



# JESUS, OUR INVITED GUEST

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

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*Sunday, January 17, 2016*

## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, Listening Devices are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A Nursery is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jesus comes as the invited guest to reveal the splendor of his glory. As we behold his glory, we delight in our bridegroom. For he delights in us, bringing to us his righteous deliverance, the strength of his Spirit, and the divine dimensions of his immeasurable love.



## CHILDREN’S DEVOTION TODAY

During today’s service, a children’s devotion will be offered. The devotion will take place during the singing of the Hymn of the Day. Children ages 3-12 are invited to come forward during the singing of that hymn.

## SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

**Preaching & Presiding Minister** .....Pr. Nathanael Seelow  
**Keyboardist** .....Michelle Reinsch  
**Ushers** .....Logan and Tom Hansen  
**Sound Technician** .....Logan Hansen

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## OPENING HYMN

*Please stand.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY - *Kyrie*



**C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy**



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## ABSOLUTION

- [M]** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

- [M]** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

## GLORY BE TO GOD - *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[M]** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**[M]** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*Be seated.*



## The Word

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*Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.*

### FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

*The Lord proclaims good news to Zion: the once rejected harlot will stand as his bride.*

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Refrain*

How good and pleasant it is\*  
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,\*  
even life forevermore.

*Refrain*

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD\*  
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary\*  
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,\*  
bless you from Zion.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*We rejoice at the Lord's delight to make the Church his bride. As gifts to his bride, come the gifts of the Spirit for the common good.*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.



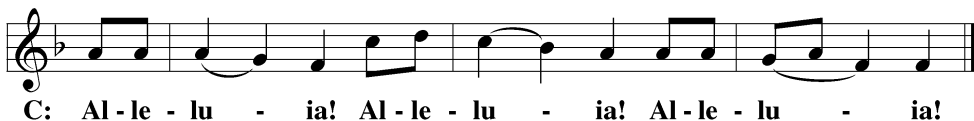
**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 49:3

**M** Alleluia! Alleluia! He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia!





## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 2:1-11*

*We witness a display of glory by  
our bridegroom, Jesus, the Christ.*

*Please stand.*


**[M]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter two.



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**



1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."



<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**[M]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* | CW 82

*During the singing of the second stanza of the hymn, children ages 3-12 in the congregation are invited to the chancel steps for a short children's devotion.*

## SERMON

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportioned to each one individually as he wills.

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand.*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

*Be seated.*

## OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

*Be seated.*

## HYMN

*O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God* | **CW 186**

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

*Please stand.*

**M** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

**[M]** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the LORD with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*May the Grace of Christ Our Savior* | **CW 326**



## *This Week's Announcements*

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**BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!** Sunday School will meet at 10:45 in the church. Bible Class will start at 10:55 in the multi-purpose room. We will be continuing our study of *Romans 1-8*.

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS TODAY** In today's service, Les Adelung and Randy Kahle were installed as the president and secretary of the Church Council, respectively. Phil Brei finished up his term as president last week, and because of term limits, was not allowed to run again. We thank Phil for his 4 years of faithful service to the congregation. Les and Randy join Mark Darby (Treasurer) and Tony Wenz (Maintenance) on the council. Through our daily prayers we ask for God's blessings on Les, Randy, Mark, and Tony as they continue to serve the congregation in these capacities.

**NEW! TRANSFORMED DEVOTIONS** The WELS Commission on Youth and Family is launching a weekly devotional series, "*TRANSFORMED: Devotions Connecting Teens to Christ*." Check out a new devotion each week at [wels.net/transformed](http://wels.net/transformed) or subscribe to get them delivered to your e-mail at [wels.net/subscribe](http://wels.net/subscribe).

**THE ANNUAL SOUPER-BOWL IS BACK!** Good Shepherd will once again be hosting a fellowship gathering on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. Plans for the day include a soup lunch and bowling at Big Apple in the afternoon. If you're interested and plan on attending, a sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the entry way. Please sign up so that we have an accurate count to be able to reserve lanes at the bowling alley. See you there!

**2016 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY** This summer, the WELS *Commission on Youth and Family Ministry* is holding their bi-annual International Youth Rally at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. The rally will be held June 28-July 1, 2016. Cost to attend is \$355 plus travel expenses. **The deadline for a decision to go to the rally is March 1.** If you (or you think your child would be) are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Seelow. The ages for the rally (completing) 8th grade through a 2016 high school graduate.

**2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE** The 2016 offering envelopes have arrived. They are available in the entry way of the church. If you have not already, please pick them up as soon as possible. If any envelopes remain by February 1, they will be mailed to your home. Please save the church postage by picking them up this week!

**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER** A copy of the newest “A Congregation at Prayer” is available on the table in the entryway. This packet is not only a good outline for personal and family devotions, but it also includes an up-to-date prayer list for those in (and outside) our congregation.

*This Week’s Calendar*

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**Wednesday, January 20** .....AM — Shut-in/Hospital Calls  
4p — Confirmation  
7p — *Connecting Sinai to Calvary* Bible Class

**Sunday, January 24** .....9:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion  
**Ushers:** Randy Kahle & Brent Meyer  
**Greeters:** Jim & Wanda Cantrell  
**Sound Technician:** Logan Hansen

10:30a — Fellowship  
10:45a — Sunday School  
10:55a — *Romans 1-8* Bible Class

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**Cleaning (1/17-1/23)** .....*Church*—Stutz; *Fellowship*—Webb; *Ed. Bldg.*—Wenz  
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