

March 22nd 2015 at 9:30 am Fifth Sunday of Lent
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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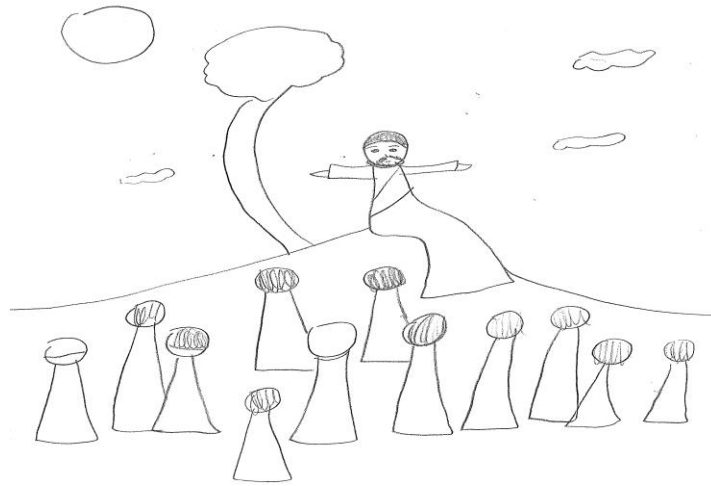
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***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
 and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

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>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<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>	Sue Diddens
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Coltin Coonts	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Wayne Kurth
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sue Diddens	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Bill and Jean Engel
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Donna Gullickson	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlacter
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Braden Diddens		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Wayne and Janis Kurth, Donna Gullickson		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley fox		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Austin Andrews, Jay Andrews		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**March 22nd thru March 29th 2015**

This Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children's message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice and Discipleship Bible Study	11:00 am
	Lena Living Center Worship Service	2:30 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Ecumenical Lenten Lunch at Lena UMC	12:00 pm
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm- 5:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner	5:30 pm
	Lenten Worship Service with Drama and Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
	Confirmation Mentors	7:15 pm-7:45 pm
Saturday	Men's Group	4:30 pm
Next Sunday	Palm Sunday/Worship Service with Procession of Palms	9:30 am
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children's message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance March 15-81

Total Offering for March 15, 2015: \$1,562.00

Amount needed per week to meet budget: \$2,683.17

Request for Prayer List: Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793

Good Shepherd Prayer List

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 *Lois Paulsen, Betty Koehn, Verl Price, Ellen Kyles, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Lynn Meyers and Brenda's family, and homebound members Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.*

- **ORDER OF WORSHIP** -
WOV SETTING 5- BREAD OF LIFE

Today we welcome Reverend Amy Fallon from Grace Place Campus Ministry in Delkab, Illinois, as our guest preacher, "Welcome, Reverend Amy!"

PRELUDE (A time for prayer and reflection) **Tena Rackow**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins
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 for gives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONGS

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high.
 Lord, I love to sing your praises.
 I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us.
 You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
 from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
 from the cross to the grave,
 from the grave to the sky;
 Lord, I lift your name on high. (repeat)
 Lord, I lift your name on high.
 Lord, I lift your name on high.

Amazing Love

I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken.
 I'm accepted. You were condemned.
 I'm alive and well. Your Spirit lives within me,
 Because you died and rose again.
 Amazing love! How can it be? That you my king would die for me?
 Amazing love! I know it's true. And it's my joy to honor you.
 In all I do, I honor you. (repeat)

You are my King. You are my King
 Jesus, you are my king. Jesus, you are my king.
 Amazing love! How can it be? That you my king would die for me?
 Amazing love! I know it's true. And it's my joy to honor you.
 In all I do, I honor you.

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 *Stand*

Ⓜ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓜ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓜ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓜ Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓜ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓜ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you. **C; And also with you.**

A: Let us pray, **C: Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1–12 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#51**

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

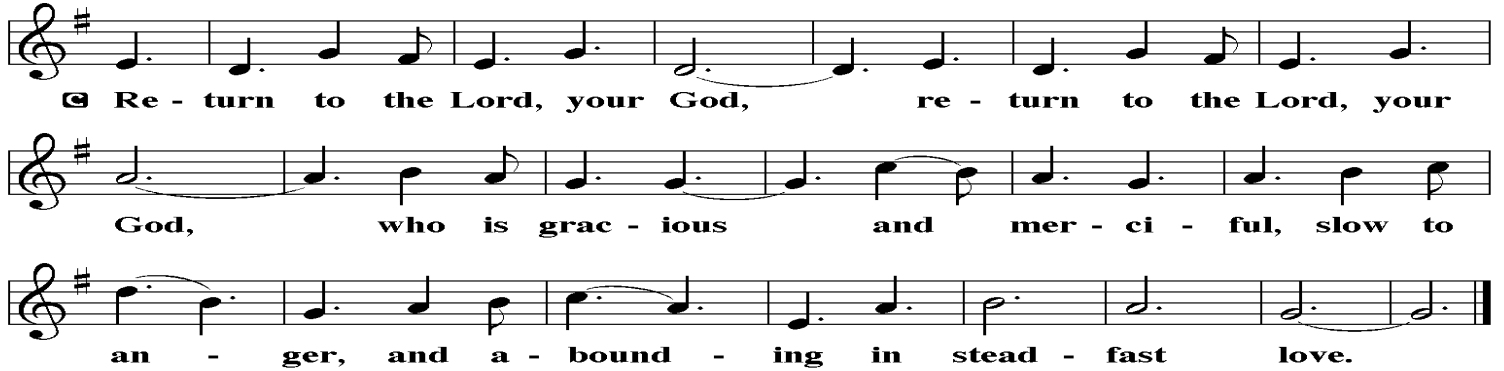
¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

L: The 2nd READING is from Hebrews 5:5–10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
 an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to John 12:20–33 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Reverend Amy Fallon from Grace Place Campus Ministry in Dekalb, IL

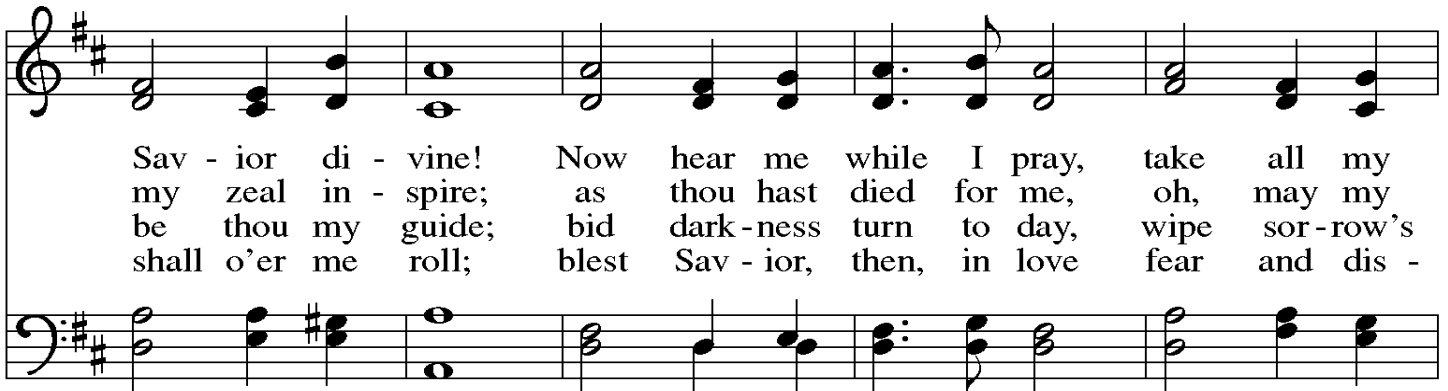
HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW#759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

WA: Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Gracious God, keep your church firm in faith, so that it might trust in your goodness even when the way is difficult and the future seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: As the earth spins through another change of season, awaken trees and flowers from their winter's rest. Bring forth grain from the earth and fruit from the vine. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Bring peace to nations devastated by war and violence. Teach leaders to trust in your deep and abiding peace and make all of us instruments of that holy peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: You come into a broken world that is never beyond your repair. Heal those who feel the effects of illness and injury in body, mind, or spirit *especially Lois Paulsen, Betty Koehn, Verl Price, Ellen Kyles, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Lynn Meyers and Brenda's family.* Comfort and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Bless the ministries of teachers and mentors in the faith and be with those preparing for baptism. Send newcomers into our midst, and prepare us to welcome them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Remember your covenant with us, and write it on our hearts until we join with all the saints around your heavenly throne. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: 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

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 HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW#338

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me,
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand

Offering Prayer (after acolyte presents offering at altar)

A: Let us pray, Blessed are you, C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, 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.

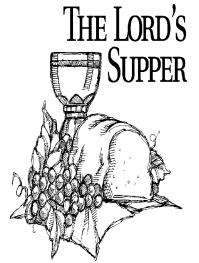
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Let us pray... Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, ...now and forever **C: Amen**

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

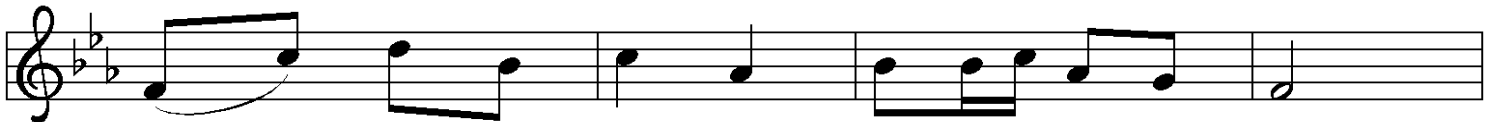
SENDING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW#338



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

DIMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

Palm Sunday March 29th (9:30am):

Join us for an all-congregation processional with palms during worship as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the people praised him... "'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9) "Hosanna!" Jesus knows that his entry into Jerusalem will lead to his death, but he continues in order to seek and save the lost.

Wednesdays During Lent

Family Friendly Wednesday nights, Light Meal and Evening Worship

Mark your calendars for March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th Dinner Served 5:30-6:30pm

(Come as you are and come when you can. We'll serve until our service begins at 6:30)

Evening Worship: Holden Evening Prayer Lenten Service 6:30-7:00pm

(Service with music, prayer, & special Lenten Drama, "The People Vs. Jesus)

Confirmation Students gather for worship and small group after: (Worship 6:30-7:15 and 7:15-7:45)

Youth Set-up and Serve for Easter Breakfast

All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd, we will be meeting on Saturday, April 4th at 4:00 pm to prepare for the Easter Breakfast. Also, Sunday, April 5th will meet at 7:30 am to serve the Easter Breakfast together.

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 22nd. Lilies may be picked up after 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service

Sunday Morning Bible Study on Daily Discipleship

11:00-11:45 am

Join us this Lent as we dive deeper into our Gospel readings from Sunday morning worship and learn more about following Jesus in our day to day lives. Sunday morning topics will be:

The Path of Discipleship: In the Footsteps (March 22)

The Path of Discipleship: Beneath the Cross (March 29)

Youth Lock-In at Good Shepherd

(for 6th-12th grades)

April 10th & 11th (The Fri and Sat after Easter).

Overnight Retreat combined event with Lena UMC. Starts Friday evening & goes through Saturday noon

Includes: Fun, Games, Worship, World Hunger learning, Service Project, and more!

Caring adults will be needed as chaperones.

Minimum of two adults and 10 youth needed to sign up by Palm Sunday March 29th.

Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Dates: August 7th to August 15th

We are in the process of forming our team for this year's Good Shepherd Mission Trip.

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we did in 2013. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry. I encourage you to pray about going yourself and/or about inviting a friend to join you. Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you!

If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793. \$90 down payment due by 3/29.

Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena IL

Senior Bingo Day - Thurs. 3-26 - Complimentary lunch at 12:30 - Bingo with prizes at 1:30

Doll Apartments Community Room