
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 9, 2020 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

"You are the light of the world."

[Matthew 5:14]



WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own.”

Nikos Kazantzakis

HANDBELL PRELUDE

arr. Kevin McChesney

All Creatures of Our God and King

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the attendance book at the end of the pew.)

GATHERING PRAYER

We come together today to celebrate family;
**the families who gather in this church,
the families who are inspired by this church,
the families who find support from this church
and the family that is this church.**

Today we answer Christ's call
**to foster love,
to encourage growth in faith, service and learning
and to create community.**

Today we hold fast to the conviction
that we are stronger together than we are separately.

Today we remember
that we are all blessed children of God.

As we worship today, we humbly, yet boldly, declare
that we are the Body of Christ!

So let us worship God!

Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WHOLENESS

Creating God, you have made us all uniquely in Your image; we are all different, but we are all One. You call us to be the Church; to bring people together, to bridge

divides and to support one another along our journeys. You call us to create family – Church Family – right here in our midst.

Yet we confess that sometimes living out this call is easier said than done. New people and ideas can disrupt our routines. Differences can make us uncomfortable. Merging generations, cultures and traditions can be challenging.

And yet, this is what a Church Family is supposed to look like.

So help us, O God. Help us to create the Church Family you are calling us to be. May it be beautiful, may it be inspiring and may it be infused with Your love. Amen.

Stand as you are able

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

Stand facing the cross.

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY [Celebrate Insert]

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

READING [Celebrate Insert]

Galatians 5: 22-26

22By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

A The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING [Celebrate Insert]

Philippians 4: 4-7

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL [Celebrate Insert]

Matthew 5:13-20

A The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever.

C Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SERMON

Fruits of the Spirit

Silence for reflection

Stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace

ELW 779

SUNG CREED

We Believe

**We believe in God the Father,
Maker of the universe,
And in Christ His Son, our Savior,
Come to us by virgin birth.
We believe He died to save us,
Bore our sins, was crucified,
Then, from death, He rose victorious,
Ascended to the Father's side.**

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

**We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power.
God, His word of truth affirming,
Sends us to the nations now.
He will come again in glory,
Judge the living and the dead.
Every knee shall bow before Him,
Then must every tongue confess.**

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION [Celebrate Insert]

Sit

HANDBELL OFFERING

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Children of the Heavenly Father

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, through these gifts and offerings we become partners with You in Your vision. We join You in our concern for all people, and name them as our own brothers and sisters. We return these gifts of our treasure and time to extend Your grace and will into this moment in history and into the world. This is but another way You call us to serve and love You and our neighbor. Amen.

PEACE

Stand as you are able

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sit

DISTRIBUTION SONG

In the Singing

ELW 466

Stand as you are able

DISMISSAL FROM THE TABLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

O, Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888

DISMISSAL

Be the light of Christ. Proclaim the good news.
Heal the sick. Share your bread with the hungry.
Thanks be to God.

*We welcome Scout Troop 73, Crew 73, and Girl Scout Troop 10314
to our Worship this morning. Scouts are serving with the Greeters,
Readers, Acolytes, and Ushers.*

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

THIRD
GRADE
AND UP

TWO CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS
AT 5:30PM

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MARCH 10
&
MARCH 17

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



LOOKING AHEAD.....

Mark your Calendars for these events!

Today, February 9 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Today, February 9 - Scout Sunday

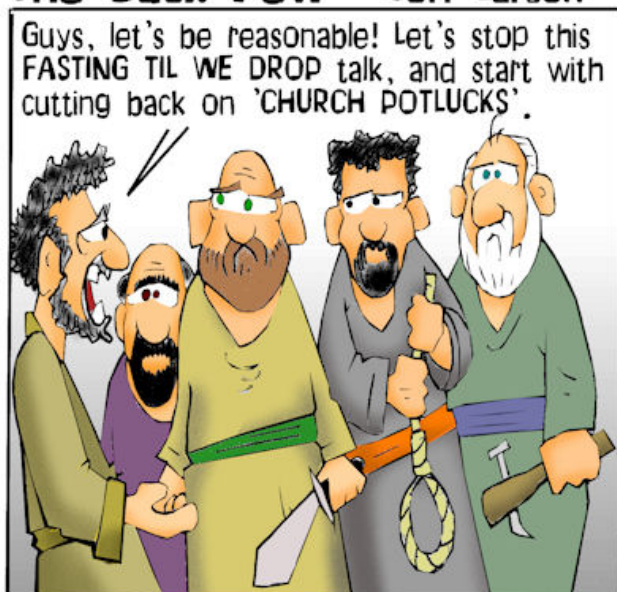
February 10 - Game Day at 1PM

February 12 - Technology Basics at 1PM

February 24 - Game Day at 1PM

February 26 - Ash Wednesday 8:30AM, 1PM, 7PM

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Considering this group of Zealots were NOT Lutherans, giving up potlucks was a very reasonable suggestion.

Acts 23

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers: Shirley Border, Barbara Fewer, Adrienne Johnson, Ruth Koenig, Art LaVere, Rakel Osterlund, Nichol D. Perotti, Trina Perotti, Frank and Sylvia Seidel, Steven Sensenbach, Katie Tsou, Irene Wielt, and the families of GSLC & GSLS

Prayers for families grieving a loss: The family of Carolyn Pyle (1/29) the mother to Leigh Nicolaisen, the family of Jeff Tuetken the son of Kitty Nagel, the family of Patricia Swaney (12/21), the family of Norinne Adair (12/12)

Prayers for Our Staff: The Rev. Daniel Christian, Falon Barmaki, Larry Braun, Jean Campbell, Stephen McKersie, and Tom Wise

Prayers for Our Church Council: Mark Ashe, Tom Gannon, Joanne Jensen, Paul Moseley, Michael Nann, Leigh Nicolaisen, Melinda Oliveri, Dave Perotti, Donna Peters, Tom Wise

****Memorial for Patricia Swaney March 1**

CHURCH MINISTRIES

GAME DAY - Come join the fun in the Senior Room. Games, laughter and snacks

TECHNOLOGY BASICS - Get your phone, computer, and iPad questions answered in a small group setting. Bring your technology all are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY - Every Friday at 1:30-3:30PM all are welcome.

SPRING CURSILLO RETREAT



Cursillo is a Christian community of faith dedicated to exploring the love of God and sharing God's love with others. Marin Cursillo is an ecumenical program with active participation of members of Catholic and Protestant denominations in the County. A Cursillo weekend goes from Thursday evening through Sunday and is attended by 40-60 new candidates and serving team members, who are interested in deepening their relationship with Christ. Members of the team will share with the participants through talks, discussions, music, prayer, and laughter.

The spring retreats at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo will be held on the following dates:

April 16- 19, 2020 -- Women's Weekend

Theme: So Loved (Wait List only)

April 23-April 26, 2020 -- Men's Weekend

Theme: Lead Me, Lord

If interested in attending the weekend, information and applications are located in the Narthex or by clicking on the following link to complete an application: <https://marincursillo.com/the-2020-weekends>.

For more information about the weekend or requesting a sponsor please contact Helga May at 415.897.5649 or Tom Gannon at 415.892.5839.

The Church Council is pleased to announce that we have entered into a lease agreement with the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Novato, led by Pastor Osorio, beginning Saturday, January 25, 2020. We welcome them to the Good Shepherd community. They will be using the fellowship hall, kitchen and sanctuary each Saturday from 8:30-4:30 P.M.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Currently, our Constitution requires that to achieve a quorum to conduct business, there must be 50 voting members present. This represents approximately 31.5% of the active membership. It has been a challenge to gather that many parishioners for our annual and special meetings. The Church Council has proposed a change to the constitution to reduce the percentage to 22.5%. We will vote on the proposed amendment to the constitution at the Annual Meeting on February 9th.

The current section of the Constitution :

SECTION V - THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

C. A quorum for the conduct of business of annual and special congregational meetings shall consist of 50 voting members.

Proposed change:

C. A quorum for the conduct of business of annual and special congregational meetings shall consist of 22.5 percent of the current active membership.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

It is recommended that the following paragraphs are modified as follows:

Chapter II: The Committee is modified as follows:

2.The Committee shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ seven (7) members, all of whom shall be voting members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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7. A quorum shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ four (4) members. The affirmative vote of at least ~~five (5)~~ four (4) members shall carry any motion or resolution.

ANNUAL MEETING CHANGES

This notice is to inform the congregation of the need to change the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting from January 26th to February 9th. This change is necessitated by our constitutional requirement to provide the congregation thirty (30) days' notice in advance of a congregational meeting that involves consideration of changes in the church constitution and/or bylaws.

At the meeting, the congregation will be asked to consider two constitutional changes. The first amendment calls for a change in the number of voting members that must be present to meet the requirement for a quorum.

The second amendment involves a reduction in the number of members for the Endowment Committee, and consequently, the number of members required for a quorum for committee votes.

The text of the two amendments will be available in the materials that are being prepared for the congregational meeting. Those materials will be available on January 19th.

Please join us at this important meeting. Under the current constitution, we will need 50 voting members to be present at the meeting in order to conduct the business of consideration of these constitutional amendments. In addition, we will be adopting our budget and elect new members for the Church Council. All of these are important decisions for the business of the church.

Again, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held:

DATE: Sunday, February 9, 2020

TIME: Following the Worship Service

LOCATION: Fellowship Hall

If you have any questions, please ask one of
your Council Members.

| THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD | |
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| SUN. February 9 | Scout Sunday |
| 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
| 11 AM | Congregational Meeting |
| MON. February 10 | |
| 1 PM | Game Day |
| 7 PM | Boy Scouts |
| TUES. February 4 | |
| 9:30 AM | Middle School Chapel (PCN) |
| 11:10 AM | GSLS Preschool Chapel |
| WED. February 5 | |
| 8:35 AM | K-5 Chapel |
| 11:10 AM | GSLS Preschool Chapel |
| 5:45 PM | Overcomers Outreach |
| THURS. February 6 | |
| 6 PM | AA Meeting |
| 6 PM | Handbell Ensemble |
| 7:30 PM | Shepherd's Chorus |
| FRI. February 7 | |
| 1:30 PM | Bible Study |
| SAT. February 8 | |
| 5 PM | Saturday Evening Worship |

Household Morning Prayer

Lord God, our world is changing rapidly, and we are experiencing hyper connection and disconnection between one another. Help me to create new and deeper expressions of communal love. Guide me to live into this simple truth of love toward our



sisters and brothers and remember that, "love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." *Rev. Daniel Christian, GSLC*

Household Evening Prayer

Holy One, this day is drawing to an end. Be with me as I pause and ponder all the love I saw and received today. Help me to see you in each moment of love. Where I fell short of being patient and kind, help me to feel Your patience and kindness toward me, and give me peace, as I give this day back to You. Amen.

Question About Why We Are Church: How would you explain what a Lutheran is, without using the words grace, sin, or faith?

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Regular Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 9 AM to 3 PM
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PASTOR'S INFORMATION

The Rev. Daniel Christian
RevDan@gslcnovato.org

OUR MISSION

As a community formed by God's grace, guided by His Holy Word, the Bible,
and powered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to:

Grow in faith and discipleship,

Share the good news of Jesus through word and deed,

Love others as Christ loves us, and

Celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacrament and service.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| The Members of Good Shepherd | Servants of Christ |
| The Rev. Daniel Christian | Pastor |
| Stephen McKersie | Director of Music |
| Tom Wise | Contemporary Music Coordinator |
| Falon Barmaki | Congregational Life Coordinator/Admin. |
| Larry Braun | Facility Maintenance |
| Troop 73 Boy Scouts | Lectors |
| Troop 10314 Girl Scouts - Sydney, Ella, Lexi, Isabel, | |
| Lucy, Tessa, Gianna | Acolytes |

CHURCH COUNCIL

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| Joanne Jensen - President | Leigh Nicolaisen – Vice President |
| David Perotti - Treasurer | Michael Nann - Secretary |
| Mark Ashe - Worship | Melinda Oliveri – Youth |
| Donna Peters – Activities | Paul Moseley – School Board |
| Tom Gannon - Stewardship | Tom Wise - Outreach |

*Many thanks to those who serve as Ushers, Greeters, Singers,
Instrumentalists, and the Altar Guild.*