



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

**Today's Worship**

**March 6, 2016**

*The Great Commandment*

When challenged with questions about which commandment was the greatest, Jesus explained that all commandments need to point toward the love of God and the love of others. In a world where righteous hatred and blind prejudice often run rampant, Jesus' word of love is a refreshing break. If all our words, all our thoughts and all our actions were ruled by love, then this world would truly become the kingdom that God intended.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn . . . . "You Are Holy" . . . . . ELW 525**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Our faith ancestors knew the value of taking time to examine ourselves and our short-comings. Let us pause for a moment to confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Let us pray...Gracious Lord God,

**C: We know that we have not done our best or loved our best. We have not loved one another as we love ourselves. Forgive us, God. Call us back to your ways and open our hearts to not only our neighbors but also to everyone in the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who gave himself up for us in the greatest act of love. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news from our gracious God: you are loved and forgiven in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are called to share that love and that forgiveness with the world. Live into the hope of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**C: Lord of love, you taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love others as unconditionally as you love us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

**Choir Anthem . . . . "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" . . . . . Adult Choir**

**Psalm: 89:1-4 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

<sup>4</sup>**"I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."**

**Announcement of Scripture Reading:**

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

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

**Bible Story . . . . Mark 12:28-44**

<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question. <sup>35</sup>While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>36</sup>David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'" <sup>37</sup>David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight. <sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**Hymn . . . . "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" . . . . . ELW 708**

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

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory/Song of the Season . "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" v3. ELW 843**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer**

**Distribution**

**Communion Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn . . . . "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" . . . . . ELW 674**

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Communion Helpers:** Jim & Lauryne Stern, Russ Elmer    **SS Teacher:** Rachael Korman

**Birthdays-Mar 6-12** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

6-Lisa Foley	8-Alvin Fuchs	10-Al Van Horn	Brooke Swanson
Rachel Mattick	Ryan Treptow	11-Lynne Hansen	12-Alex Huper
Tom Wood	Megan Warmka	Mike Niebuhr	Eric Warmka
7-Mark Delaittre			

**In the cold and flu season** - or any time - worshipers may greet others during the Passing of the Peace without shaking hands. Feel free to do what keeps you heathy or makes you comfortable.

**Wells Area Food Shelf Thank You Event** - “Spring Song” - March 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the USC Auditorium. Join us for an afternoon of music and fun with Gavin Berg, The St. Andrews Sisters, Brett Pederson, Trio with Sam Boerboom, Clarinet, Lynnea Eckhoff, cello and John Degner, piano. Between 5-8:00 pm the Wildcat Café will give 10% of the proceeds from your meal back the Wells Area Food Shelf.

**Potato Pancake Supper** - Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, serving 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Wells American Legion. Sponsored by Troop 41 Wells Area Boy Scouts. Menu: Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Bars, Coffee, Milk.

**Lenten Coloring Project** - We are making a mosaic of the Last Supper. The drawing is very modern in the style of Picasso. There are 40 different parts of the mosaic painting and we invite both adults and children to pick up a piece of the mosaic, color it and return in by March 13. Please sign up if you take one of the sheets. You may use colors or paints or markers on your artwork. The finished project will be displayed by Maundy Thursday on a wall near the church office.

**Senior Saints** - Pastor Mary Iverson and Jean Carlson will share interesting information about the season of Lent, the weeks before Holy Week and Easter at Broadway Apts. Pastor Mary will share several “hymn stories” about familiar Lenten hymns that we will sing together. Our special guest will be USC student, Brett Pederson, who will sing several Lenten songs for us, as well. Join us on Wed, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for fellowship with food provided by the March service group. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

**Sunday Forum** – Wells Area Food Shelf, Sunday, March 13 following worship in the Parlor. Carol Aske, one of the directors of the Wells Area Food Shelf will share some interesting information about the food shelf and also lead a tour of the Food Shelf. Can you guess how many pounds of food was distributed by the Wells Area Food Shelf in 2015? It is a great chance to learn more about it during “Minnesota Food Share Month.”

**Remember Daylight Savings Begins** Sunday, March 13, 2016. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

**March Food Collection** - During the month of March we will collect food donations of vegetable oil, cooking oil, canola oil or olive oil. Smaller containers tend to be better for the food shelf. A grocery cart will be parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will all go to the Wells

Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous February donations of meal “helpers.”

**Easter Garden for March 27<sup>th</sup>** - We will again have an Easter Garden on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We would like a variety of spring flowers and Easter lilies to adorn the altar. If you would like to donate an Easter plant, please feel free to purchase and bring it to the church or have them delivered by Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tues., March 21<sup>st</sup> so she can publish it in the bulletin. Use the following form and place it in the offering basket or return to the church office. Flowers and plants may be picked up after the 9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship.

*EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS*

I plan to purchase an Easter plant and bring it to the church to add to the Springtime decorations:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This plant is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

This plant is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Mar 7 - Psalm 39

Jeremiah 11:1-17  
Romans 2:1-11

Mar 8 - Psalm 39

Ezekiel 17:1-10  
Romans 2:12-16

Mar 9 - Psalm 39

Numbers 13:17-27  
Luke 13:18-21

Mar 10 - Psalm 32

Joshua 4:1-13  
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5

Mar 11 - Psalm 32

Joshua 4:14-24  
2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Mar 12- Psalm 32

Exodus 32:7-14  
Luke 15:1-10