



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

“Called to Love”

August 30, 2015

Sometimes it is very difficult to love someone. It's often easy to love people who are like us or don't ask much of us. The call to love one another is a hallmark of the Christian faith. And it is a broad command, in that we are called to love everyone, even those who are very unlovable.

Welcome

***Gathering Song**..... Hymn Sing

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Lord God, who is holy and just, hear the prayers of your people and grant us kindness and forgiveness. Jesus proclaimed: Let me give you a new command: Love one another. This is how you will recognize my disciples, when you see the love you have for one another. Let us pray:

C: Loving God, we confess the selfishness that draws us to focus on our own needs; the hard hearts that make us pull away from others; the stubbornness that leads us to make excuses. We are broken. Forgive us, God, and point us again to share your love. Amen.

P: The Lord, our God, is merciful and just. God grants us forgiveness of sins and works through us to bring this world back into alignment with God's holy purposes, for the glory of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace. Fill us with your love so we can love one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music..... Julie Forderer

Psalm 148 (read responsively)

¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of John, chapter 13.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Scripture John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Song of the Day "You Are Mine" ELW 581

***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** . . . "Jesus Loves Me!" ELW 595

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Stacy Magnuson

Birthdays-Aug 30-Sept 5 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

30-Deb Larson 31-Candy Berg 1-Hayden Tolzmann 4-Jared Fette 5-Pam Warmka
Liam Schrader Chris Lutteke 2-Linda M. Possin Brandon Rucker

September Food Collection - During the month of September a grocery cart located near the pulpit in the sanctuary will be accepting donations of rice and dried beans. Pinto beans are one example of dried beans that are appreciated by food shelf customers. All food collected will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 13 - Every ELCA congregation is invited to participate in a special day to put our faith into action. On Sunday, September 13 we will gather for worship. After worship, you will be invited to put your faith into action by participating in a service project. We will have several stations for projects such as making a card/drawing a picture for a Veteran, tying a fleece blanket for a nearby care facility, making and packaging cookies for the "helpers" in our community (fire, ambulance or police departments), collecting food for the Wells Area Food Shelf and a team will go out to perform random acts of kindness in our community. We would also like to have a team go out to do some landscaping at a Wells area home. Contact Pastor Mary if you know of someone who needs some shrubs trimmed or landscaping. Come to worship on September 13, prepared to put your faith into action to reach out with God's love.

September 15 Photo Session for Church Directory - There is one last opportunity to have your photo taken for the upcoming Church Photo Directory being made together with Lifetouch. The photographers will be at Good Shepherd on September 15. If you haven't yet had photos taken, you can sign up on the Good Shepherd website or by calling Andrea at the Good Shepherd office (553-3513). We hope that the directories will be delivered to us here at the church around mid-November. Thanks to everyone who had their photos taken or submitted photos and a big thanks to Julie Forde and Lynne Hansen for co-chairing the project

Thrivent Financial Child's Play House Ticket Sales -Thrivent Financial Chapter 31187 are selling tickets for a child's play house to be raffled on Sept. 25, 2015. The proceeds are used by Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing for people in need. Cost: \$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10.00. Contact Lauryne Stern or Karen Niebuhr.

Daily Scripture Readings

Aug 31 - Psalm 55:1-15	Job 8:1-22
1 Corinthians 7:1-9	
Sep 1 -Psalm 55:1-15	Job 11:1-20
1 Corinthians 7:10-16	
Sept 2 -Psalm 55:1-15	Job 15:1-35
Matthew 5:27-36	
Sep 3 -Psalm 22:1-15	Job 17:1-16
Hebrews 3:7-19	
Sept 4 -Psalm 22:1-15	Job 18:1-21
Hebrews 4:1-11	
Sep 5 -Psalm 22:1-15	Job 20:1-29
Matthew 15:1-9	