



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

May 22, 2016

Good Questions: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

We have all heard this question asked so many times: "Why would a God who is all good, all knowing and all powerful, allow bad things to happen to good people?" Many of us have seen good people suffer (which is horrible) and then we have also seen evil people having fun. It is confusing because life doesn't seem fair at times. These questions are often asked by people with a genuine desire to understand what seems impossible to understand. Perhaps we need to think about why we end up questioning the goodness of God when we face pain in our lives.

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering Hymn "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins and bask in the goodness of God's forgiveness.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Holy Lord, hear us as we lift our hearts and our voice to you...

C: So often when we face suffering and hardship, we question your goodness. Forgive us, God, for we constantly turn from you and give ourselves into the power of sin and brokenness. In your compassion, forgive our sins.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us makes us alive together in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Walk as a forgiven Child of God.

Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious Lord God, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength, pilot us; by your power, preserve us; by your wisdom, instruct us; and by your hand, protect us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Adult Choir

Psalm 73:1-4, 23-28 (read responsively)

¹Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart.

²**But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped.**

³For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴**For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek.**

²³Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

²⁴**You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor.**

²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

²⁶**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

²⁷Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you.

²⁸**But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, to tell of all your works.**

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Mark chapter 6.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn "On Eagle's Wings" ELW 787

*Apostles' Creed page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory "Take My Life" (printed)

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

*Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Hymn "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" ELW 763

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Jim Stern

Birthdays - May 22-28 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

22-Walker Linde	Ila Teskey	Mary Van Horn	Gary Hagen
Julie Treptow	24-Mike Lesto	25-Marah Niebuhr	Dan Hart
23-Olivia Niebuhr	Andrea Treptow	26-Rita Bathke	27-Bea Hensche

In memory of the 20th anniversary of Harry Holstad's death, which was May 19th, a memorial has been received towards the Sanctuary Technology. It is given by Barb Ziegler.

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.

Help is needed to place a poppy on a Veteran's grave. Meet at the cemetery on Fri., May 27th at 3:30 p.m. (rain date Sat., May 28th at 10:00 a.m.) Questions call Marlene Kauffmann at 553-3539.

Daily Scripture Readings

May 23 - Psalm 124 Proverbs 7:1-4
Ephesians 4:7-16

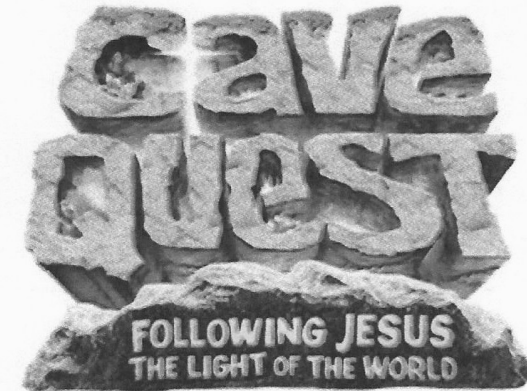
May 24 - Psalm 124 Proverbs 8:4-21
Ephesians 5:15-20

May 25 - Psalm 124 Daniel 1:1-21
Luke 1:46b-55

May 26 - Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Proverbs 13:1-12 Romans 5:12—6:2

May 27 - Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Proverbs 15:1-9 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

May 28 - Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Isaiah 30:8-17 John 16:1-4a



JUNE 8th – 10th
9:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m.

CREW MEMBERS NEEDED!

Youth who have completed 6th grade and older are invited
to *sign up to help* with VBS 2016!

Sign up sheet is on the office door.

EXPLORERS NEEDED!

Youth 4 yrs. through completion of 5th grade are invited
to *attend* VBS 2016!!

Registration forms available by the office door.



CHURCH BENEFIT AUCTION

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Basement Social Hall

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Auction begins at 5:00 p.m.



Auctioneers: Karen & Duane Bergemann

Meal starts at 4:45 p.m. and during auction

Serving: Brat or Pork Burger, Beans, Potato Salad,
Bar, Lemonade or Coffee

Call the church office at 553-3513 if
you contribute an item or service.

Auction items can come to the church now or day of auction.

