



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

November 15, 2015

“Hosea”

Hosea is one of many prophets who issued challenging words. Though the people of God turned their backs on God, God loves the people too much to turn God's back on them. Today's reading reminds us, once again, that there is nothing we can do that will separate us from God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty “. ELW 413

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Restoration and truth-telling are companions in life. Let us tell the truth before God and one another, which leads us to restored relationships.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray; Lord of Life,

C: How could you not have frustration with us? So often we live as if we do not know you; our hearts get hardened, our souls grow weak. We are crying out to you, God, for help. Forgive our stubbornness. Amen.

P: God is faithful and compassionate. Our names are forever written on God's heart and are not forgotten. I declare to you this day, in the name of Christ, that we are freely loved and forgiven.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Faithful God, you have continued to love your people despite our faithlessness. Receive our thanks for never giving up on us and help us walk in your ways. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem “Gift of Love”. Adult Choir

Psalms: 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
²**both low and high, rich and poor together.**
³My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**
⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
⁶**those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**
⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.
⁸**For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,**
⁹that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

¹⁰**When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

¹¹Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

¹²**Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Hosea chapter 11.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Hosea 11:1-9

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song “Build Us Up, Lord”. ELW 670

*Apostles' Creed. page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory “Have You Thanked the Lord?”. ELW 829

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Sending Hymn “I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”. ELW 860

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and share God's abundance.

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching: Bishop Steven Delzer
Scripture Reader: Coni Olson

Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson
Communion Helpers: Gary & Linda Hagen, Tom Hansen

Birthdays-Nov 15-21 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)
15-Adam Knutson 17-Dylan Foley 18-Lucy Harnack Erika Johannsen
Kelli Knutson Matt Korman Jim Stern Travis Loegering
Joanne Korman Donna Mershon 19-Amanda Garvick 21-Brennan Olson
16-Bill Sievers

In Memory of Ken Stensrud a memorial have been received towards the Driveway Project. It is given by Barb Stensrud.

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.

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.

Bishop Delzer's initiative is to work together to end hunger in our synod. In his honor, you are invited to bring an offering of food for our Wells Area Food Shelf. May we offer a large ingathering of food as our effort to end hunger.

Sr. Saints - November is the time of the Thanksgiving feast when we think a lot about food. Check your recipe file so you can share a recipe that is special to you and tell why it has special meaning. Did you get it from a special friend or was it passed down in your family? Join us on this path of memories at Senior Saints on November 18 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone 55 and older is invited to share in the fun and fellowship as we partake of the food provided by the November service group.

Needed for Funerals - Clean ice cream pails with covers for left overs for the family. If you have any pails and would like to donate them to the church, please drop the ice cream pails off in the church office. Thank you.

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.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells, is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 25,2015 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Brynn Harms of Wells Assembly of God will be the preacher. We will gather together as a community to join our hearts in giving thanks to God. The offering collected that night will to the Wells Community Help Fund which provides assistance to those in need. We also invite worshipers to bring non-perishable food items for the Wells Area Food Shelf

Mayberry Bible Study - Thursday, November 19 ~ 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to this unique study. Together we will watch an entire episode of the Andy Griffith Show. This month we will watch an episode that focuses on one member of Mayberry dreaming of a whole new life for himself. After watching and discussing the episode together, Pastor Mary will open up related Bible passages. We will meet in the basement Church Parlor. *Note:* you do not need to attend every session, so please join us if you haven't come before.

Good Shepherd Reads - The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome to be a part of a discussion on an excellent book that tells the story of two sisters in France during World War II. This story celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and is currently on the New York Times Bestseller list. A discussion will be led by Pastor Mary on Sunday, November 22 at 3:45 p.m. in the Good Shepherd kitchenette. French croissants will be served.

Reminder: "Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner" - Sunday, November 15.If you signed up please meet at the church for appetizers at 5:00. If you volunteered to bring an appetizer or a dessert please bring to the church about 4:50 when you come. See you there!

Thrivent Speaker at Good Shepherd- Sun., Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. Thrivent representative Jason Bonnema will speak at a forum during the coffee fellowship. Jason will speak about: Do NOT test the Lord! Or should we? Did God ever ask us to test Him??

Christmas Wreaths will again adorn the Sanctuary at a cost of \$15.00. If you would like to purchase one or more in memory of a loved one please contact the church office soon, as there are only 8 wreaths.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

