



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

“Called to Justice”

August 23, 2015

For generations there has been a divide between people, leaving some to be most vulnerable. God calls us to do justice in our daily lives; to bring fairness into our world. The biggest challenge of this might be to see that God is inside all of us, even those who are most not like us. In what ways can you get to know people who need hope in their lives?

Welcome

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

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of Goodness, hear us as we seek your presence in the dark places and in the light.

C: We hoard and you show generosity, God. We are idle and you serve. We hate and you love. Everything that we intend for evil, you turn to good. Forgive us and make our hearts like yours, full of kindness, humility and love.

P: Ours is a loving and powerful God, able to turn evil to good. Because our God is trustworthy, we can be assured that our sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who delights when we choose good, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

C: Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher, Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission in the world and together witnessing to your love in our daily lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music. John Degner

Psalms 112 (read responsively)

¹Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

⁸**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Amos, chapter 5.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Scripture Amos 5:21-24

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P: May these ancient words bring us hope today.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

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

***Apostles' Creed**. page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response. . . . “Create In Me”. ELW 186

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

***Sending Song** “Send Me Jesus”. ELW 549

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson

Birthdays-Aug 23-29 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

23-Mark Seedorf 26-Joanne Jespersen 28-Patsy Beckmann Maggie Treptow

24-Danny Hummer 27-Mason Loegering Lisa Olson 29-Tom Huper

25-Sydney Niebuhr Dustin Schultz Pearl Schirmer

Thank You to John Degner for sharing with us today his gift of Music.

Memorials Received:

From the funeral of Gaylord Korman towards the General Fund.

From the funeral of Andrew (Andy) Johnson towards the General Fund.

From the funeral of Dennis Peterson, Sara Lutteke's father, towards the General Fund.

From the funeral of Evan Seedorf towards the General Fund and Postage.

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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Aug 24 - Psalm 119:97-104

Nehemiah 9:1-15

Ephesians 5:21—6:9

Aug 25 - Psalm 119:97-104

Nehemiah 9:16-31

Ephesians 6:21-24

Aug 26 - Psalm 119:97-104

Isaiah 33:10-16

John 15:16-25

Aug 27 - Psalm 15

Exodus 32:1-14

James 1:1-8

Aug 28 - Psalm 15

Exodus 32:15-35

James 1:9-16

Aug 29 - Psalm 15

Exodus 34:8-28

John 18:28-32