



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

October 16, 2016

God Who Answers Us ~ God's Answer for Hannah. Hannah knew what she wanted and boldly prayed to God for a child. However, the intensity of her prayer is equaled by her promise to dedicate her son to the Lord. What have you asked for from God that still awaits an answer?

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" 2x's. ELW 857

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: God of promise, here us as we confess to you ...

C: We, like the people of old, have not always been faithful. We have heard your words but haven't always believed them. We have been shown the way but haven't always followed. We have been called by you but have selfishly ignored the invitation. We confess our wrongs and beg for forgiveness. Amen.

P: The promise of the Lord is as true today as it has always been. We are chosen people of God, we are loved and we are forgiven. Receive the blessings of God's forgiveness and trust in God's love. In Jesus name we pray,

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious God, we give you thanks that in your kindness you hear the prayers of your people. We trust that you know what we need and that you provide with generosity those things that will make your promises a reality in this world. Bring us into more perfect devotion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord". Adult Choir

Psalms 113 (read responsively)

- ¹Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
- ²**Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**
- ³From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- ⁴**The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**
- ⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
- ⁶**who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**
- ⁷He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
- ⁸**to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**
- ⁹He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of 1Samuel chapter 1.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story. . . . 1 Samuel 1:1-20

¹There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ²He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ³Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. ⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" ⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." ¹²As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." ¹⁵But Hannah answered, "No, my Lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." ¹⁷Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." ¹⁸And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. ¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn "Prophets and Kings" Chorus, vs, Chorus Printed

Sermon

Hymn "For All the Faithful Women" vs 1, 4, last. ELW 419

Apostle's Creed.. . . . page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory "Praise and Thanksgiving" vs 1 & 2. ELW 689

*Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

***Benediction**

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

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Marlene Kauffmann
Communion Helpers: Gary & Marlene Kauffmann, Sandy Tatge
SS Teacher: Rachael Korman

Birthdays - Oct 16-22 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

16-Connie Schultz	Emmett Neubauer	Gladys Johanson	20-Scott Berg
Nicole Swanson	18-Brennan Magnuson	Marshall Tatge	21-Blayze Stern
17-Tessla Morton	Dennis Rollenhagen	Nora Theede	Brody Stern
Tyson Morton	19-Mike Christensen		

October Food Collection - During the month of October we will collect food donations of canned stews and soups. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your September donations of Macaroni and Cheese that also went to the Food Shelf.

Thinking ahead to next week: our Bible Story is about the promise that David's Kingdom would endure (I Kings 17). Consider these questions as you prepare for worship next week: David wanted to build a big temple for God and God said, "no." What are the drawbacks and the benefits of a congregation having one permanent place of worship? What are some of the ways that God's love can come alive in our lives?

Overnight Youth Retreat ~ grades 7-9 - November 11-12 @ Good Earth Village Bible Camp, Spring Valley. Cost: \$25 (reduced from \$55 for Good Shepherd members). We will carpool from Good Shepherd at 5pm on Nov 11 and return by 6pm on Nov 12. Pick up required registration forms at the church office and return with fee by Nov 1.

500 Card Playing Group - Sunday, October 16 ~ 2-5pm. Want to enjoy an afternoon playing 500 with others? We will gather at the Jim & Bonnie Prust home (805 Circle Drive, Wells) to play, visit and enjoy a snack they are serving. Please sign up in advance at the table near the church office so we know how many to expect.

Senior Saints - Join us on Wednesday, October 19 at Broadway Apartments to hear Rita Bebler share information about The Clothes Closet here in Wells. How did the concept start? How does it run? Bring your questions to be answered. The October service group will be providing the meal. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

Fall Luncheon - Wed., Oct. 26th serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free will donation. Menu: Goulash, Homemade Bread, Bars, Pickles, Coffee and Lemonade. Sponsored by Women of the ELCA. All are welcome.

Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose to consider the following:

The Church Council recommends to accept Pastor Mary's request to move out of the parsonage due to unfortunate family circumstances and pay the housing allowance according to the Synod Compensation Guidelines.

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

Daily Scripture Readings

- Oct 17 - Psalm 129
1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- Oct 18 - Psalm 129
James 5:7-12
- Oct 19 - Psalm 129
Luke 22:39-46
- Oct 20 - Psalm 65
2 Timothy 3:1-9
- Oct 21 - Psalm 65
2 Timothy 3:10-15
- Oct 22 - Psalm 65

Luke 1:46-55

Mystery Dinner
Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Food and fellowship

Come join us for a "night out" on November 6. All adults who attend Good Shepherd are invited to a mystery dinner. We will meet at the church for appetizers at 5:00 p.m. and then car pool to the mystery destination for dinner. You will be required to pay for your own meal with the average cost of \$10 per plate. Hurry and sign up in the church office by November 1. There is a limit of 40 people.

_____ Yes, I would be willing to provide an appetizer for the event.
Name _____ Phone _____