Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota

**Good Shepherd Reads** - Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 10:15a.m. ~ Church Parlor. We will gather in the Church Parlor at 10:15am to read together the most banned book in the United States. Then we will plan books that we want to read together and discuss in the year ahead. Bring your book suggestions and come and discuss the banned book!

**Youth and Family Ski Trip** - Sunday, February 21 - 1:00 p.m. Meet at Good Shepherd to car pool to Mount Kato Ski Hill for a fun day. We will have a group rate and will offer financial assistance to all who are skiing. Car pooling and rides will also be available. Thrivent Action Team grant is assisting with this trip. It is hoped that costs will be cut in half because of this! Please speak with Chad Groskreutz for details.

**New Members at Good Shepherd** - New Members will be welcomed at Good Shepherd during both a Sunday and Wednesday worship service, which ever fits best for the families who are joining. Wednesday, February 24 6:15pm *New Member Wednesday Worship* and Sunday, February 28 9am *New Member Sunday Worship*. Pastor Mary will meet with those who are planning to join for an informal gathering. Again, these gatherings will take place on both a Wednesday evening and Sunday morning and those wishing to join are encouraged to come to the gathering that fits their schedule. Wednesday, February 17 7:00pm ~ *Pastor's Office* and Sunday, February 21 10:15am ~ *Church Parlor (behind kitchen)*

**WELCA General Meeting** - Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Disbursement of 2015 Funds and planning of the Palm Sunday Brunch. Goodies will be served

### Daily Scripture Readings

Feb 1 - Psalm 115  
Judges 5:1-11  
1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Feb 2 - Psalm 115  
1 Samuel 9:15—10:1b  
1 Timothy 3:1-9

Feb 3 - Psalm 115  
Isaiah 8:1-15  
Luke 5:27-32

Feb 4 - Psalm 1  
Jeremiah 13:12-19  
Acts 13:26-34

Feb 5 - Psalm 1  
Jeremiah 13:20-27  
1 Peter 1:17—2:1

Feb 6 - Psalm 1  
Jeremiah 17:1-4  
Luke 11:24-28

## THE BAPTISM OF

**Eva Cynthia Schroeder**

February 7, 2016 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 Eva Cynthia Schroeder to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

L: You have presented Eva Cynthia, 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: Eva Cynthia Schroeder, 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 Eva Cynthia; 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: Eva Cynthia Schroeder 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 Amy and Bryan, parents of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Eva Cynthia. 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: Eva Cynthia, you are a child of God with us. Together we belong to Christ and together we are called to praise and into the Lord's family, into congregation, and into our hearts and lives.**

