



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

November 1, 2015

"All Saints' Day"

On All Saints' Day we remember that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, Saints who are both living and dead, who have blessed us in our lives. Part of our tradition is to light a candle and name those beloved who have died this past year. We grieve our loss but we also give thanks that they played an important role in our lives.

Welcome

*Gathering "All Are Welcome". ELW 641

Confession and Forgiveness. ELW page 95

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, Bless all the saints with the light of your love; bless those who have gone before us and those still with us. Thank you for sacred ties that bind us to the unseen world; for the dear and holy dead who surround us like a great cloud of witnesses. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "For the Saints". Adult Choir

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (read responsively)

- ¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ²**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**
- ³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴**I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.**
- ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸**O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**
- ⁹O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
- ¹⁰**The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**
- ²²The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Hebrews chapter 12.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Song of the Day "Shall We Gather at the River". ELW 423

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Printed

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response. . . . "Praise and Thanksgiving" vs 1. ELW 689

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

All Saints' Candle Lighting

(as Pastor Mary directs, you may come forward to the front and light a candle in memory of loved ones)

Hymn "For All The Saints" ELW 422

*Benediction

*Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon" vs. 1. ELW 439

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Taylor Allis

Communion Servers: Coni Olson, Ruth Heggen, Linda Hagen

Birthdays-Nov 1-7 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

1-Paula Billings	2-Josey Schroeder	Rahj Soto	Britt Wegner
Sandy Lorenz	Renee Soto	5-Marlene Sievers	7-Sara Lutteke
Alyson Swanson	Tracy Warmka	6-Jenny Lutteke	Milt Peterson
Leigha Tolzmann	3-Cristian Soto		

Holy Baptism - Natalie Mae Holm, infant daughter of Josh Holm & Andrea Huper, born September 2, 2015. Her Christian sponsors are Ezra Mucha and Caitlyn Holm.

The Eternal Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Harvey McLain, in honor of his birthday anniversary which is Oct. 27th. It is given by Evelyn McLain and family.

The Eternal Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Adam Stephas and Arthur Lindely's Birthday anniversary, which are Nov. 3rd & 8th. It is given by Marlene Lindely and family.

In Remembrance of Our Faithful Members Who Have Died this past Year - Arlyn "Bud" Fuchs, Clayton Solberg, Elaine Hartshorn, Ken Stensrud, Virgil Breitreutz, Kathy Goldman, Lois Groskreutz, Dana Kapke, Ione Stern, Arnold Groskreutz, Gaylord Korman, Evan Seedorf, David Colvin, Ernest Hamson, Ricky Krowiorz, Dan Drugg, Dave Talamantez, Caroline Tatge and Gerald Groskreutz.

November Food Collection - During the month of November, a grocery cart located next to the pulpit in the sanctuary will be collecting donations of toilet paper and Kleenex. All items collected this month will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. A special thanks for the canned fruit donated in October.

Possible New Driveway at Good Shepherd - In 2014 a memorial was gifted to Good Shepherd for a driveway south of the church that would allow cars to drop people off at the elevator entrance of the church. Since the donation was given, the Church Council has asked the Property Committee to lead this project, led by Dan Treptow. An Albert Lea Engineering firm Zenk•Read•Trygstad & Associates, Inc. was hired and they have finished their design for the driveway. The cost of the engineer was paid from the original memorial gift. At the September 14, 2015 Church Council meeting, the Council accepted the proposed design, which was forwarded from the Property Committee. The engineering firm has also provided an estimated cost of the project. The Church Council now invites the congregation to the following Congregational Forums so the design can be unveiled, the cost discussed and questions can be answered. In addition, Church Council President Ryan Crabtree has called for a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on this possible Driveway proposal.

Special Congregational Meeting: Church Council President Ryan Crabtree has called for a Special Congregation Meeting to consider the council's proposal for a driveway south of the church to allow cars to drop people off at the elevator entrance. *Remember that a 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.*

Good Shepherd Dinner Group - Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 5:30. We will meet for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. on November 1st at the church in the Social Hall. We will have designated table to mix people up. Please bring a dish to pass. Please let Linda Hagen know if you are able to attend.

THE BAPTISM OF

Natalie Mae Holm

November 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

(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 Natalie Mae Holm to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

L: You have presented Natalie Mae, for Baptism. Will you share Christ's love with her by your words and actions? Will you treasure her as a special gift from God and care for her with the love of Christ? Will you pray for her, that God's presence fills her life?

P/S: **We will.**

L: Will you teach her how much Jesus loves her? Will you teach her that she is a child of God forever? Will you bring her to the gathering of God's people so that she grows up worshiping and praising God? Will you teach her to pray, introduce her to the Scriptures, and see that she is 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: Natalie Mae Holm, 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 Natalie Mae; 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: Natalie Mae Holm 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 father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

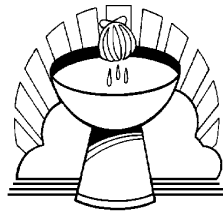
C: Amen.

L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Natalie Mae. Will you pray for her and share your faith with her? Will you remind her that she belongs to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

C: We will.

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

C: Natalie Mae, you are a child 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.



“Tie Night” Youth Event - Sunday, November 8 ~ 4:00-6:00 p.m. Grades 3-12 We will tie fleece blankets to gift to the Adolescent Treatment Center in Winnebago, play games, hear a report about the We Day event from Allison Swanson and enjoy a free pizza dinner. Wear a neck tie (that will be donated to the necktie altar project). Please sign up on the church office door! Invite a friend – all are welcome!

Bishop Steven Delzer Preaches at Good Shepherd - Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 p.m. Bishop Delzer will preach and preside at Holy Communion on Sunday, November 15. Following worship he will be at Fellowship Coffee in the basement Social Hall for a forum where he will tell more about the synod and his focus during his term as bishop. He will also take questions during the forum. The Rev. Steven Delzer was elected in 2013 to a six-year term as bishop of the SE MN Synod of the ELCA. Previous to his call he served as lead pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Faribault, Zion Lutheran, West Union, Iowa, interim pastor at First Lutheran, Albert Lea. Prior to 2000, Bishop Delzer served congregations in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He was ordained as pastor in 1978. Delzer and his wife, Donita, have three adult children and currently reside in Faribault.

Good Shepherd Connect Card & Games Group - Sunday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Social Hall. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. The Connect Card & Games Group is starting with a kick off card and game night. Interested? Sign up on the "Connect Group Bulletin Board" near the church office and plan to come! Please also bring your favorite game or a deck of cards. All are welcome.

WELCA Thankoffering Service - Nov. 8, 2015 with Pastor Mary Iverson leading the service. Your Thankoffering envelope is in today's bulletin. Please return on Nov. 8th.

Confirmation Pictures are in and may be picked up in the Church Office.

2015 Community Thanksgiving Dinner - The annual community Thanksgiving Dinner is being served here at Good Shepherd this year on Thurs., Nov. 26th. We will be inviting people to donate dinner ingredients, time to prepare or help serve. Watch for sign up sheets at the church. Dinner is served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up sheets for Volunteers and food donations are located on the table by the church office.

Children's Worship Center - Families are welcome to bring their babies, toddlers or preschoolers into our new Children's Worship Center, which is in the chapel on the west side of the sanctuary. It is difficult to expect our youngest worshipers to sit still for an hour. In the Children's Worship Center, the children have the opportunity to experience worship but yet move around naturally. Parents are required to supervise the children and are asked to clean up the toys.

Holy Communion is served today and all are welcome to commune. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. The communion server pours glasses of wine but grape juice is available in the pre-poured glasses on the table. Gluten free wafers are available each week; please ask the communion server.

Daily Scripture Readings

- Nov 2 - Psalm 119:17-24
Exodus 4:1-17
1 Peter 2:1-10
- Nov 3 - Psalm 119:17-24
2 Kings 6:8-23
Acts 9:32-35
- Nov 4 - Psalm 119:17-24
Jeremiah 33:1-11
Matthew 20:29-34
- Nov 5 - Psalm 119:1-8
Exodus 22:1-15
Hebrews 9:1-12
- Nov 6 - Psalm 119:1-8
Leviticus 19:32-37
Romans 3:21-31
- Nov 7 - Psalm 119:1-8
Numbers 9:9-14
Luke 10:25-37