



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

July 3, 2016

Good Question *What makes us think we are right and others are wrong?*

During the last election, one home had signs for each of the major candidates posted in the front yard. It is possible it was a compromise between two spouses with differing opinions. How do deal with loved ones, friends or neighbors when we disagree? How do opinions and our lives of faith intersect?

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "All Are Welcome" ELW 641

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Take a moment to think about ways we have made mistakes, caused pain or pulled away from God's plan for our lives as we confess our sins to a God who hears us and forgives us...

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Gracious God, hear us as we pray to you:

C: I'm sorry, God. We mess up. Again and again and again. We want to be more kind but sometimes it seems easier to insist on our own way than to be kind and thoughtful toward others. We want to be more giving, but sometimes we are afraid there won't be enough so we keep more than we need.

P: The good news is that God loves us and forgives us. God does not expect us to be perfect but hopes that we will love kindness and seek justice and love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us work to leave footprints of kindness wherever we go this week.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Beloved God, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you bring us into your Kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, gift us with your wisdom that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Psalms 29 (read responsively)

- ¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
- ³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**
- ¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

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

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"--a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands--¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW 715

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*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Special Music "Redeemed" Sandi Hartman

Offertory "God Bless Our Native Land" EL W 891

*Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

***Sending Hymn** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ELW 888

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Pastor Mary Iverson Scripture Reader: Coni Olson
Communion Helpers: Jeanette & Roger Groskreutz, Shirley Lesto

Birthdays - July 3-9(If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

3-Mildred Sailor	Millie Halvorson	Terry Schroeder	Halie Stern
4-John Degner	6-Elizabeth Hansen	7-Susan Kauffmann	8-Jerelyn Eckhardt

Thank You to Sandi Hartman for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

Special Congregational Meeting - There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 17, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

1) To hire a part-time Youth Director

A 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.

Dinner Connect Group - Sunday, July 10th. The Good Shepherd Dinner Connect Group will meet on Sunday, July 10 at the outside dining area of the Wildcat Bar and Grill in Wells at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

July Food Collection - During the month of July we will collect food donations of canned pasta. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations for the Wells Area Food Shelf. During the summer months, the Food Shelf is giving families with school aged children additional food. Thank you for your generous donations of peanut butter in June, which will also be used for the additional food for children this summer.

Sunday Forum ~ Death Issues - July 10 at 10:10am ~ Basement Social Hall. We will continue a series of discussions about death, dying and grief issues on Sunday, July 10 following worship. Pastor Mary will lead a discussion about "end of life wishes." Information will be handed out so you can share your wishes regarding your funeral or end of life arrangements. Everyone is invited.

Christmas in July - Join us Sun., July 17, 2016 for a coffee/fellowship fundraiser following worship. With the raising cost of choir music Marlene Kauffmann's Thrivent Action Team Project is to raise money for the Christmas Choir music. Donations may be dropped off at the church office if you are unable to attend the event.

Wed Nite Meal - There will be no Wed Nite Meal on July 13 due to Festag. Worship is still at 6:15 p.m.

Kernel Days Pie Stand - WELCA will host the Good Shepherd Pie Stand at Kernel Days Aug. 19-20, 2016. If you are able to help at the stand please sign up on the sheet by the church office.

Sharen Stern is now at Good Samaritan Society in Albert Lea, receiving care following several hip operations. Please send her a card as she continues her recuperation: Sharen Stern, Room 2405, Good Samaritan Society, 75507 240th St, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Daily Scripture Readings

Jul 4 - Psalm 75	2 Kings 2:15-22
1 John 2:7-11	
Jul 5 - Psalm 75	2 Kings 3:4-20
Ephesians 5:6-20	
Jul 6 - Psalm 75	2 Kings 4:1-7
Matthew 10:16-25	
Jul 7 - Psalm 30	2 Kings 4:8-17
Romans 7:14-25	
Jul 8 - Psalm 30	2 Kings 4:18-31
2 Corinthians 8:1-7	
Jul 9 - Psalm 30	2 Kings 4:32-37
Luke 9:1-6	

Good Shepherd Pool Party - Sunday, July 17, 2016 from 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. at the Wells Municipal Pool. Cost: Free. This is an event for youth and families. You are welcome to bring your swim noodles, beach balls and snacks. Life guards will be on duty. Youth in grade 3 and above are welcome to come without a parent.