



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Today's Worship

August 28, 2016

In today's Bible Story, Jesus watched the guest at a dinner party maneuvering to try to get the best seats at the table. Jesus uses that opportunity to teach us to choose humility and encourages gracious hospitality to those who are broken or poor.

## Welcome & Announcements

\***Gathering Hymn** . . . . "This is My Father's World" . . . . . ELW 824

## 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: Holy Redeemer, Hear us as we confess our sins...

**C: Lord, we know that you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Yet, we often run from your love and turn away from your goodness. Forgive us and teach us to follow your path and reach out to communicate with you.**

P: The Lord God, with compassion and kindness, forgives us all our sins and calls us to embrace God's goodness in our lives. Receive God's grace and share that grace in your lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Message

Psalm 112 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup>It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup>They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

## Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 14.

## C: Praise to you, O Lord.

**Gospel** . . . . Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.<sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.<sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

**Hymn** . . . . "All Are Welcome!" . . . . . ELW 641

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

## \*Sharing the Peace

## Offering

**Special Music** . . . . . Charlotte Elvebak

**Offertory** . . . . "Create in Me a Clean Heart" . . . . . ELW 186

## \*Prayers of the Church

## \*The Lord's Prayer

## \*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn** . . . . "How Great Thou Art" . . . . . ELW 856

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Presiding:** Rev. Mary Iverson **Preaching:** Rev. Roger Haug **Scripture Reader:** Jim Stern

**Thank You** to Charlotte Elvebak for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

**Birthdays - Aug 28-Sept 3** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

28-Patsy Beckmann	29-Tom Huper	31-Candy Berg	1-Hayden Tolzmann
Lisa Olson	30-Deb Larson	Chris Lutteke	2-Linda M. Possin
Maggie Treptow	Liam Schrader		

**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.

**Ministry Team Meeting** - Due to the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Holiday Ministry Team meetings will be held on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**God's Work. Our Hands** - Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Every ELCA congregation is invited to participate in a special day to put our faith in action. On Sunday, September 11 we will gather for worship. After worship, you will be invited to put your faith into action by participating in a service project. We will have several stations for projects such as tying fleece blankets for the Winnebago Youth Treatment Center, making and packaging cookies for "helpers" in our communities (fire, ambulance and police departments), making cards for veterans. We will also have a team of people head out into the community to perform "Random Acts of Kindness." Come to worship on September 11, prepared to put your faith into action immediately following worship, as we reach out with God's love.

**Holy Baptism** - Mason Timothy Steinborn, infant son of Tim Steinborn and Kelsey Fraker, born June 5, 2016 will be baptized. His Christian sponsors are Amy Hardel and Laura Rollins. Mason will be baptized following worship this morning.

**In Memory** of Maurine Lutteke memorials have been received towards General Fund and Adult Choir.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Aug 29 - Psalm 58                      Hebrews 13:7-21

Aug 30 - Psalm 58                      Titus 1:1-9

Aug 31 - Psalm 58                      Luke 14:15-24

Sep 1 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18      Philippians  
2:25-30

Sep 2 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18      Colossians  
4:7-17

Sep 3 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18      Matthew  
10:34-42

**Special Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, September 18, 2016. The Executive Committee of the Church Council unanimously agreed that the August 21, 2016 Special Congregational Meeting motions should be readdressed. There were discrepancies between the count of voting members and the actual votes that were cast. New procedures have been created to formalize the protocol for voting to ensure accuracy. A new Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service to revisit the two recommendations regarding sanctuary technology upgrades.

- a) 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.