



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

Today's Worship

January 10, 2016

"Jesus Heals and Teaches"

Healing wasn't unheard of in Jesus' time. Healers roamed the countryside regularly. But offering the forgiveness of sins was a completely rare occurrence. People got enraged when Jesus shared forgiveness. Perhaps it was his boldness to "touch" the things of God? Jesus showed that forgiveness has the power to heal, both the forgiven and the forgiver.

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory". ELW 275

Confession and Forgiveness

P: All of us have sinned and have fallen short of what God expects of us. We are all in need of forgiveness. Let us take a moment to confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Let us pray: Gracious God,

C: We must confess that our sin is like a sickness. Without you, God, we are stuck in patterns that we cannot shake. We fill our mind with questions; we look at ourselves and others with suspicion. We dig holes that we cannot climb out of by ourselves. Forgive us. Renew us. Invite us once again to walk in your way. Amen.

P: Jesus says to the paralyzed man and to us: "Get up. I have the authority to forgive sins. Take up your mat and walk into a new day." By the grace of God, through the work of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Lord of forgiveness, you healed a paralytic man by forgiving his sins. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to walk in your ways. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Healer of Our Every Ill". Adult Choir

Psalm: 103:6-14 (read responsively)

- ⁶The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷**He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**
- ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
- ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³**As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**
- ¹⁴For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Mark chapter 2.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible StoryMark 2:1-22

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk?' ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the paralytic--¹¹"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home. ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" ¹³Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. ¹⁴As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁵And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples--for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." ¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. ²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn "Thy Holy Wings"..... ELW 613

*Apostles' Creed..... page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory “Bright and Glorious is the Sky” vs 1 & 6. ELW 301

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” ELW 860

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Roger Haug **Scripture Reader:** Rick Hotzler

Birthdays-Jan 10-16 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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| 10-Walter Stenzel | Chad Malwitz | 12-Erin Eckwright | 13-Dennis Morgan |
| 11-Danielle Johannsen | Shelley Tibodeau | Dave Jacobson | 16-Landan Magnuson
Arlyss Schroeder |

Flowers on the Altar are in honor of Frances Solberg’s 90th birthday which is Jan. 4th. They are given by her family.

Senior Saints: Join us on January 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments when the VIP(Volunteers in Plays) come to share a play with us. Everyone 55 and older is invited to share in the food and fellowship. Thanks to the January service group for providing the food!

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

Connect Groups - If you are feeling like you haven't been getting out this winter and want to connect with some people, join one of Good Shepherd's connect groups. Here are some of the options: cooking, cards or games, sharing dinners, attending movies or plays, book study, walking. The dinner group is having a potluck in the church social hall on Sun., Jan. 10th at 5:30 p.m. The games group is meeting on Sun., Jan. 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Please let Linda Hagen know if you are interested by calling 553-5057.

Daily Scripture Readings

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| Jan 11- | Isaiah 43:1-7 | Psalm 29 |
| | Acts 8:14-17 | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 |
| Jan 12- | Psalm 106:1-12 | Judges 4:1-16 |
| | Ephesians 6:10-17 | |
| Jan 13- | Psalm 106:1-12 | Judges 5:12-21 |
| | 1 John 5:13-21 | |
| Jan 14- | Psalm 106:1-12 | Numbers 27:1-11 |
| | Luke 11:33-36 | |
| Jan 15- | Psalm 36:5-10 | Jeremiah 3:1-5 |
| | Acts 8:18-24 | |
| Jan 16- | Psalm 36:5-10 | Jeremiah 3:19-25 |
| | 1 Corinthians 7:1-7 | |