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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
February 16, 2020 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany

*“Be reconciled.”*

[Matthew 5:24]

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WELCOME

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

**9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“The eye with which I see God is the same eye with which God sees me.”

*Meister Eckhart*

**PRELUDE** Processional on “Praise to the Lord” Martin Shaw

## BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## GATHERING PRAYER

When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

**we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**

When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

**Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WHOLENESS

**God of second chances and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Live and trust into the assurance that in Christ, hate, division, vindictiveness, gracelessness and cruelty do not win the day. The love of Christ restoring and renewing humanity and our world is the final word.

**Thanks be to God, in Christ we are given new life!**

*Stand facing the cross.*

**GATHERING SONG**

**Christ, Be Our Light**


**ELW 715**

## 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.**

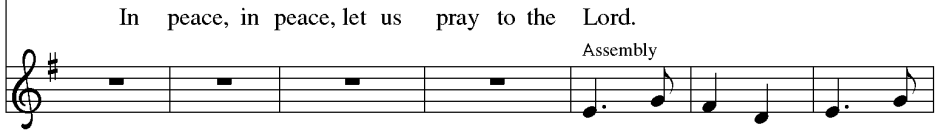
## KYRIE

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

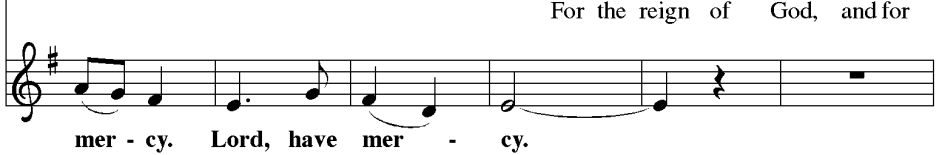
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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



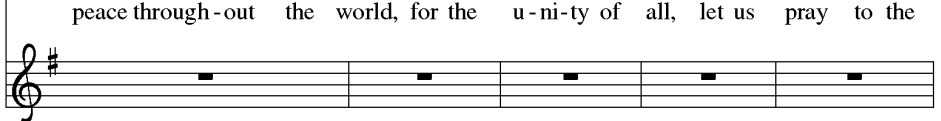
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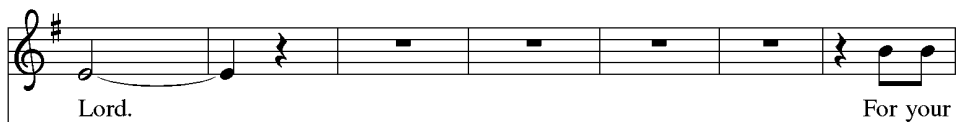


mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the





Lord.

For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.



mer - cy.

A - men.



*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and

glo-ry to Christ for-ev-er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY [Celebrate Insert]

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**READING** [Celebrate Insert]

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**A** The word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

# SHEPHERD'S CHORUS

arr. Craig Curry

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

*Joshua fought the battle of Jericho  
and the walls came a-tumbuhlin' down.*

*You may talk about the men of Gideon,  
You may talk about the men of Saul.  
There's none like good old Joshua  
at the battle of Jericho.*

*Now right up to the walls of Jericho,  
He marched with spear in hand.  
"Go blow those ram horns," Joshua cried,  
"for the battle is in God's hands!"*

*Then the horns began to bellow,  
And the trumpets began to sound,  
And Joshua commanded the people to shout,  
and the walls came a-tumbuhlin' down.  
African American Spiritual*

## READING [Celebrate Insert]

Psalms 119: 1-8

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL [Celebrate Insert]**

Matthew 5:21-37

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

*(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

**SERMON**

*Making Sense of All This*

*Time for reflection*

*Stand as you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Let All Things Now Living**

**ELW 881**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 [Celebrate Insert]

### OFFERING

Psalm 150

John Harper

*Alleluia! Praise God in the holy place,  
Praise God in the mighty heavens,  
Praise God for God's powerful deeds,  
Praise God's surpassing greatness.*

*Alleluia! Praise God with the sound of trumpet,  
Praise God with lute and harp,  
Praise God with timbrel and dance,  
Praise God with strings and pipe.*

*Alleluia! Praise God with resounding cymbals,  
Praise God with clashing cymbals.  
Let everything that lives and that breathes  
Give praise to the Lord. Alleluia!*

*Stand as you are able*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as expressions of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus name. **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**

More Love, More Power

Twila Paris

*Stand as you are able*

**DISMISSAL FROM THE TABLE**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **BLESSING**

#### **SENDING SONG**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**ELW 793**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord

arr. Hans Micheelsen

## **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.

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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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Prayers:** Shirley Border, Barbara Fewer, Adrienne Johnson, Ruth Koenig, Art LaVere, Rakel Osterlund, Dave Perotti, 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:** Tom Gannon, Jan Gostlin, Joanne Jensen, Ron Koenig, Michael Nann, Leigh Nicolaisen, Susan Nissim, Dave Perotti, Donna Peters, Corey Reed, Jane Thomer, 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.

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# FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

THIRD  
GRADE  
AND UP

TWO CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS  
AT 5:30PM



MARCH 10  
&  
MARCH 17

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

<b>SUN. February 16</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Worship Service
<b>MON. February 17</b>	President's Day
	Church & School Offices Closed
<b>7 PM</b>	Boy Scouts
<b>TUES. February 18</b>	
	GSLS Midwinter Break - No School
<b>WED. February 19</b>	
	GSLS Midwinter Break - No School
<b>5:45 PM</b>	Overcomers Outreach
<b>THURS. February 20</b>	
	GSLS Midwinter Break - No School
<b>6 PM</b>	AA Meeting
<b>6 PM</b>	Handbell Ensemble
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Shepherd's Chorus
<b>FRI. February 21</b>	
	GSLS Midwinter Break - No School
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Bible Study
<b>SAT. February 22</b>	
<b>8 AM - 4 PM</b>	Spanish Church
<b>5 PM</b>	Saturday Evening Worship

### Household Morning Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Guide my steps as I face choices to care for the earth or not, to show compassion toward others or not, to care for myself or not, to be true to Christ, or not. May each of my choices draw me closer to you. Amen.



### Household Evening Prayer

Tonight I come home to you in prayer, my God. Thank you for guiding me through this day, even when I was not conscious of it. Now I give this day back to you, entrusting all that I did and all that I left undone to your compassionate care. May I sleep in peace. Amen.

**Question About Why We Are Church:** When was a time you were thankful to be part of your congregation?

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The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by Kitty Nagel in memory of Dave & Ada.



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## LOOKING AHEAD.....

*Mark your Calendars for these events!*

**February 24** - Game Day at 1PM

**February 25** - Church Council Meeting

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

**Every Wednesday, March 4 - March 25** - 6PM Soup, 7PM Worship

## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

**Regular Office Hours:** Monday - Friday - 9 AM to 3 PM  
**Mailing Address:** 1180 Lynwood Drive, Novato, CA 94947  
**Phone Number:** (415) 897-2123  
**Email Address:** [church.office@gslcnovato.org](mailto:church.office@gslcnovato.org)  
**Website:** [www.gslcnovato.org](http://www.gslcnovato.org)

## PASTOR'S INFORMATION

The Rev. Daniel Christian  
[RevDan@gslcnovato.org](mailto: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

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
Gabriella Oliveri .....	Assistant
Sayumi Brannan .....	Lector
Buster Brannan .....	Acolyte

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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.*