



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

Today's Worship

February 21, 2016

Bartimeus Healed

In today's Bible Story, Jesus is twice asked to do something for someone. First, James and John ask him to grant them places at his right and his left. This Jesus cannot do. They didn't understand what the reign of Jesus is like. Second, Jesus was asked to heal a blind man. Even though it seems impossible, this is something Jesus could accomplish. Once again, Jesus reminds us that he turns the world upside down.

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

**Prelude** (violin & flute) **"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Gathering Song: ELW 768 "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

v1 - All, v2 - Women, v3 - Men, Refrain - All

**\*Call to Worship:**

P: We gather together to worship God who has created us, redeemed us, and walks with us now on our Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

P: During this season we are reminded of our baptismal covenant with God, as we contemplate the meaning of our own baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.

**C: We walk this journey together as children of God, saved and daily renewed through the waters of baptism, as we follow Jesus in a life of witness and service to others.**

P: We are called to be servants who lead, and leaders who serve, following the example of Jesus. "For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many"

**All: Lord God, we praise you for the life of Jesus Christ; for his compassion toward all people; for his humility as he ministered to society's outcasts; for his challenge to us to follow him and love our neighbor as he did; and for the love within him that could not be ended by a cross.**

**Song of the Season: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness". . . . .** printed on pg 6

**Confession and Forgiveness:** (sit or kneel)

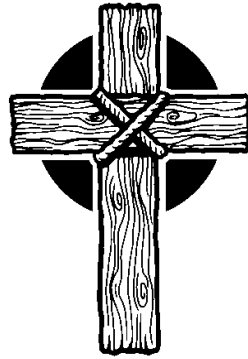
P: There is so much in our lives that needs God's forgiveness. Let us confess our sins before God and one another..

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Let us pray: Holy God, our teacher and healer,

**All: Too often we lose sight of priorities. We often focus on power and what we can buy and what we can achieve. Forgive us, God. Forgive us for silencing the voices of those who cry out for mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord God. Amen.**

P: It is Christ who frees us from sin, Christ who frees us to see what we previously did not see. In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and freed to follow him. Amen.



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**Prayer of the Day:**

**C: Lord Jesus, it was hard for your disciples to hear that they would have to suffer in order to follow you. Give us faith and courage to follow you when following is painful or frightening. In your name we pray, Amen.**

**Song: ELW 581 "You Are Mine"**

**Children's Message**

**HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Psalm: 34:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>**Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup>**Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

**Announcement of Scripture Reading:**

P: A reading from the book of Mark, Chapter 10.

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

**Bible Story . . . .** Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

<sup>32</sup>They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; <sup>34</sup>they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**Song: "Jesus, Have Mercy!"** . . . . . printed on page 4

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL**

**\*Statement of Faith:**

**C: We believe in a God of love who created all that exists and continues to recreate and change the lives of all who believe. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of a loving God. He lived, died, and was raised to life that we might be with him for all eternity. We believe that God, through the Holy Spirit, is calling each of us to be a part of the body of Christ. We are called to reach out and care, to work for justice on earth, to celebrate God's presence in worship, to love and serve others, and to declare to all the world the greatness and love of our God.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering/Loose Change Offering:** “Above All” (worship team)

**Prayers of the Church**

**Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Songs during distribution:**

“You are My All in All” (worship team)

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (congregation)..... printed on pg 7

Vs 1, 2, 5-All v3-men v4-women

**Post Communion Song: PW 170 “Give Thanks”**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Song: “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”** ..... printed on pg 8

**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Follow and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev. Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Jody Wegner

**Communion Helpers:** Ron, Jody & Breanna Wegner **SS Teacher:** No Teacher

**Birthdays-Feb 21-27** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

21-Sharon Hass	23-Braxton Borchart	25-Cobi Bullerman	26-Gordon Hansen
Matt Schaper	Gordon Treptow	Chris Druckenmiller	Coni Olson
22-Lisa Loegering	24-Brady Bye	Esme Eytcheson	27-Robert Eckwright III
Harold Niebuhr	Chad Groskreutz	Lori Fette	Jaycie Routh
Sara Theede	Jeff Ovrebo	Nolan Magnuson	

**In memory** of Tom Wetzell memorials have been received towards the Driveway Project, Current Expenses, Missions and the Adult Choir Fund.

**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 heathy or makes you comfortable.

**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. Sunday, February 21 10:15am ~ *Church Parlor (behind kitchen)*

**Wells Area Food Shelf Thank You Event** - “Spring Song” - March 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the USC Auditorium. Join us for an afternoon of music and fun with Gavin Berg, The St. Andrews Sisters, Brett Pederson, Trio with Sam Boerboom, Clarinet, Lynnea Eckhoff, cello and John Degner, piano.

**Driveway Project Update** - The architect who designed our new driveway determined that three trees needed to be removed in advance of the construction. Those three trees were all removed on Thursday, marking the beginning of the project. One was near the main entrance/south of the church, one was near the elevator door and one was along the west sidewalk.

**Sunday Forum** - Let me introduce you to my friend, Mark. Sunday, February 28 following worship in basement Parlor. Pastor Mary will provide a brief introduction to the gospel-writer, Mark and an overview of the gospel. From December to April we are reading through the Gospel of Mark, from front to back; learn more about the gospel.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Feb 22 - Psalm 38

Genesis 33:1-17  
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Feb 23 - Psalm 38

1 Samuel 24:1-22  
1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

Feb 24 - Psalm 38

Leviticus 5:1-13  
Luke 17:1-4

Feb 25 - Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Proverbs 13:1-12  
Romans 5:12—6:2

Feb 26 - Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Proverbs 15:1-9  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Feb 27 - Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Isaiah 30:8-17  
John 16:1-4a

**Lenten Coloring Project** - We are making a mosaic of the Last Supper. The drawing is very modern in the style of Picasso. There are 40 different parts of the mosaic painting and we invite both adults and children to pick up a piece of the mosaic, color it and return in by March 13. Please sign up if you take one of the sheets. You may use colors or paints or markers on your artwork. The finished project will be displayed by Maundy Thursday on a wall near the church office.