



WELCOME TO Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

"Called to Change"

August 2, 2015

Today we start a six week sermon series on Living the Christian Life. One aspect of being a Christian with a living relationship with Jesus Christ is that we are transforming people. Some even say that we shouldn't bother attending worship if we aren't willing to change or be changed."

Welcome

***Gathering Song "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" ELW 789**

***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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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: Gracious God, you are the source, the guide and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you and to treasure what is precious in you sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music Breanna Wegner

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (read responsively)

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴**Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

¹²What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

¹³**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

***Announcement of Scripture Reading:**

P: A reading from the book of Acts, chapter 2.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Scripture Acts 2:22-24, 36-39

²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know--²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

P: May these ancient words bring us hope today.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Song of the Day "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW 715

***Apostles' Creed page 105**

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering

Offertory Response . . . "Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1, 2 ELW 583

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

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

Distribution

Communion Blessing

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *"To Be Your Presence"* *ELW 546*

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Jody Wegner

Communion Helpers: Rachel & Matt Korman, Linda Buendorf

Birthdays-Aug 2-8 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

26-Maddex Niebuhr 29-Ami Hart Loren Vogelsang LaVaun Schroeder
27-LaVonne Linde 30-Kristina Neubauer 31-Arnold Carlson 1-Corey Ehlert

Thank You to Breanna Wegner for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

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.

Good Shepherd Pool Party - Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015 from 8:30-10:30 pm Wells Municipal Pool
Bring your swim noodles, beach balls and a snack Life guards will be on duty. This is an event for everyone (youth and families). Youth in grade 3 and above are welcome to come without a parent

Mayberry Bible Study - Thursday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m.
Enjoy watching a full episode of the much loved “Andy Griffith Show” followed by a discussion and Bible Study. Pastor Mary will lead the discussion. We will gather in the Parlor, behind the kitchen in the basement of Good Shepherd and coffee will be served. All are welcome.

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 door to the office.

Daily Scripture Readings

- Aug 3 - Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32
Ephesians 4:17-24
- Aug 4 - Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Deuteronomy 8:1-20
1 Corinthians 12:27-31
- Aug 5 - Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Isaiah 55:1-9
Mark 8:1-10
- Aug 6 - Psalm 34:1-8
1 Samuel 28:20-25
Romans 15:1-6
- Aug 7 - Psalm 34:1-8
2 Samuel 17:15-29
Galatians 6:1-10
- Aug 8 - Psalm 34:1-8
1 Kings 2:1-9
Matthew 7:7-11