



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

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter . . . . . May 25, 2014  
 9:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . \* Please stand

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

\*Gathering Song . . . . "For the Beauty of the Earth". . . . . Red Book #879

**\*Greeting**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: 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.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir Anthem . . . . "Thy Holy Wings". . . . . Adult Choir

**Lesson . . . . Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**Psalms 66:8-20** (read responsively)

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows?**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.** <sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

**Announcement of Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 14.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*Gospel . . . . John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**The Sermon**

\*The Song of the Day . . . "Oh, Sing to the Lord". . . . . Red Book #822

**\*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 Prayers of the Church** (kneel or sit)

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**The Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

L: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: Ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*The Benediction**

\*Sending Song . . . . "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory". . . . . Red Book #890

**\*Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Birthdays - May 25-31** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

25-Marah Niebuhr	Dan Hart	30-Leonard Cihlar	Maxine Thorson
26-Rita Bathke	Dean Kontzelmann	Thora Peterson	Leah Winch
Gary Hagen	27-Bea Hensche		

**Special Congregation Meeting** -There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8, 2014 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Social Hall for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

1. To present a revised, proposed budget.
2. To dissolve the Youth and Family Ministry team creating two separate teams Youth (activities for children/youth) and Parish Education (Sunday School and other education ministries)
3. Vote on parsonage upgrades - carpet, landscaping and excavating

In the event that a quorum of voting members (80) is not present, the meeting will be held on the next consecutive Sunday.

**Vacation Bible School** - "Weird Animals" June 9-13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:30 a.m. 4 yr olds to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. \$5.00/child or \$10/ family. Please register ahead, forms are on the table by the church office.

**Farewell Open House** for Maynard & Betty Heitner, Sat., May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd. No gifts please.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** - The second annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be June 9-13, 2014. This is a free service provided to our community. We are looking for volunteers, youth and adults, to help work for the week, for a day or two and someone to make a noon meal for the workers. Please call the church office at 553-3513 if you have a job that needs to be done or are willing to help in any way. Our hope is that more of the community would become involved to make it a huge community week of love and compassion.

**Sr. High Mission Trip** - July 4-12, 2014. Those going from Good Shepherd are: Brennan Magnuson, Adriana Soto, Nate Mattick and Faith Kauffman. We will be collecting items for homeless kits, which will be handed out to the people on the streets. Items may be brought to the church by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Homeless Backpack Kits:** 1 backpack used but in good shape with no holes and zippers working, 2 bottles of water, Fruit cups, Socks, Toilet paper, Wet wipes, Comb, Tooth brush/toothpaste, Deodorant, Comb, Razor, Small blanket, 1 roll of toilet paper, A few granola bars, Small plastic applesauce cups, Peanut Butter, Microfiber towel, Bar soap, Breakfast bars, Oatmeal crème cookies, Vienna sausages in a small can, Pre-made tuna salad (in a box), Pre-made chicken salad (in a box), Saltine crackers 1 tube, Juice boxes, 1 qt hefty Ziploc bag, 2 paper sacks, A personal note with only a first name that signs it. New Testament (Optional)

**Wells Area Food Shelf** would really appreciate donations of seed packets and seedlings this spring as many of their patrons are avid gardeners. You may bring them to the church office between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays and from there they will be moved right on to the food shelves. Packets that are half-full as well as from last year will also be accepted and also appreciated.

**Boy Scouts of America's** "Keep the Campfire Burning" Celebration and Fundraiser Wed., May 28<sup>th</sup> in Wells Scout House, starting at 5:00 p.m. for hors d' oeuvres. We will also be presenting Retired Scoutmaster, Elmer Ehlert from Bricelyn, with our Legacy Scouter award, for his past leadership with our scouting programs. Please join short program starting at 5:45 p.m. on how scouting is building values in our local youth. Supplement Funds applied from Thrivent, Faribault. Co. Chapter 31187.

**Informational Meeting on Budget on June 1<sup>st</sup> following worship** - Council members will present an overview of the congregation's finances. This will include projected income and expenses through 2017. There will be discussion about allocating undesignated memorial funds to balance the budget. No voting will take place at this meeting.

**The 2014 graduating class** of USC High School will hold their baccalaureate service on Wed., May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the USC auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

**May 26** -Psalm 93 Genesis 9:8-17  
Acts 27:39-44

**May 27** -Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 5:22-33  
1 Peter 3:8-12

**May 28** -Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 31:1-13  
John 16:16-24

**May 29**-Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**May 30** -Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:1-12  
Ephesians 2:1-7

**May 31** -Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:13-15  
John 8:21-30