



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation
Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2014
9:00 a.m. Worship * Please stand

Welcome

***Gathering Song** “Beautiful Savior”. ELW 838

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

C: Amen.

P: Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Generous and faithful God,

C: We confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

C: Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”. Adult Choir
Psalm 90:1-8, 12 (read responsively)

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Children’s Message

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

***The Song of the Day** “Here I Am, Lord”. ELW 574

***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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Song/Song of the Month “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” ELW 538

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

***Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer**

Distribution

***Communion Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”. ELW 547

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson

Assisting Worship Leader: Jon Melby

Scripture Reader: Chris Tatge

Acolytes: Kayla Nowak, Madison Loegering

Communion Servers: Kim Stevermer, Tom & Lynne Hansen

Birthdays - Nov 16-22 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

16-Bill Sievers	Donna Mershon	19-Amanda Huper	21-Brennan Olson
17-Dylan Foley	18-Lucy Harnack	Erika Johannsen	22-Helen Gaines
Matt Korman	Jim Stern	Travis Loegering	

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - To those who have signed up: Be at the church at 5:00 p.m. for appetizers. We will leave for the mystery homes at 5:45 p.m. to have dinner and then return to the church for dessert about 7:30 p.m. Please remember to bring the food that you signed up for. Donations will go to the backpack/food shelf program.

Sunday School teachers and helpers are still needed on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet will be posted on Pastor Laurie's door. Please sign up to help....even if it's just for one week. Together we teach our children God's Word. If you have questions contact Pastor Laurie at lstoeger@live.com.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 27, 2014 at the Wildcat Restaurant serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: No Charge.

Seeking volunteers for The Thanksgiving Community Dinner to help serve, dishwashing, greeters, set ups, clean up, coffee servers, and bake pies. (the pies only need to be baked, pick them up at the Wildcats Nov. 25, return by Nov. 26.) Call Lauryne Stern at 507-525-1920 or 553-3298 to volunteer. (text or voicemail.) Thank you.

Confirmation Winter Warm Up 2014 - Confirmation Students and driver/chaperones will be attending "Winter Warm Up" on Wed., Nov. 19th. The event is from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Christ Chapel at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Winter Warm Up is a gathering of area ELCA confirmation students. This year the featured guest speaker is Nadia Bolz-Weber, pastor of House for all Sinners and Saints (ELCA) of Denver, CO. Pastor Mary Iverson is the organizer of this annual event and is covering the expenses for our youth and chaperones to attend. Drivers/chaperones are needed! Please speak with Pastor Laurie at 507-380-5902 or call the church office a 553-3513 to sign up to drive. We will leave as a group from Good Shepherd at 5:40 p.m. after eating together at the Good Shepherd Wednesday Meal.

Sr. Saints - Join us on Wed., Nov. 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments and be entertained by the RSVP players of Wells who will present a Thanksgiving play. Everyone 55 and older is invited to join us for a short program and share the food provided by the October service group.

Personal Care Gift Bags - The Social Concerns Ministry Team will be collecting personal care items through Nov 30th to be used in gift bags for the Wells Area Food Shelf. Items may be left in the box in Memorial Hall.

Open House Farewell for Pastor Roger - You are invited to an Open House Farewell for Pastor Roger on Wed., Nov. 19th in the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Open House Eagle Scout Award - Corey Ehlert and Justin Ramaker will receive their Eagle Scout award on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 4:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran. Corey is the son of Brian and Kathy Ehlert of Bricelyn. Justin is the grandson of Jackie and Jim Ramaker. Both boys are members of Troop #30 in Bricelyn and are juniors at USC. Their scout leader is Brian Ehlert.

Daily Scripture Readings

Nov 17 -Psalm 9:1-14 Zechariah 1:7-17
Romans 2:1-11

Nov 18 -Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Nov 19 -Psalm 9:1-14 Job 16:1-21
Matthew 24:45-51

Nov 20 -Psalm 95:1-7a 1 Kings 22:13-23
Revelation 14:1-11

Nov 21 -Psalm 95:1-7a 1 Chronicles 17:1-15
Revelation 22:1-9

Nov 22 -Psalm 95:1-7a Isaiah 44:21-28
Matthew 12:46-50