



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

Today's Worship

February 14, 2016

First Last and Last First

Like the rich man in today's story, we can be tempted to measure our worth by how good we are. We also measure the worth of others by how bad they are. Jesus saw right through that human trait and measures worth by our very existence. We can never be good enough to earn a spot in heaven. But for God, all things are possible. In today's story, Jesus reminds us that life is not about trying to be perfect in following laws and rules. Instead, life is about turning over everything to God.

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Gather us In". ELW 532

Confession and Forgiveness

P: There is no doubt, being humans, we have and will continue to break divine commands. Let us face our reality and confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Good Teacher:

C: By ourselves, we are unable to walk in the path that you lead. We know the commands and struggle to faithfully follow. You call us to live faithfully. Forgive our hesitation. Forgive our failings. Forgive us and heal us. Amen.

P: Faltering and failing, we come, but grace is larger than it all. In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven. Live now as beloved Children of God.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Lord of abundant riches, when asked to give everything to follow Jesus, a rich man faltered. Give us the courage to give everything that we have to you, knowing that what you offer is more valuable than all the riches in the world. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Thy Will Be Done". Adult Choir

Psalm: 19:7-10 (read responsively)

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

***Announcement of Scripture Reading:**

P: A reading from the book of Mark chapter 10.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible StoryMark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ". ELW 674

***Apostles' Creed**. page 105

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering

Offertory/Song of Season "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

***Prayers of the Church**

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

***Sending Hymn** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" ELW 866

P: Go in peace and share God's abundance.

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson

Preaching: Rev. Roger Haug

Scripture Reader: Breanna Wegner

SS Teacher: No Teacher

Communion Helpers: Ron & Jody Wegner, Dawn Lutteke

Birthdays-Feb14-20 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

16-Ava Diekmann	17-Keith Schroeder	19-Rick Mandler
Anna Jo Delaittre	18-Rachael Korman	20-Steve Linde
Andrea Neubauer	Austin Niebuhr	Hadley Routh

Welcome, Pastor Roger Haug! The Good Shepherd Church Council and Pastor Mary have agreed to have a pastor come to preach occasionally to assist with staffing demands. This allows Pastor Mary to do other pastoral work this past week when she wasn't preparing a sermon.

In the cold and flu season - or any time - worshipers may greet others during the Passing of the Peace without shaking hands. Feel free to do what keeps you healthy or makes you comfortable.

Senior Saints - Come and share a time of food and fellowship with our special guest Chuck Brooks at the Broadway Apartments at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend.

February Food Collection - During the month of February, a grocery cart located next to the pulpit in the sanctuary will be collecting donations of Hamburger or Chicken or Tuna Helper. All items collected this month will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. A special thanks for the many individual fruit and pudding cups that were collected in January for the Backpack/Communities Against Student Hunger.

Blue Earth River Conference Annual Assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. February 14, 2016 registration begins at 2:00 p.m. Salem Lutheran Church, Albert Lea.

Youth and Family Ski Trip - Sunday, February 21 - 1:00 p.m. Meet at Good Shepherd to car pool to Mount Kato Ski Hill for a fun day. We will have a group rate and will offer financial assistance to all who are skiing. Car pooling and rides will also be available. Thrivent Action Team grant is assisting with this trip. It is hoped that costs will be cut in half because of this! Please speak with Chad Groskreutz for details.

New Members at Good Shepherd - New Members will be welcomed at Good Shepherd during both a Sunday and Wednesday worship service, which ever fits best for the families who are joining. Wednesday, February 24 6:15pm *New Member Wednesday Worship* and Sunday, February 28 9am *New Member Sunday Worship*. Pastor Mary will meet with those who are planning to join for an informal gathering. Again, these gatherings will take place on both a Wednesday evening and Sunday morning and those wishing to join are encouraged to come to the gathering that fits their schedule. Wednesday, February 17 7:00pm ~ *Pastor's Office* and Sunday, February 21 10:15am ~ *Church Parlor (behind kitchen)*

WELCA General Meeting - Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Disbursement of 2015 Funds and planning of the Palm Sunday Brunch. Goodies will be served

Daily Scripture Readings

Feb 15 - Psalm 120
2 Kings 24:18—25:21
1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Feb 16 - Psalm 120
Ezra 1:1-11
2 Corinthians 1:12-19

Feb 17- Psalm 120
Jeremiah 22:11-17
Luke 11:37-52

Feb 18 - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 43:16-34
Romans 8:1-11

Feb 19 - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 44:1-17
1 John 2:12-17

Feb 20 - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 44:18-34
Luke 12:57-59