



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

July 31, 2016

Greed - In today's Bible Story, Jesus talks about greed and how it is so destructive to our souls and our communities. The opposite of love isn't hate; it is greed. Instead of being rich in our accumulation of stuff, Jesus calls us to be rich toward God. Rather than store up for ourselves, Jesus calls us to reach out and share and be the hands and feet of God in our lives.

Prelude "Here I Am to Worship" Jon Melby and Sandi Hartman

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ELW 697

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray ... Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. Nourish us with your Word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and share the Good News of God's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Children's Message

Psalm 49:1-12 (read responsively)

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

²**both low and high, rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶**those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸**For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,**

⁹that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

¹⁰**When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

¹¹Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

¹²**Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 12.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward 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 "Forever" Jon Melby and Sandi Hartman

Offertory "For the Fruit of All Creation" EL W 679

*Prayers of the Church

*The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW 773

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Richard Salge

Scripture Reader: Chris Tatge

Birthdays - July 31–Aug 6 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)
31-Arnold Carlson 1-Corey Ehlert 3-Arleen Klingbeil
 LaVaun Schroeder 2-Mason Malwitz

Thank You to Jon Melby and Sandi Hartman for sharing with us today their gift of Music.

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.

Remember the Food Shelf when you begin harvesting your garden produce! You can bring your garden produce to the Food Shelf whenever the Good Shepherd office is open but it is especially appreciated on Tuesday mornings.

Youth Director - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells, Minnesota, seeks a part-time Youth Director who has a deep faith in Jesus Christ, a love for youth, a vision that supports the overall vision of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), and the skill to creatively and prayerfully serve and grow with us in Christ's mission. The Youth Director will have the primary responsibility of ministering to children K-12th grade. This will include but is not limited to youth events, youth trips, mission trips and fundraisers. The Youth Director will work closely with the Pastor and Youth Board to accomplish the Church's mission in the area of youth ministry. A job description will be provided upon request. Contact: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 291 1st Street SW, Wells, Minnesota, 56097. Email: shepherd@bevcomm.net. Telephone: 507/553-3513. Deadline for submission of resume: August 8, 2016.

Communities Fighting Student Hunger - Glow Walk Backpack Fundraiser..Aug. 18..Half Moon Park. Registration at 8pm...donations accepted. All ages WELCOME..Glow With Us..feed a Child. Glow items..Door prizes..treats and beverage..group photo (All children under 10 must have adult supervision)

Special Congregational Meeting - There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 21, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

1. The Church Council recommends to proceed with the Technology Upgrades to the Sanctuary, not to exceed \$30,000.00. The Council further recommends that the project is not to commence until all funds have been raised for the project.

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

Caring Ministry will meet Thurs, August 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the kitchenette. If you are interested in visiting a shut in please come to the meeting.

Daily Scripture Readings

Aug 1 - Psalm 60 Hosea 11:12—12:14
 Colossians 3:18—4:1
Aug 2 - Psalm 60 Hosea 13:1-16
 Colossians 4:2-6
Aug 3 - Psalm 60 Hosea 14:1-9
 Luke 12:22-31
Aug 4 - Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
 Isaiah 9:8-17 Romans 9:1-9
Aug 5 - Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
 Isaiah 9:18—10:4 Acts 7:1-8
Aug 6 - Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
 Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23 Matthew 6:19-24

Good Shepherd Pie Stand - *Me Oh My! A Slice of Pie!* Fri., Aug 19th, 4-10 pm and Sat, August 20th, 11 am-4pm and after the parade until gone.

Sunday Forum ~ Death Issues - August 7th at 10:10am ~ Basement Social Hall. We will continue a series of discussions about death, dying and grief issues on Sunday, August 7th 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.

Sunday Forum ~ Thrivent Action Teams - August 14th at 10:10am ~ Basement Social Hall. What are Thrivent Action Teams? Why is Thrivent giving us each \$250 to help our church? Who is Thrivent? Find out about this amazing program through Thrivent that God is using to bless churches and communities nationwide! YOU can take advantage of this opportunity and bless those around you. Have some coffee and discover how to get started! Good Shepherd is one of the most active churches in the nation. Let's keep this momentum going!