



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

April 24, 2016

The Church in Corinth

Paul spread the good news of God's love far and wide. He planted churches and helped set those new Christian communities on a path toward justice and peace. But he didn't work alone. In all the places where churches thrived, there were community leaders who helped shape and sustain the new churches and their missionaries. Aquila and Priscilla, tentmakers by trade, were some of the leaders who aided Paul in his work and helped build the church in Corinth.

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Before God and in the company of our family of faith, let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive our sins and guide us in right pathways.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Let us pray...Faithful God,

C: So often we are distracted by many things: disagreements and differences, stress and worry, selfishness and pride. Forgive us for all the things that we let distract us from your mission of acceptance, peace, justice and love.

P: Our God loves and forgives us, even when we find it difficult to forgive ourselves. Receive this day the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious Lord God, there is so much work to do in this world to make it the creation you intended. Show us how to work together to create a world of unity, peace and love. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "In Christ There is No East or West". Adult Choir

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9 (read responsively)

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸**"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts, chapter 18, and 1 Corinthians chapter 1.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Acts 18:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together--by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks. ¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ELW 656

***Apostles' Creed**. page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Special Offering for Backpack

Offertory/Song of the Season . . . "Christ is the King!" vs 4 & 5. ELW 662

*Prayers of the Church

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". Adult Choir

The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Hymn** "Bind Us Together". PW 140

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Sandi Hartman

SS Teacher: Julie Forderer

Birthdays - Apr 24-30 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

24-Madison Erickson	Derick Schultz	Jadyn Lutteke	Al Korman
Scott Linde	27-Ryker Erickson	Elijah Sell	JoAnn Ovrebo
Justin Melby	Samuel Iverson	29-Jeff Amy	30-William Huper
25-Steve Huper	Jim Jacobsen	Kim Johnson	

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 Sun., April 24th 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. Please bring a snack to share.

Man-Fair Region LSSA Spring Rally - Tues., April 26th 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 meeting is at 1:30. 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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Apr 25 - Psalm 133
1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42
Acts 11:19-26

Apr 26 - Psalm 133
2 Samuel 1:4-27
Acts 11:27-30

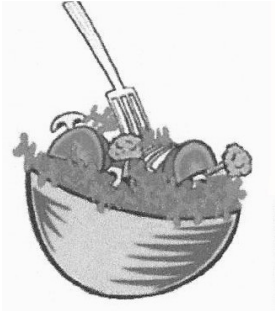
Apr 27 - Psalm 133
Leviticus 19:9-18
Luke 10:25-28

Apr 28 - Psalm 67
Proverbs 2:1-5
Acts 15:36-41

Apr 29 - Psalm 67
Proverbs 2:6-8
Acts 16:1-8

Apr 30 - Psalm 67
Proverbs 2:9-15
Luke 19:1-10

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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