



## Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

### Today's Worship

August 14, 2016

*Good Question – What happens to good people who don't follow Jesus in their lives? Just how big is the love of God? Of all the billions of people who have ever lived, will only a select number 'make it to a better place' and every single other person suffer in torment and punishment forever? Today's good question will explore the eternal fate of everyone who has ever lived.*

### Welcome & Announcements

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

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess together our sins and rejoice in the goodness of God, who forgives our sins...

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: God of righteousness...

**C: We are weary from trying to rely on our strength and our own power to get through life. Fear, jealousy, anger and resentment drain the energy from our lives. Forgive us, God, and renew in us your hope and your Holy Spirit, that we might rest in your favor and rejoice in your goodness.**

P: You are forgiven, people of God. You are pardoned of your sin. Guilt is erased and brokenness is washed away. Rest and rejoice, for you have been given new life, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: O God, you direct our lives by your grace and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Message

**Psalms 105:1-10 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

<sup>6</sup>**O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

<sup>7</sup>He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>8</sup>**He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**

<sup>9</sup>the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup>**which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant**

### Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Romans chapter 8.

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

### Gospel . . . . Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

**Hymn . . . .** "Jesus Loves Me" . . . . . ELW 595

**Apostle's Creed** . . . . . page 105

### \*Sharing the Peace

### Offering

**Special Music** . . . . . Lynnea Eckhoff

**Offertory . . .** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" vs 1 & 4. . . . . ELW 686

### \*Prayers of the Church

### \*The Lord's Prayer

### \*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn . . . .** "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me". . . . . ELW 860

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev. Mary Iverson

**Scripture Reader:** Chris Tatge

**Birthdays - Aug 14-20** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

14-Samantha Archer      Peyton Rollenhagen      19-Leslie Drugg      20-Zachary Niebuhr

   Eva Schroeder      16-Carol Aske      Nancy Elmer      Tatum Stangler

15-Kim Kruger      Julie Forderer

**Thank You** to Lynnea Eckhoff for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

**The Eternal Candle** is burning this week in loving memory of Mandy Stern's birthday anniversary which is Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. It is given by the Halie Stern, Lyle & Sharen Stern and family.

**August Food Collection** - During the month of August we will be collecting paper products for The Reach Homeless Youth Center of Mankato. The Reach is a Lutheran Social Services Center that offers homeless teens and young adults meals, showers, toiletries, emergency shelter and independent living skills courses. We are collecting the following items for The Reach: paper plates, napkins, garbage bags and paper towels. Those items can be left in the grocery cart in the church sanctuary or at the church office.

**Produce Donations Accepted for the Wells Area Food Shelf** - As you collect your produce from your garden, remember that you are invited share some of the produce with the Wells Area Food Shelf. Your donations can be dropped off at the Good Shepherd Church offices during daily office hours (8-5pm, M-F). Thanks for your donations of healthy food for our hungry neighbors.

**Special Congregational Meeting** - There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 21, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

1. The Church Council recommends to proceed with the Technology Upgrades to the Sanctuary, not to exceed \$30,000.00. The Council further recommends that the project is not to commence until all funds have been raised for the project.

A 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.

**Sunday Forum** - Sanctuary Technology Upgrades following the worship service today. It will be held by the piano.

**Communities Fighting Student Hunger** - Glow Walk Backpack Fundraiser..Aug. 18. Half Moon Park. Registration at 8pm...donations accepted. All ages WELCOME..Glow With Us..feed a Child. Glow items..Door prizes..treats and beverage..group photo (All children under 10 must have adult supervision)

**Kernel Days Pie Stand** - WELCA will host the Good Shepherd Pie Stand at Kernel Days Aug. 19-20, 2016. If you are able to help at the stand please sign up on the sheet by the church office.

**Sunday Forum ~ Thrivent Action Teams** - August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:10am ~ Basement Social Hall. What are Thrivent Action Teams? Why is Thrivent giving us each \$250 to help our church? Who is Thrivent? Find out about this amazing program through Thrivent that God is using to bless churches and communities nationwide! YOU can take advantage of this opportunity and bless those around you. Have some coffee and discover how to get started! Good Shepherd is one of the most active churches in the nation. Let's keep this momentum going!

**Kernel Days Medallion Hunt** - This year, Good Shepherd will sponsor a new event for Kernel Days. A medallion will be hidden by August 15<sup>th</sup> on city property. Clues will be posted each day by noon on the outside doors of Good Shepherd, leading people to the hidden medallion. The first person to find and return the medallion to Good Shepherd will receive \$50 worth of Wells Chamber Bucks. Watch for the medallion hunt, which begins on August 15.

**Senior Saints** - Join us on Wednesday, Aug.17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to hear the plant manager of Brakebush, Edgar Lange, share information about their company here in Wells. He will provide brochures and answer any questions that you might have about their company. The August service group will be providing the meal. If you are available to help in the kitchen during Sr. Saints it would be appreciated. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

**Good Shepherd Pie Stand** - *Me Oh My! A Slice of Pie!* Fri., Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 4-10 pm and Sat, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 11 am-4pm and after the parade until gone.

#### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Aug 15 -	Psalm 74 1 John 4:1-6	Isaiah 5:8-23
Aug 16 -	Psalm 74 Acts 7:44-53	Isaiah 5:24-30
Aug 17 -	Psalm 74 Luke 19:45-48	Isaiah 27:1-13
Aug 18 -	Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:3-17	Jeremiah 6:1-19
Aug 19 -	Psalm 71:1-6 Acts 17:1-9	Jeremiah 6:20-30
Aug 20 -	Psalm 71:1-6 Luke 6:1-5	Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19