



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

May 1, 2016

Faith, Hope and Love

Today we read one of the most familiar and beautiful passages in the Bible - and it's all about love. Love is the glue that binds humanity together. It is a living, breathing thing that gives life to those who hold it within themselves and give it away. Today's reading describes clearly how love operates and thrives in this world.

Welcome & Announcements

Quilt Blessing

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

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us all come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for the mercy and love of God.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Let us pray ... Patient and loving God,

C: We do not love as we ought to love. We are not always patient or kind. We let envy, boastfulness, arrogance or rudeness have their way in our lives. Forgive us for all the ways we have failed to love. Fill us with a love that penetrates even the hardest of hearts.

P: God loves. God forgives. Hear this: you are forgiven. Today you have been washed clean, made new and filled with love by a God who is love.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Loving God, your love can transform any dark thing into light. Help us to love as you love, with patience, kindness, selflessness, and joy. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem . . . "Gift of Love" Adult Choir

Psalm: 71:1-6 (read responsively)

¹In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

⁶**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians chapter 13.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all

knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" ELW 654

*Apostles' Creed page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory . . . "Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful" ELW 184

*Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

*Sending Hymn . . . "On Our Way Rejoicing". ELW 537

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Web site: <http://www.goodshepherdwells.org> E-mail: shepherd@bevcomm.net

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

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Dynette Niebuhr

Communion Helpers: Bill & Andy Groskreutz, Jim Stern **SS Teacher:** No Teacher

Our support of the Ministry God has given us last week:

Current-\$4,588.79 Missionary-\$190.00 Dedicated-\$1,974.00 4/20-66 4/24-118

Birthdays - May 1-7 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

1-Orville Linde 3-Lillyan Lutteke 5-Hannah Olson Jeff Teskey
2-Alverna Ehlert 4-Deb Willner Samantha Swanson 6-Teagan Lutteke
Kadyn Neubauer

May Food Collection - During the month of May we will collect food donations of tuna fish. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in April of coffee/tea/hot chocolate or juice.

Spring Salad Luncheon sponsored by the Women of the ELCA, May 4, 2016 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. Sign up sheet for salads, bars and workers is located on the table by the church office. Please sign up to help out where you can. Thank you.

Blessing of the Quilts - Quilts made by our own Crafty Quilters will be blessed in worship on Sunday, May 1 before they are boxed up to be gifted to Lutheran World Relief. Be sure to look at the beautiful assortment of quilts displayed in the sanctuary in the midst of the blessing. Volunteers are always welcome to help cut or tie or sew on Monday mornings. Quilting will begin again in the fall, watch for detail or see Diane Lutteke with any questions.

Ground Breaking for Driveway Project - On Sunday, May 15 immediately after the 9am worship service we will have a brief groundbreaking ceremony outside on the south lawn of the church. Dan Treptow and Arla Sorom will both be a part of the groundbreaking. Arla gave a memorial in memory of her husband, Jim Sorom, to start the project and Dan has been the leader of the project, on behalf of the Good Shepherd property committee. Please join us!

Sermon Help Needed! - This summer I am hoping to do a series of sermons based on faith questions you may have. Can you share a question with me? I would love to hear what questions you may have about God or the Bible or our lives of faith. Please share you questions with me so I can start to put together a sermon series for the summer based on these and other Good Questions. You can write your questions on a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office. You can also call the church office (553-3513) or email it to me (maryiverson@hotmail.com). Thanks for your sermon help! *Pastor Mary*

New Members at Good Shepherd - New members will be welcomed at Good Shepherd during a Sunday morning worship service and also a Wednesday evening worship service, whichever fits best for the families who are joining.

Wednesday, May 11, 6:15pm/*New Member Wednesday Worship*

Sunday, May 15, 9am/*New Member Sunday Worship*

Pastor Mary will meet with those who are planning to join for an informal gathering. Again, those gatherings will take place both on a Wednesday evening and Sunday morning and those joining are encouraged to come to the gathering that fits their schedule.

Wednesday, May 4, 5:15pm/at a table together during Wed Supper

Sunday, May 1, 10:30am/Church Parlor (behind kitchen in basement)

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Good Shepherd, please share this information!

Holy Communion is served today and all are welcome to commune. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. The communion server pours glasses of wine but grape juice is available in the pre-poured glasses on the table. Gluten free wafers are available each week; please ask the communion server.

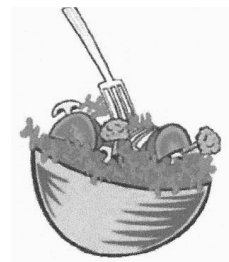
“Come on Down” - Come to the USC Auditorium, on May 13, and you might know the contestants on the “Price is Right”- Rebel Style. USC’s newly formed Education Foundation is holding their first fundraiser to help provide educational opportunities for students. Advance tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at area banks, Thrifty White Drug Store, or the USC District Office. Plan on spending an entertaining evening where some lucky contestants will play games that look amazingly like the popular TV show. Local businesses have donated thousands of dollars in prizes and cash. Let’s fill the auditorium and support education at USC.

Daily Scripture Readings

May 2 - Psalm 93
1 Chronicles 12:16-22
Revelation 21:5-14
May 3 - Psalm 93
2 Chronicles 15:1-15
Revelation 21:15-22
May 4 - Psalm 93
2 Chronicles 34:20-33
Luke 2:25-38
May 5 - Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53
May 6 - Psalm 97
Exodus 33:12-17
Revelation 22:6-9
May 7 - Psalm 97
Exodus 33:18-23
John 1:14-18

Communities Fighting Student Hunger - Backpack - "Thank You" for your generosity. As a Community we can combat hunger and find solutions to this problem. Without continued support hungry students arrive in school everyday. Your help is appreciated.

The theme of the 2016 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly is "We are Church Together for the Sake of the World." The gathering will take place on May 6-7 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. Pastor Mary and Sandy Coats will represent Good Shepherd. Consider following along online using the hashtag #churchtogether2016. Additional Assembly details are available at <http://semnsynod.org/assembly2016>.



Spring Salad Luncheon

Wed., May 4

11:00-12:30 pm

\$6.00 per plate

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Homemade salads, garlic toast,

Bars, coffee, and lemonade

Sponsored by the WELCA

Take outs available