



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

November 29, 2015

“Josiah's Reform ”

Josiah became a king at the age of 8. He showed faithfulness to God after there were several unfaithful kings who ruled before and after him. Perhaps it was his innocence in taking the throne at a young age that led King Josiah to rule with gentle justice. King Josiah's faithfulness was a blessing to the people of God as they were reunited with the ways of the Lord.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting . . . “Candle of Hope . . .” Printed

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God, you are the Lord of our ancestors and our Lord today ...

C: Your age old commandment grow dusty to us, God. We search for new ways to structure our lives but neglect the foundation you provide. Forgive the ways we try to direct our own lives. Blow the dust from our spiritual lives; clear our eyes and point us once again toward you. Amen.

P: Any day is an appropriate time to return to the Lord. Hear this: the Gospel of Christ, the law written on our hearts, is sufficient. God's people, you are forgiven through Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Hymn “Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn“. ELW 242

Prayer of the Day

C: God of faithfulness, your servant Josiah restored your holy words to a people who were longing for your guidance. Help us learn your Scripture so that we might carry your words in our hearts, in our words and in our actions. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem “Our Hope is in Emmanuel”. Adult Choir

Psalm: 30 (read responsively)

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

⁷By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of 2 Kings chapter 22.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story 2 Kings 22:1-10, 23:1-3

¹Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. ²He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left. ³In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, ⁴Go up to the high priest Hilkiah, and have him count the entire sum of the money that has been brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; ⁵let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the Lord; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house, ⁶that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. ⁷But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly." ⁸The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. ⁹Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the Lord." ¹⁰Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king. ¹Then the king directed that all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem should be gathered to him. ²The king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him went all the people of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. ³The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. All the people joined in the covenant.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”. ELW 721

Sacrament of Holy Baptism. printed

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering

Offertory “We Give Thee but Thine Own”. ELW 686

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn “He Came Down”.. . . . ELW 253

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching: Rev. Ken Jensen

Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Brenda Soto

Birthdays-Nov 29-6 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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| 29-Bob Bruegger | 2-Rick Baird | Sheila Niebuhr | Stacy Magnuson |
| 30-Sandy Bruegger | Bonnie Groskreutz | Skylar Niebuhr | 6-Elaine Grunzke |
| Brylee Neubauer | 4-Jesse Bye | 5-Shane Buendorf | John Vee |
| Amber Placek | Daryl Kruger | Tammy Bullerman | |

Holy Baptism - Adison Elsie Weyhrauch, infant daughter of Marcus & Kathryn (Wallace) Weyhrauch, born September 19, 2015. Her Christian sponsors are Grace Weyhrauch and Alicia Wallace.

Rescheduled - 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, Dec. 6th at 10:15 a.m.. in the Good Shepherd Parlor.

Welcome, Pastor Ken Jensen! The Good Shepherd Church Council and Pastor Mary have agreed to have a pastor come to preach occasionally to assist with staffing demands. This allows Pastor Mary to do other pastoral work this past week when she wasn’t preparing a sermon.

Daily Scripture Readings

- Nov 30 - Psalm 93
Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18
John 3:31-36
- Dec 1 - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
- Dec 2 - Psalm 76
Daniel 7:19-27
Revelation 11:1-14
- Dec 3 - Psalm 76
Ezekiel 29:1-12
Revelation 11:15-19
- Dec 4 - Psalm 76
Ezekiel 30:20-26
John 16:25-33
- Dec 5 - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Mark 11:27-33

The Action Team of Thrivent is serving coffee on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, to provide funds for our Wednesday School curriculum. Please join our Coffee/Fellowship following church services. Donations will be welcomed and appreciated. Thanks!

THE BAPTISM OF

Adison Elsie Weyhrauch

November 29, 2015 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 Adison Elsie Weyhrauch to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

L: You have presented Adison, 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: Adison Elsie Weyhrauch, 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 Adison; 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: Adison Elsie Weyhrauch 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.

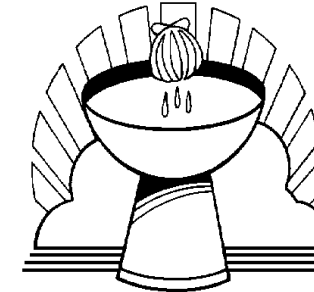
C: Amen.

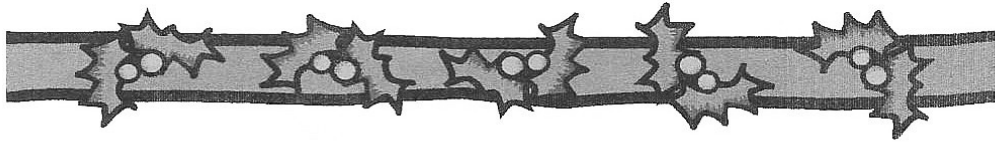
L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Adison. Will you pray for her and share your faith with her? Will you remind her that she belongs to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

C: We will.

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

C: Adison, 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.





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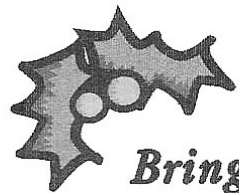
*Invites You and Guests
to Christmas Tea
on Dec. 5th at 2pm
in the Social Hall*

*Entertainment by Cindy
Song and Games*

Friends and Food

RSVP by Dec. 1

Call at 553-3513



\$2 per person

Bring your Christmas Spirit

Candle of Hope

Sung to the tune of "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

The candle of hope we light in this hour
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

Please sign up on the table by the church office.