



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

April 3, 2016

You Shall Be My Witnesses

Jesus left his followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, which would be God's presence with them at all times and in all places. Jesus also left them (and us) with hope that one day Jesus would return, and this world would be restored to the world God intended. In the meantime, we have been given the charge to create God's intended world with our thoughts, words, and actions.

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus". ELW 392

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We begin worship by confessing our sins and celebrating God's promised forgiveness. Let us pause for a moment to confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Let us pray ... God of mercy and grace,

C: We know that you desire a world of justice and peace, and yet we contribute each day to injustice and conflict. Our words, our actions, our silence causes pain to others. Forgive us, God, for our part in hurting the world and others.

P: Ours is a gracious and merciful God. Because of God's goodness, our sins are forgiven. Receive forgiveness and re-create us in God's image, each and every day.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Let the Trumpet Sound"..... Adult Choir

Psalm: 47 (read responsively)

- ¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- ²**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**
- ³He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- ⁴**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- ⁵God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- ⁷For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
- ⁸**God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**
- ⁹The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts, Chapter 1.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661

***Apostles' Creed**. page 105

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering

Offertory/Song of the Season . . . "Christ is the King!" vs 1 & 2. ELW 662

***Prayers of the Church**

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

***Sending Hymn** "He Came Down". ELW 253

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Diane Lutteke
Communion Helpers: Dennis & Diane Lutteke, Bill Groskreutz, Jr.

Birthdays - Apr 3-9 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

3-David Groskreutz	Sandy Tatge	Erik Melby	Tyler Linde
4-Emma Beyer	5-Nick Eckwright	7-Laura Foley	9-Melva Peterson
Chloe Cummings	Aaron Schaper	8-Dorothy Christenson	Brenda Sauer
Caden Niebuhr	6-Mikenna Erickson		

In honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, which is April 1st, Les & Yvonne Salisbury have given a donation towards the Driveway Fund.

Good Shepherd Reads - Sunday, April 3 at 10:15~Church Parlor. A discussion on The Life We Bury by Mankato author Alan Eskins on April 3. All who have read the book are invited to gather in the Church Parlor to discuss the book, led by Pastor Mary.

‘Food, Fun and Service’ Youth Event - Sunday, April 10, 3:00pm-6:00pm. Grades: 6-9. Cost: free. Location: Good Shepherd basement Social Hall. A Gustavus Adolphus College Youth Outreach Team will be here at Good Shepherd to lead a fun afternoon event. They will lead us in some games and a devotion. They will also assist us packing some Lutheran World Relief School Kits and help us understand how they will help others around the world. A free meal will also be served. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun afternoon together. Please sign up for this event on the door of the office so we have enough materials and food.

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.

Spring Salad Luncheon sponsored by the Women of the ELCA , April 27, 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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Apr 4 - Psalm 122

Esther 7:1-10

Revelation 1:9-20

Apr 5 - Psalm 122

Esther 8:1-17

Revelation 2:8-11

Apr 6 - Psalm 122

Esther 9:1-5, 18-23

Luke 12:4-12

Apr 7- Psalm 30

Isaiah 5:11-17

Revelation 3:14-22

Apr 8- Psalm 30

Isaiah 6:1-4

Revelation 4:1-11

Apr 9 - Psalm 30

Genesis 18:1-8

Luke 14:12-14