

February 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 9:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

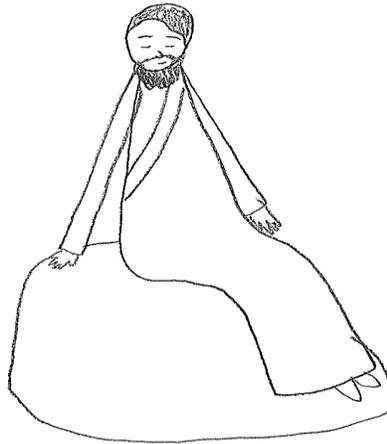
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Art by  
Anna Patterson

*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome  
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

**WELCOME!** We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and** pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

**Nursery** Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Karen Niemeier
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Ashtyn Brinker	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Sheila Keene
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Jean Wenzel	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Engel	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Eugene Hesselbacher, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Sue Diddens		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Jerry and Beth Martin, Darlene Aurand		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker, Virgil and Joanne Martin		

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– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –  
**ELW SETTING 10**

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Tena Rackow**

**Chime Choir**

“Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who brings us safely through the sea,  
who gives us water from the rock,  
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**Amen.**

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful Father,

**we have sinned against heaven and before you.**

**We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.**

**We use your gifts to our own ends.**

**Forgive us and restore us,**

**that we may resist all that draws us away from you,**

**and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

We are reconciled to God through Christ;  
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.

Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.

Once lost, we now are found.

God clothes you in the finest robe of all,

the righteousness of † Jesus Christ,

forgiving you all your sins

and making of you a new creation.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

O Lord Throughout These Forty Days

ELW#319

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

KYRIE (Sung by all)

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray C: **O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#99**

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Romans 10:8b-13

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

<sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Stand*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 4:1-13 **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup>and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr**

**SERMON**

Pastor Art Stees

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW#618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

**APOSTLES' CREED** *Please Stand*

**A:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition:* WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

*brief silence.*

WA: Break down and mend divisions within your church, Holy One. Bring together rich and poor, homeless and housed, and those who hold differing political views as the one body of Christ. Unite us in worship of you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Sustain citrus groves and orchards, divine Gardener. Provide rich soil and water in due season for an abundant harvest. Help us share the fruit of your harvest with all people. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Raise up peacemakers, almighty God. In nations ravaged by war, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on their leaders. Equip them to respond with your mercy and justice. Make peace flourish in all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Protect all who flee oppression, eternal Father. Grant refuge on their journey. Provide shelter as there is need. Turn the hearts of those who oppress. We pray especially for **Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim and Kelly Huneke.** Strengthen and encourage **Laura Derr, Lois Paulsen.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Teach us to love as you love, gracious Lord. Open us to encounter our enemies as our neighbors. Give us courage to trust in your redeeming love and proclaim your gospel to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Show all people your salvation, Alpha and Omega. Bring us to eternal joy with all the saints who have gone before us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

**Please be seated.**

## OFFERING

*“ I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”*

## Choir Anthem

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord’s service and dedicate our lives to God’s work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.*

## OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray. **C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

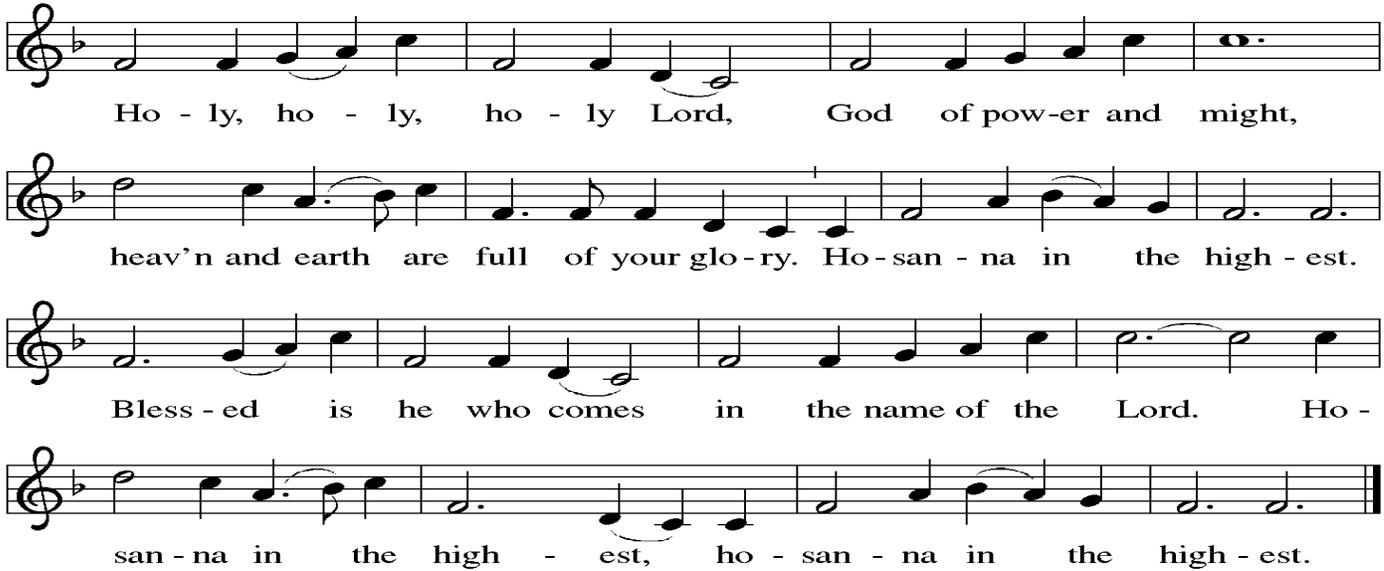
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.*



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

BENEDICTION P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW#545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.



DISMISSAL (from back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> thru February 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Community Mid-Week Lenten Service with soup lunch at Good Shepherd	12:00 pm
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner	5:30 pm
	Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Saturday	Shake the Winter Blues Night Out at Crooked Roof, Lanark, IL	6:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:00 pm
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

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Attendance February 7 was 52

Total Offering February 7, 2016: \$1889.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,708.49

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**Prayer Requests**

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for, *Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim and Kelly Huneke and* homebound members *Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen.*

**“Souper Bowl of Caring”**

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 7!!!

We collected \$162.60 to help the hungry in our town and in our world.

Praise God for your generosity!

**Community Mid-Week Service at Noon**

Good Shepherd will be hosting Wednesday mid-week services at noon February 17<sup>th</sup>. The services begin with a soup luncheon hosted by Good Shepherd Faith and Hannah Circles, and followed by a message from Pastor Stees.

**Wednesdays During Lent**

**GOD’S LOVE BREAKS THROUGH**

That’s the title of the series that will be the theme of our mid-week Lenten service Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with a light supper at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 6:30 pm. Pastor Stees and Denny Luke will be worship leaders while members of the confirmation class will assist in various capacities. We think “God’s Love Breaks Through” will be an interesting series for our Lenten devotions.

**Want to shake the winter blues?**

How about a night out at the Crooked Roof in Lanark on February 19, 2016. Meet at the church at 5:15 pm to carpool to Lanark or meet us at the Crooked Roof at 6:00 pm. Sign up on the sheet on the ramp by February 14 so a reservation may be made. Questions? Talk to Wayne or Janis Kurth. Open to all ages!!!

**It is time to order Easter Lilies**

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the envelopes provided in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office. Orders must be in by March 13<sup>th</sup>. Lilies may be picked up after 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.