



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

"Inheritance from Christ"

July 12, 2015

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Welcome

***Gathering Songs** *"You Are Holy"*. ELW 525

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God and Father of all,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

C: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music. Charlotte Elvebak

Psalms 85:8-13 *(read responsively)*

⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; or you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

The Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Sermon

The Song of the Day *"Borning Cry"*. ELW 732

Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Printed

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response. . . . *"Change My Heart, O God"*. ELW 801

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

***Sending Song** *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*. ELW 860

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Linda Stern

Birthdays-July 12-18 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

12-Liza Christensen	14-Jadelyn Niebuhr	16-Betty Heitner	Jacob Billings
13-Gordon Martin, Jr.	15-Megan Kruger	18-Pam Baird	Kolt Bullerman
Sue Vee	Bryan Schroeder		

Thank You to Charlotte Elvebak for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

Holy Baptism - Ashtyn Marie Kruger, infant daughter of Joel & Megan (Tatge) Kruger, born April 10, 2015. Her Christian sponsors are Marshall & Erin Tatge, Kim Kruger & Josh Stangler, Matt Grunzke & Kristina Schroeder.

Holy Baptism - Ava Lucille Theede, infant daughter of Matt & Sara (Jacobson) Theede, born April 10, 2015. Her Christian sponsors are Amy Sokoloski and K'Andre Miller.

July Food Collection - During the month of July we will collect food donations of boxed macaroni and cheese. A grocery cart will be parked near the pulpit in the sanctuary, collecting your donations which will all go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for filling the cart in June with 134.5 lbs!

Kernel Days Hamburger/Pie Stand - Please sign-up for food donations and to work at the pie stand.

New Pictorial Directory - Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch. July 24 & 25, 27-31, 2015. **Sign up:**

- Online at goodshepherdwells.org available now for early registration (you will receive a link to a \$10 coupon, with your reminder email, by signing up this way)
- Or call the office at 507-553-3513 for assistance

Remember our directory won't be complete without you!

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Trip to Minneapolis - Saturday, July 18 *all day*.

Activities include a servant event at the Caring and Sharing Hands in Minneapolis, a visit to Muskego Chapel, fun at the SkyZone Trampoline Center and meals. Good Shepherd youth in grades 7 through 12 (those who have completed grade 6) are encouraged to attend. Cost for this day of helping and fun is \$20. Sign up by July 12 on the office door.

Sr. Saints - Join us for a musical experience with the "Methodist Men" as they sing songs that include Gospel, Oldies and Country. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend this event at the Broadway apartments on July 15th at 11:00 am. We will be having a picnic meal provided by the July service group following the program.

Grade School Youth Event - *Supper, Games and Serving* - Thur., July 30, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 pm. For grades 2-6. Meet at the church at 4:00 pm We will eat supper together and play some games at the church. At 6:00 pm we will travel to Parkview Care Center and lead BINGO with the residents. Please be picked up at Parkview (outside the main door) at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on the church office door so we have enough chaperones and drivers. Cost: *Free*.

Daily Scripture Readings

July 13 - Psalm 142

Amos 5:1-9

Acts 21:27-39

July 14 - Psalm 142

Amos 9:1-4

Acts 23:12-35

July 15 - Psalm 142

Amos 9:11-15

Luke 7:31-35

July 16 - Psalm 23

Jeremiah 10:1-16

Colossians 1:15-23

July 17 - Psalm 23

Jeremiah 10:17-25

Acts 17:16-31

July 18 - Psalm 23

Jeremiah 12:1-13

Luke 18:35-43

THE BAPTISM OF

Ashtyn Marie Kruger and Ava Lucille Theede

July 12, 2015 at 9:00 am

(L: Pastor; P: Parents; S: Sponsors; C: Congregation)

God's Promises in Baptism

L: Baptism is an action of God. In the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and given eternal life. Baptism frees us from sin and death by joining us to Jesus Christ.

S: **We present Ashtyn Marie Kruger to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

S: **We present Ava Lucille Theede to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

L: You have presented Ashtyn Marie and Ava Lucille, for Baptism. Will you share Christ's love with them by your words and actions? Will you treasure them as special gifts from God and care for them with the love of Christ? Will you pray for them, that God's presence fills their life?

P/S: **We will.**

L: Will you teach them how much Jesus loves them? Will you teach them that they are children of God forever? Will you bring them to the gathering of God's people so that they grow up worshiping and praising God? Will you teach them to pray, introduce them to the Scriptures, and see that they are given every opportunity to grow in Christ?

P/S: **We will.**

L: I ask you to publicly take a stand for Jesus Christ. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and his empty promises?

P/S: **I do.**

L: Do you believe in God, our Creator, Savior, and Counselor?

P/S/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.**

Baptism

L: Ashtyn Marie Kruger, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

L: Ava Lucille Theede, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication

L: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Ashtyn Marie and Ava Lucille; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

The Sign of the Cross

L: Ashtyn Marie Kruger child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

L: Ava Lucille Theede child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Baptismal Candle

L: Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Prayer

L: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the parents of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Ashtyn and Ava. Will you pray for them and share your faith with them? Will you remind them that they belong to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

C: **We will.**

L: Please, welcome your new sisters in the name of Jesus.

C: **Ashtyn Marie and Ava Lucille, you are children of God with us. Together we belong to Christ and together we are called to praise and serve him. We welcome you into the Lord's family, into Good Shepherd's congregation, and into our hearts and lives.**

Connect Groups

Would you like to feel more connected with our Good Shepherd congregation? The fellowship/outreach group is starting several “Connect Groups” this fall that would focus on various interests that people might have in common. Some of our ideas are:

- 1. Dinner groups (6 people eat together either at someone’s house or go out together to eat)
- 2. Card or game playing groups
- 3. Cooking/recipe groups
- 4. Bible study groups
- 5. Book study groups
- 6. Young family groups
- 7. Walking groups
- 8. Attending movies, or play
- 9. Other _____

Please check any of the above items that you might be interested in. List any ideas that you have that we do not have listed.

Name _____ Phone _____

(Return to the church office or put in the offering basket on Sunday.)