



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Today's Worship

June 19, 2016

*Good Question - Does God Answer all our Prayers?*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "It is in fact the most normal thing in the common Christian life to pray together." That has been the experience for many of us. Like many people who grew up in a Christian home or church, we learned from childhood the practice and importance of praying at the dinner table or at bedtime or in worship. Prayer is our way to connect with God. But what happens when it seems like our prayers aren't answered?

## Welcome & Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** . . . . "Shout to the Lord" (2 times)..... ELW 821

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess together our sins and rejoice in the goodness of God, who forgives our sins ...

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Holy Redeemer, Hear us as we confess our sins ...

**C: Lord, we know that you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Yet, we often run from your love and turn away from your goodness. Forgive us and teach us to follow your path and reach out to communicate with you.**

P: The Lord God, with compassion and kindness, forgives us all our sins and calls us to embrace God's goodness in our lives. Receive God's grace and share that grace in your lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Gracious God, you show forth your mighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen us to trust in your promises and show us your constant presence. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**Psalm:** 86:1-7 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup>**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;**

<sup>3</sup>be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

<sup>6</sup>**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.**

<sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

## Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians chapter 12.

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

**Bible Story** . . . . 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows--<sup>4</sup>was caught up into

Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

**Hymn** . . . . "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" . . . . . ELW 742

**\*Apostles' Creed** . . . . . page 105

## \*Sharing the Peace

## Offering/Loose Change Offering

**Special Music** . . . . . Lynne Hansen

**Offertory** . . . "Change My Heart, God" (2 times) . . . . . EL W 801

**\*Prayers of the Church** . . . "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". . . . . ELW 752

## Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

## Distribution

## Communion Blessing

**\*Sending Hymn** . . . . "Lead On, O King Eternal!" . . . . . ELW 805

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Jody Wegner

Communion Helpers: Chad Groskreutz, Marilyn Rauenhorst, Lori Hueper

**Birthdays -June 19-25** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

19-Kylie Loegering	22-Hailey Archer	Katelyn Loegering	Nathan Mattick
20-Shirley Lesto	23-Ellie Buendorf	Cindy Schroeder	Eldo Ovrebø
Tammy Peterson	Isaac Ignaszewski	Jim Thofson	Jessie Schrader
21-Carolee Fletcher	24-Karen Carlson	25-Barb Fuchs	Pearl Vedders
Ongelle Schroeder	Linda Jacobsen	Clarise Johnson	

**Thank You** to Lynne Hansen for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

**Good Shepherd Church Benefit Auction Enjoyed by all** - The TTT ministry team would like to thank all who contributed their 'time, talents, & treasure' in making the auction a great success and a fun social evening for all in attendance! Thanks to those who worked, those who donated items and services, all those who attended, and those who bid. Because of your support and generosity the auction netted over \$7,500.

**June Food Collection** - During the month of June we will collect food donations of a 16 oz jar of peanut butter. 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, including peanut butter. Thank you for your generous donations of tuna fish in May, which will also be used for the additional food for children this summer.

**Good Shepherd Reads Book Discussion Connect Group** - Sunday, June 26, 10:15am in the Church Parlor. During the month of June you are invited to read, "Hit By a Farm: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Barn," which is written by Pine Island, Minnesota resident Catherine Friend. It tells the story of a city girl who decides to fulfill her lifelong dream of farming in southern Minnesota. Those who have read the book are then invited to gather to discuss it on June 26. Looking ahead: the July book discussion will be "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Backman.

**Father's Day Altar Paraments** - Shirley Lesto has completed a new altar parament that is being used today that is made of neckties that you donated this past year. Thank you, Shirley, for designing and sewing this unique parament that gives us another opportunity to honor and thank the men in our lives and in our congregation.

**Colombia Missionaries Visit** - Worship and Ice Cream Social -Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Missionaries Curtis and Katie Kline will be at our 6:15 p.m. worship service. They will talk about their work with the people of Colombia, Central America. Curtis and Katie are a young couple who have just completed two years in Colombia, working to promote and protect human rights and build peace. After the home visit this summer, they are set to return for two more years of work, on behalf of the ELCA. We will hear from them during our Wednesday worship service as well as at the free Ice Cream Social which will follow worship that evening.

**Sunday Forum ~ Death Issues** - June 26 at 10:10am in the basement Social Hall. We will begin the first of several discussions about death, dying and grief issues on Sunday, June 26 following worship. Attorney at Law Beau Hartman will be our guest to share information about living wills (advanced care directives) as well as estate planning and wills. Everyone is invited to come and learn and join in the discussion.

**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 have a part-time Youth Director.  
A 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.

**Time Capsule** - The Time Capsule which was buried on Rally Day Sun., Sept. 11, 1983 was opened Sun., June 12, 2016. The contents are on display in Memorial Hall by the offices. Please stop by to look and see who you recognize. There are names on the back of the pictures.

### Daily Scripture Readings

Jun 13 - Psalm 83	Genesis 31:17-35
	Galatians 3:1-9
Jun 14 - Psalm 83	2 Samuel 19:31-43
	Galatians 3:10-14
Jun 15 - Psalm 83	Malachi 3:5-12
	Mark 2:1-12
Jun 16 - Psalm 42 and 43	Genesis 24:1-21
	Romans 2:17-29
Jun 17 - Psalm 42 and 43	Job 6:14-30
	Galatians 3:15-22
Jun 18 - Psalm 42 and 43	Proverbs 11:3-13
	Matthew 9:27-34