



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship "Christ is the Vine and we are the Branches" May 3, 2015

One Story Jesus shared to describe his life as the Risen Christ is the story of the vine and the branches. When we connected to Christ, we bear fruit. In the same way, apart from Christ, we can bear no fruit.

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". ELW 742

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Gift of Love". Adult Choir

Psalms 22:25-31 (read responsively)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

*Announcement of Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel John 15:1-8

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The Sermon

The Song of the Day "My Life Flows On in Endless Song". ELW 763

*The Apostles' Creed. ELW page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response. . . . "Create in Me a Clean Heart". ELW 186

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

*Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing*Benediction

*Sending Song/Song of the Season. . . "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" vs 1 & 2 . . . ELW 364

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Shirley Lesto

Acolytes: Halley Schrader, Ongelle Schroeder

Communion Helpers: Gary Hagen, Shirley Lesto, Kathy Ehlert

Birthdays - May 3-9 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

3-Lillyan Lutteke

Samantha Swanson

Jeff Teskey

6-Teagan Lutteke

4-Deb Willner

5-Hannah Olson

In memory of Lois Groskreutz memorials have been received towards the Handicap Drive, Sunday School, GEV Camperships, Easels, Youth Fund, Crafty Quilters, Adult Choir Fund, and Good Samaritan Fund.

New Pictorial Directory - Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch. July 24 & 25, 27-31, 2015. Sign up in 3 easy ways:

- 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)
- At church on the sign up Weekends starting May 3
- Or call the office at 507-553-3513 for assistance

Remember our directory won't be complete without you!

Defibrillator Training will be May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. If you have signed-up or are interested in being trained on the defibrillator please come.

Missionaries Paula and Denny Lofstrom - Sunday, May 10th at 9: 00 a.m. Worship. Good Shepherd has provided long time support to Paula and Denny Lofstrom, missionaries in Tanzania. At worship on May 10 we hear an update on the progress being made in building a pediatric hospital in Zinga. The Lofstroms will also speak during the coffee fellowship following worship in the Social Hall.

Your HELP is needed! - Highway Clean-Up - Weds, May 13th at 6:50 p.m. Adult drivers and chaperones are needed to assist the confirmation youth in the Highway Clean-up, just west of Wells on Highway 22. Please meet at 6:50 p.m. in the Church Social Hall to gather together with a group and go out together to our adopted highway. After clean-up we will meet together for some ice cream at the Dairy Queen. Please sign-up on the office door.

Songs of Faith - Sunday, May 24th at 9: 00 a.m. Worship. So many of the beloved worship hymns we sing are written out of personal experience, including both joys and hardships. On May 24 we hear the story of several hymn writers and hear the stories of faith that led them to write songs that we love to sing.

Free Community Supper - Tuesday, May 5th, in the Social Hall. Serving is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Fellowship/Outreach Ministry Team is preparing and serving the meal. Invite someone you know who may benefit from a free meal and fellowship in their busy lives. If you haven't been to one of the free community suppers, **Come on down !**

Daily Scripture Readings

May 4 - Psalm 80

Isaiah 5:1-7

Galatians 5:16-26

May 5 - Psalm 80

Isaiah 32:9-20

James 3:17-18

May 6 - Psalm 80

Isaiah 65:17-25

John 14:18-31

May 7 - Psalm 98

Isaiah 49:5-6

Acts 10:1-34

May 8 - Psalm 98

Isaiah 42:5-9

Acts 10:34-43

May 9 - Psalm 98

Deuteronomy 32:44-47

Mark 10:42-45