



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

October 18, 2015

“Ruth”

Today's story tells of Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, who have lost everything. While it begins in desperation and tragedy, there is good news to be found in their dedication to one another and hope and promise they find together.

Welcome

***Gathering** “Day by Day” ELW 790

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Our wandering sometimes take us far from God. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Great God of us all,

C: Sometimes we faithfully follow and sometimes we wander astray. Sometimes our journeys take us far from you, and it is a struggle to turn around. You invite us to walk along with you, and call us to turn back to you when we wander. Forgive us, God. Help us.

P: There is always a place for us in the heart and household of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, I remind you; you are a beloved child of God, and you are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Holy One, whether we are foreigners to your word, or long-lost family, help us to hear the good news. Lead us to the place of belonging. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem “Drawn to the Light”. Adult Choir

Psalm 111 (read responsively)

¹Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸**They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Ruth chapter 1.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Scripture Ruth 1:1-17

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me." ⁹The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die--there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Song of the Day “For All the Faithful Women” vs 1, 5 & Last. ELW 614

***Apostles' Creed**. page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Response. . . . “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”. ELW 588

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Blessing

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ELW 543

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Coni Olson

Birthdays-Oct 18-24 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

18-Brennan Magnuson	Marshall Tatge	21-Blayze Stern	Barb Ziegler
Dennis Rollenhagen	Nora Theede	Brody Stern	24-Braden Rucker
19-Mike Christensen	20-Scott Berg	23-Dale Tatge	Sara Teskey
Gladys Johanson			

October Food Collection -During the month of October, a grocery cart located next to the pulpit in the sanctuary will be collecting donations of canned fruit in its own syrup. All food collected this month will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. A special thanks for the rice or beans donated in September.

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.

Congregational Forums: Sunday, October 25 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Social Hall

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 1 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

Lutheran in Tanzania

Daily Scripture Readings

Oct 19 - Psalm 37:23-40

1 Samuel 8:1-18

Hebrews 6:1-12

Oct 20 - Psalm 37:23-40

1 Samuel 10:17-25

Hebrews 6:13-20

Oct 21 - Psalm 37:23-40

1 Samuel 12:1-25

John 13:1-17

Oct 22 - Psalm 126

Jeremiah 23:9-15

Hebrews 7:1-10

Oct 24 - Psalm 126

Jeremiah 26:12-24

Hebrews 7:11-22

Oct 25 - Psalm 126

Jeremiah 29:24-32

Mark 8:22-26

New Address for Gerald Groskreutz - Cards may be sent to: Dougherty Hospice House, 4509 S Prince of Peace, Sioux Falls SD 57103.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Food and fellowship

Come join us for a "night out" on November 15th. All adults who attend Good Shepherd are invited to a fun evening of sharing dinner at someone's house. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. for appetizers and then be given a ticket to go to a house for dinner. After dinner all participants will meet at the church for dessert. Donations will go to the backpack/food shelf program.

In order for this event to be a success we will need volunteer help.

_____ I would be willing to provide a dinner at my house for 6-8 people.

Name _____ Phone _____

Circle 6 or 8.

_____ I would be willing to provide an appetizer for this event.

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ I would be willing to provide a dessert for the event.

Name _____ Phone _____

If you are planning to attend the event, please sign-up in the church office by November 1st. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with this event, please call Linda Hagen at 553-5057.



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