



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

Today's Worship

February 28, 2016

Parable of the Tenants

By chapter 12 in the Gospel of Mark, the tension between Jesus and the religious leaders of the area was increasing. Even though the primary purpose of Jesus was to die and rise again, the healing and teaching of Jesus was also important. Jesus came to shake the foundations of the world that was so badly broken. Jesus didn't shy away from confronting the religious leaders who were corrupt. In the midst of this confrontation, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants to shine a light on their corruption.

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Christ Be Our Light" ELW 715

Confession and Forgiveness

P: There are many ways in which we live and work contrary to what God intends for us and the world. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: We have a pattern of living the way we desire. We fail to live the way you would have us live. You ask much of us and we are afraid. You try to lead us and guide us and we are reluctant to follow. Forgive us. Reshape us. Amen.

P: Jesus spoke powerful, world-changing words. In the name of Jesus Christ, receive these words: you are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Son of God, you spoke words to Jerusalem leaders that were hard to hear. Give us ears to receive your word of life so that we may follow you faithfully. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Adult Choir

Psalm: 86:8-13 (read responsively)

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

⁹**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

¹¹**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

¹³**For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Mark, Chapter 12.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Mark 12:1-12

Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ²When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'⁷ But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'⁸ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the keystone; ¹¹this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'" ¹²When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

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

***Apostles' Creed.** page 105

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering

Offertory "Take My Life that I May Be" ELW 583

***Prayers of the Church**

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

***Sending Hymn** "Send Me, Lord" ELW 809

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Breanna Wegner

Communion Helpers: Ron, Jody & Breanna Wegner

SS Teacher: Rachael Korman

Birthdays-Feb 28-Mar 5 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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| 28-Kayla Nowak | Lilah Schroeder |
| 1-Mary Alger | 3-Bonnie Hanson |
| Beth Heggen | Marian Hummer |
| Nathan Niebuhr | Todd Morton |
| Richard Winch | 4-Cody Paal |
| 2-Kim Kastens | 5-Al Olson |

