



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

"Called to Be Welcoming"

August 16, 2015

A result of "Living the Christian Life" is to have a life where the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are evident in our lives. God's love flows to us but how can God's love flow through us?

Welcome

***Gathering Song** *"All Are Welcome"* ELW 641

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Through Jesus' death and resurrection our sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

C: Loving God, ruler of our hearts, you call us to obey you and you gift us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your son, that leaving behind all that holds us back, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music Brad Heggen

Psalms 1 (read responsively)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²**but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶**for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts, chapter 10.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

ScriptureActs 10:1-8, 27-29, 44-48

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called.²He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God.³One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius."⁴He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.⁵Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter;⁶he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside."⁷When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him,⁸and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa. ²⁵Cornelius met Peter, and falling at his feet, worshiped him.²⁶But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal."²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled;²⁸and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean.²⁹So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?" ⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said,⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

P: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

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

***Apostles' Creed** page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Response . . . *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* ELW 184

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

*Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** "Sent Forth by God's Blessings". ELW 547

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Chris Tatge

Communion Helpers: Bill & Andy Groskreutz

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

16-Carol Aske	Nancy Elmer	Andrew Heggen	22-Kurt Niebuhr
Julie Forderer	20-Zachary Niebuhr	Gary Kauffmann	Sara Salisbury
18-Dan Drugg	Tatum Stangler	Tom Schroeder	
19-Leslie Drugg	21-Jeff Erickson		

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

A Gift has been received towards the Elevator Repair Fund from Barb Ziegler and the late Elmer Ziegler in honor of their wedding anniversary which was Aug. 17th.

August Food Collection – Feeding Hungry Children - During the month of August we will collect food donations of individual fruit cups (packages of 4 or 8). A grocery cart will be parked near the pulpit in the sanctuary, collecting your donations which will all go to the Backpack Food Program (also known as the Communities Fighting Student Hunger program.) Thank you for your generous donations this summer.

Supplies for Sunday and Wednesday School - Next time you are near some of the great "Back to School" sales events, perhaps you could pick up some of our much needed supplies for both Sunday and Wednesday School. We are in need of markers, both fine tip and regular, as well as scotch tape and glue sticks. Boxes to collect the supplies will be by the door to the office.

Senior Saints - Pastor Adam Nathason and his family will be with us at our August 19th gathering at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments to share some of his experiences as a missionary to Caracas, Venezuela. Following the presentation we will join in fellowship as we enjoy the food provided by the August service group. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend.

Gluten Free Wafers are now available. Please ask the communion server to get the bowl for you to receive a gluten free wafer.

Sunday - 16th

8:15 am Morning Coffee
9:00 am Holy Communion
Loose Change Offering
Coffee/Fellowship

Monday - 17th

Tuesday - 18th

Voice Articles Due

Wednesday - 19th

6:00 am Promise Keepers
10:30 am Parkview Service
11:00 am Sr Saints-Brdwy Apts
5:00 pm Wed Meal-Mexican Night
6:15 pm Wed Service

Thursday - 20th

8:30 am **Bulletin Articles Due**
9:00 am Mayberry Bible Study

Friday - 21st

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday - 22nd

3:00 pm Lesley Tibodeau/Cole Richardson
Wedding

Sunday - 23rd

8:15 am Morning Coffee
9:00 am Worship
Coffee/Fellowship

Youth and Family Bonfire - Aug. 29th, 6:30-8:30 pm. At Ron & Jody Wegner's. Meet at the church for rides at 6:10 pm. Serving: hotdogs, S'mores and homemade root beer, all provided. Cost: free. Games, food, fun for all ages. Please bring your own lawn chair. Please sign up on the office door.

Good Shepherd Daily Prayers

The week of Aug. 16th

Please pray for the following this week in your daily devotions.

In Our ongoing prayers:

Shannon Reuss (daughter of the Helfritz's), Jan Helfritz (battling cancer), Bill Niebuhr, Marlene Sievers, Caroline Tatge, Lester Salisbury(Parkview), Ray Anthony(friend of congregation battling cancer), Abby(friend of congregation), LeAnn Olson West(friend of community kidney transplant)

Those serving in the Military

Jared Detloff, Joshua Hansen, Danielle Hueper, Brandon Roessler, Mitch Meyer, Kevin Stern, Joshua Kauffmann, Eric Treptow, Kerri Zuehlke, Alex Ramaker, Logan Matticola, Keith Latourelle, Craig Carroll, Bonnie Budahn, Mike Budahn

Our Missionary - Karen Anderson

Companion Synods - Bogota, Colombia Central Diocese in Tanzania

Partner Congregation - Kinambeu Lutheran in Tanzania

Daily Scripture Readings

Aug 17 - Psalm 36

Genesis 43:1-15
Acts 6:1-7

Aug 18 - Psalm 36

Genesis 45:1-15
Acts 7:9-16

Aug 19 - Psalm 36

Genesis 47:13-26
Mark 8:14-21

Aug 20 - Psalm 34:15-22

Joshua 22:1-9
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Aug 21 - Psalm 34:15-22

Joshua 22:10-20
Romans 13:11-14

Aug 22 - Psalm 34:15-22

Joshua 22:21-34
Luke 11:5-13

Youth and Family Bonfire

August 29th 6:30-8:30pm

Ron and Jody Wegner Farm, 57536 110th ST, Wells

Youth meet at the Church at 6:10 pm if you need a ride to the farm

Serving: Hotdogs, S'mores and homemade root beer.
All food, beverages and dishes will be provided.

Cost: free.

Please sign up at the church office so we can have enough food.

Games, food, fun for all ages.

Please bring your own lawn chairs.

All youth and all families are invited and welcome!

