



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Contemporary Worship

April 17, 2016

### *The Church in Thessalonica*

Paul and Silas came to Thessalonica to share the good news to people who were truly lost. They were worshiping different gods and idols. As they dealt with the struggles in the city, they were assisted by a man named Jason who stood by them. He kept them safe and encouraged the young church to stay faithful to Jesus. The message of love endured, despite the fears that arose. How does fear shape your life? How does God's message speak through the fear? The light of Christ shines through the darkness, giving us hope and guiding our path.

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude (Violin & flute)

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Song:** PW 142 "Shine, Jesus Shine"

### \*Call to Worship:

P: We gather in worship as the people of God, called by the gospel of Jesus Christ to a life of witness and service.

**C: We are called to be disciples. . .to help build a world of light and hope!**

P: God calls us into ministry, that is, the ministry of telling the world who Jesus is. . .to make his love known to all people.

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P: Ministry can be so exciting, and yet it can be tough, sacrificial work. . .times when it seems like the work is too much.

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P: Discipleship means meeting problems head-on, putting Jesus first, taking up the cross, and bearing it faithfully.

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P: Even before we commit to a ministry life with Christ he promises to be with us-all the way! With that assurance, let us boldly proclaim the good news of his love for all the world to see.

**All: We are called to be disciples! We will build a world of light and hope!**

**Song:** "We Are Called"..... printed

**Confession:** (sit or kneel)

**C: Lord God, we often take our discipleship lightly. We say with our words that Jesus is our Lord, and yet our actions do not follow through. We let our faith be a matter of convenience. We forget the call from Jesus to take up our cross, and follow him. We know that our following may take us through the path of suffering, but we have often been tempted to turn aside because there are many easier paths. Forgive us, and give us the strength to be committed to your way. Renew our spirits so that we can truly follow you.**



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### Words of Forgiveness:

P: Our God is a great God and knows our every need. He has forgiven our sin and cleansed us from the thoughts and actions which pull us apart. Jesus, through his blood, has paid the eternal price for our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit we are called, and enlightened, so that we can be disciples who follow his path, living in the power and victory of the grace of God!

### Prayer of the Day:

**C: God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as your disciples to be peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Message

### HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup>**take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

### Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts, Chapter 17.

**C: Praise to you, O Lord.**

**Bible Story . . . . Acts 17:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." <sup>4</sup>Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. <sup>6</sup>When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." <sup>8</sup>The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, <sup>9</sup>and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go. <sup>10</sup>That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**Song:** PW 143 “Carry the Light”

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism.** . . . . . printed

**Sharing of the Peace**

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL**

**Offering/Loose Change Offering:**

“Go Light Your World” (worship team). . . . . Solo Verse, Breanna Wegner

**Prayers of the Church**

**Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Song during distribution:**

“Here I Am, Lord” . . . . Printed

**Post Communion Song: “Christ Is the King!”** (song of the season). . . . . Printed

**\*Communion Blessing**

**\*Sending Song: “This Little Light of Mine”** vs. 1,2,3,1. . . . . Printed

**\*Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Mary Iverson  
**Communion Helpers:** Ila Teskey, JoAnn Ovrebo

**Scripture Reader:** Ila Teskey  
**SS Teacher:** No Teacher

**Birthdays - Apr 17-23** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)  
17-Bill Groskreutz, Jr. Heather Warmka 20-Roger Groskreutz Adyson Warmka  
18-Crystal Sell 19-Kristin Vogelsang 21-Hayley Olson 22-Deb Degner

**Holy Baptism** - Deakon Frank Wegner, son of Blair & Lana Wegner, born Feb. 12, 2016. His Christian sponsors are Derrick Bauer and Danica Nauman.

**Senior Saints** - Join us for an informative talk by Jim Durfey from the Wells Food Processing Plant. He will give a short talk and than answer any questions you may have. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend at the Broadway Apartments at 11:00 a.m. on April 20. Thanks to the April service group for providing the meal.

**April Food Collection** - During the month of April we will collect food donations of coffee/tea/hot chocolate or juice. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in March of vegetable oil.

**Sunday Forum – Communities Against Student Hunger** - Sun., April 24 following worship basement Social Hall. Lauryne Stern, one of the leaders of the USC Backpack Program will share

an update about the program that sends home food to qualifying students in their backpacks. In addition, several opportunities will be available in April to support this important program.

**A Special Offering** will be taken on Wed., April 20<sup>th</sup> and Sun., April 24<sup>th</sup> during the worship service for Communities Against Student Hunger/Backpack. Please help this important program fight student hunger.

**500 Connect Group** - Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Jim & Bonnie Prust home. A new Connect Group is beginning at Good Shepherd to enjoy playing 500 card game together. Please sign up in advance to make sure that we have tables of four. The sign up sheet is on the door to the church office. Please bring a snack to share.

**Man-Fair Region LSSA Spring Rally** - Tues., April 26<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Kiester. The Man-Fair Region LSSA Spring Rally will be held there with Rev. Kathryn Tiede , who will be sharing the happenings and the needs of ‘Crisis Nursery ‘and ‘Life Haven’, a home for teenage mothers. The program is appropriately titled “The Blessed Little Ones Among Us”. The meeting is at 1:30. Anyone is welcome to come and find out about the services provided by LSS. Along with our usual ingathering of quilts and Treasure boxes, you are asked to consider a ‘Shower of Blessings’ for the Mankato Crisis Nursery. The Crisis Nursery serves children from 0-12 years. Those needs include diapers of varying sizes, wipes, hand sanitizer, tote or duffle bags, combs, brushes, small soaps, toothbrushes, blankets, pillows, PJ’s, underwear, hair ties, books, games, toys, crayons, color books and simple items that they may have when they come into care and take with them when they return home. A box is located in the hall by the church office for donations.

**Spring Salad Luncheon** sponsored by the Women of the ELCA , May 4, 2016 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. Sign up sheet for salads, bars and workers is located on the table by the church office. Please sign up to help out where you can. Thank you.

**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**

Apr 18 - Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30  
Apr 19 - Psalm 100  
Ezekiel 37:15-28  
Revelation 15:1-4  
Apr 20 - Psalm 100  
Ezekiel 45:1-9  
Acts 9:32-35  
Apr 21- Psalm 100  
Jeremiah 50:17-20

John 10:31-42  
Apr 22 - Psalm 148  
Ezekiel 2:8—3:11  
Revelation 10:1-11  
Apr 23 - Psalm 148  
Daniel 7:13-14  
Revelation 11:15

**THE BAPTISM OF**

**Deakon Frank Wegner**

April 17, 2016

(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 Deakon Frank Wegner to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

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

**P/S: We will.**

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

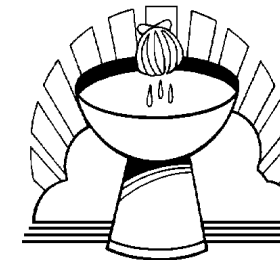
**C: Amen.**

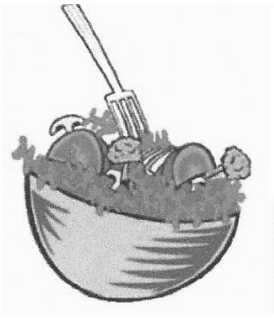
L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Deakon. Will you pray for him and share your faith with him? Will you remind him that he belongs to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

**C: We will.**

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

**C: Deakon, 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.**





# **Spring Salad Luncheon**

**Wed., May 4**

**11:00-12:30 pm**

**\$6.00 per plate**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**Homemade salad, garlic toast,**

**Bars, coffee, and lemonade**

**Sponsored by the WELCA**

*Take outs available*