



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost..... July 20, 2014

9:00 a.m. Worship..... * Please stand

Prelude

Welcome

***Gathering Song** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”. ELW 807

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin,

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God our strength,

C: We confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells with us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: Amen.

***Kyrie Eleison**..... Printed

***Prayer of the Day**

C: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lesson Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalms 86:11-17 (read responsively)

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel** Matthew 13:23-30, 36-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

The Sermon

***The Song of the Day** “Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil” (Sing 2 times) ELW 512

***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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The Offering/Loose Change Offering

Special Music Brad Heggen

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** “Now Thank We All Our God”. ELW 840

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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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.

Serving Today: Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Daniel Zielske

Assisting Worship Leader: Trudy Drugg

Scripture Reader: Marlene Kauffmann

Communion Helpers: Diane Lutteke, Marlene Kauffmann, Trudy Drugg

Birthdays - July 20-26 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

20-Carter Hart 21-Deanne Mershon 22-Steve Voigt 24-Grace Niebuhr
Jody Wegner Merrie Sorensen 23-Ron Wegner 26-Maddex Niebuhr

Thank You to Brad Heggen for sharing with us today his gift of Music.

In memory of Don Bakken, Jeanette Groskreutz's brother, memorials have been received towards Operating Expenses.

Women of Good Shepherd - Do you long for a time of relaxation spent with friends? A time to get away from the busyness of life and study God's amazing word? Join us July 23rd for our summer retreat. Pastor Laurie will be leading our study. Kathy Ehlert will be our hostess at their Bass Lake home. Space is limited - sign up by calling the church office or the sign up sheet by the office. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at church to car pool. Pot luck lunch.

Matthew Clark Concert - Wells United Methodist Church invites you to a concert by singer/songwriter/storyteller Matthew Clark from Memphis, TN, Fri., July 25th at 7:00 p.m. Matthew is promoting his recent CD. There will be a free-will offering for Jamaica Missions and a dessert reception to follow.

Caring Ministry Team - Please call the church office at 553-3513 if you are unable to attend church and would like to receive a communion visit, someone from the Caring Ministry Team would be available to stop by and give you communion.

Daily Scripture Readings

July 21-Psalm 75 Nahum 1:1-13
Revelation 14:12-20

July 22 -Psalm 75 Zephaniah 3:1-13
Galatians 4:21—5:1

July 23-Psalm 75 Daniel 12:1-13
Matthew 12:15-21

July 24 -Psalm 119:129-136
1 Kings 1:28-37
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

July 25-Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 1:38-48
Acts 7:44-53

July 26 -Psalm 119:129-136
1 Kings 2:1-4
Matthew 12:38-42