



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Pastor: Kathleen Fullarton

Good Shepherd Lutheran Mission Statement

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. September 21-22, 2013

5:00 p.m. Worship

* Please stand

Prelude

Welcome(Please remember to sign the pew pad by the center aisle of each pew.)

*Gathering Song "All Are Welcome" v 1, 2, 3. ELW 641

*Confession and Forgiveness. pg 94-96 (right side)

*Greeting

L: 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 Eleison. pg 184

*Prayer of the Day

C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much

do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon. Pastor Kathy Fullarton

*The Song of the Day/Month "We Are Called". ELW 720

*The Apostles' Creed

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 Offering

Offertory Response "Praise and Thanksgiving". ELW 689

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

The Lord's Prayer

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Sharing of the Peace

*The Benediction

*Sending Song "This Little Light of Mine". ELW 677

*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Web site: <http://www.goodshepherdwells.org> E-mail: shepherd@bevcomm.net

Broadcast Cable Mediacom TV Channel 7 Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd's Web Site - Please submit articles and pictures of events happening in the Church to the church office to be posted on the web site.

Acolytes: 5:00 p.m. Brady Berg, Nick Eckwright

Our support of the Ministry God has given us last week:

Current-\$4,195.00 World Hunger-\$95.50 Simply Giving-\$830.00 5:00-41
Missionary-\$576.00 9:00-145

Birthdays - Sept. 22-28 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

22-Nancy Christensen	22-Ken Stensrud	25-Amy Anderson	28-Jon Huper
22-Bruce Lorenz	22-Dan Treptow	26-Bud Fuchs	28-Hannah Warmka
22-Diane Lutteke	24-Ben Groskreutz	27-Charlene Harris	

Something New: An upcoming event at Good Shepherd this fall! WELCA is planning a **Hotdish Luncheon** for Thur., Oct. 24, 2013, serving from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Yes, we will need your help! Are you willing to provide one of your favorite hotdishes by 10:30 a.m., bars or pickles? Please sign up in Memorial Hall or call Ruth Heggen at 553-3423 by Oct. 10th. That's right, not a Salad Luncheon but a **Hotdish Luncheon**. We're counting on YOU!

Lutheran Social Service Man-Fair Region Auxiliary Fall Rally - Tues., Sept. 24th at 1:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd. "What's New in LSS?" Kathy Hansen, Vice President of Development, will speak about exciting new program info. Ingathering: Quilts, Cleaning Supplies, Paper Products and Treasure Boxes.

Women of the ELCA Membership Meeting will be held Sun., Sept. 22, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor.

The Eternal Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Mandy Stern, who died Sept. 22, 2006. It is given by Halie Stern, Lyle & Sharen Stern and family.

Farewell for Pastor Kathy and Stu - Please join us for a brunch catered by Kim's Cuisine, Sun., Sept. 29th, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service and a short program. Free will offering for brunch. Sign-up on the office door.

Pentecost 18...... *Contemporary Worship*
September 22, 2013. *9:00 a.m.*

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Song:** PW 11 "Awesome God"

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Gathering Song:** "Shout to the North" page 4

***Call to Worship:**

L: Rejoice, people of God! We gather together in the name of Christ,
who is our hope and peace.

C: But how can we rejoice? The world is full of hunger, conflict, and pain.

L: Rejoice, people of God! The victory is won in Christ.

C: But how? Our brothers and sisters cry out for justice, for love, and for food.

L: Rejoice, people of God! For in God there is justice and love. God is the source of everything.

C: But how? The problems are big and the injustice overwhelming.

L: Rejoice, people of God! As you follow Christ, he lives in you, and all things are possible.

**All: REJOICE! WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S TOOLS OF JUSTICE AND LOVE.
TOGETHER, THROUGH CHRIST, WE CAN WORK FOR PEACE, SHARE WITH
THOSE IN NEED, AND BRING HOPE TO THE WORLD!**

***Song:** "We Are Called". page 5

***Prayer of the Day:**

C: Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession:

C: We confess that too seldom do we take time for you, for our brothers and sisters, for those who need our care, and for those whose only claim upon us is their helplessness. Forgive us our preoccupation with ourselves, our calendars, our plans, our agendas, and open our hands to receive the abundant riches of your call to service. Seal us as your servants that we may live according to the gentle ways of your kingdom. Give us courage and strength to remain faithful in serving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: This is how God showed his love for us. Jesus came into the world so that we might have life. This is what love is. It is not that we have loved God, but that God loves us and sent Jesus to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. With that forgiveness we are given strength to live lives of love and service to one another, so that his love might be shown through us.

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Psalms 113

L: Praise the Lord! You servants of the Lord, praise his name!

C: His name will be praised, now and forever!

L: From the east to the west, the Lord's name be praised!

C: The Lord rules over all nations, his glory is above the heavens!

L: There is no one like the Lord our God; he lives in the heights above,

C: But he bends down to see the heavens and the earth.



L: He raises the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from their misery,

C: And makes them companions of princes, the princes of his people.

ALL: PRAISE THE LORD, YOU SERVANTS OF THE LORD! PRAISE HIS NAME!

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***Song: WOV 764 "Blest are They" v 1, 2, 3**

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Message. Pastor Kathy Fullarton

***Song: ELW 583 "Take My Life That I May Be"**

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

***Statement of Faith:**

C: We believe in a God of love, who created all that exists and continues to recreate the lives of all who believe. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who lived, died, and was raised to life that we might be with him for all eternity. We believe that God, through the Holy Spirit, is calling each of us to be a part of the body of Christ. We are called to reach out and care, to work for justice on earth, to celebrate God's presence in worship, to love and serve others, and to declare to all the world the greatness and love of our God.

Offering: "Stir Us, Lord" words printed page 3

Prayers of the Church/The Lord's Prayer

***Benediction**

***Sending Song: "Send Down the Fire".** page 6

L: Rejoicing in God's love, go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!