



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

October 2, 2016

Created By Our God, God Remembers Me ~ Passover and Deliverance. Today's reading involves a secret command, a strange ritual and the beginning of a huge journey. Could the People of God ever imagined the journey through the wilderness that was about to begin, with the Almighty God as their tour guide?

Welcome & Announcements

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

***Gathering Hymn** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW 618

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Pause for silence and reflection

P: God of the Passover, receive these prayers as a confession and a move to turn our lives toward you...

C: On our lips you will find lies. In our eyes you will find envy and jealousy. And in our hands and feet you will often find us working for our selfish desires. Yet you place on our lips the bread and wine of forgiveness. You place in our eyes the vision to work for your goodness in our world. And in our hands and feet you place the responsibility to do your work. Forgive us when we fail you and renew us in your image. Amen.

P: The God of new life receives your prayers and offers you unconditional acceptance and forgiveness. Receive the forgiveness of the Lord your God and hear the renewal of the promise that God made to our ancestors and the continuation of God's blessings to you and those who come after you.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious God, you have led your chosen people for generations. Remind us always of your faithfulness and help us to trust in the next step you have stored for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet". Adult Choir

Psalm 149 (read responsively)

- ¹Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ²**Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**
- ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- ⁴**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.**
- ⁵Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.
- ⁶**Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**
- ⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- ⁸**to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,**
- ⁹to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Exodus chapter 13.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Exodus 13:3-8

³Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. ⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. ⁸You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn "It Began in Silence" Chorus, vs, Chorus Printed

Sermon

Hymn "Why Is This Night Different?" vs 1 - 4. Printed

Apostle's Creed page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory "We Are an Offering" ELW 692

*Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Hymn "Why Is This Night Different?" (Communion Verse). Printed

Communion Blessing

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn** "Take My Life that I May Be" vs 1. ELW 583

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Marlene Kauffmann

Communion Helpers: Judy Harpestad, Roger & Jeanette Groskreutz

SS Teacher: Kim Stevermer

Birthdays - Oct 2-8(If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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| 2-Noah Boeck | Amy Crabtree | 5-Mark Niebuhr | 7-Jim Willner |
| Ciara Schrader | Jackie Huper | Lexa Schultz | 8-Paige Diekmann |
| 3-Craig Anderson | 4-Reggie Rebelein | Jaelyn Stangler | |

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 the about worship of the Golden Calf (Exodus 32). Consider these questions as you prepare for worship next week: When the people of God felt a lack of leadership, they gave in to the temptation to worship a golden calf rather than God. What is your golden calf (what do you worship instead of God)? What has it felt like in your life when you sensed a lack of leadership?

Volunteers needed to fill Backpacks for USC students. Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Room A112 for 30-60 min. depending on the amount of volunteers that day. No lifting required, just helping hands. Use the Elementary entrance. Check in as guest at the office.

Overnight Youth Retreat ~ grades 3-6 - October 7-8 @ 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 Oct 7 and return by 6pm on Oct 8. Pick up required registration forms at the church office and return with fee by Sept 28.

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.

Dinner Group - On October 2 we will be having a potluck at the church starting at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone who enjoys sharing good food and company is invited to attend.

Games Group - Will meet Oct. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Enjoy an evening of playing cards or games together. Feel free to bring your favorite game or a deck of cards.

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.

Dessert Bake Off

Do you make a dessert that is to die for? Good Shepherd members would like to taste your fantastic creation. On Sunday, October 2. We will hold a “Dessert Bake Off” Anyone any age from Good Shepherd can enter their favorite dessert creation in the contest. Those attending Sunday morning coffee will taste the various dessert selections and vote on the ones they feel qualify for the prizes.

“Stir the Plot” Book Group - Wed., Oct. 12 ~ 5pm @ Good Shepherd basement parlor. You are invited to a revised version of the Connect Book Group. The first meeting will be at Good Shepherd at 5pm in the basement parlor. Feel free to grab a meal from the Wednesday evening supper and join the discussion. For this first gathering, bring your favorite book of all time, if you have it and be

prepared to tell why it is your favorite. We will discuss various book genres and the direction the group would like to take; controversial books are welcome. Each session will also include a short story from one of the “Hyperbole and a Half” books, starting with *The God of Cakes*, which will be provided. Friends from the community are invited.

Learn about “Tanzania Book Initiative” On October 9 Mankato West High School senior James Dahlvang will speak briefly at worship and then lead the forum following worship on Sunday, October 9. While traveling to Tanzania in January 2016, with his congregation (Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato), James visited a small secondary school in Iambi run by the Lutheran Church in the central diocese of Tanzania. He saw that the classrooms had one text book for 45 students and lacked equipment for chemistry and physics. James started the “Tanzania Book Initiative” with the goal to provide 1 textbook for every 3 students and resupply the chemistry and physics labs. James is a guest of the Good Shepherd Global Missions Committee. Can we help make a difference?

Daily Scripture Readings

Sep 19 - Psalm 137
James 1:2-11
Sep 20 - Psalm 137
Lamentations 2:13-22
Sep 21 - Psalm 137
Lamentations 5:1-22
Sep 22 - Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 1:13-18
Sep 23 - Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:1-7
Sep 24 - Psalm 66:1-12
Luke 5:12-16

Why Is This Night Different?

KREMSER 12.11.12.12 ("We Gather Together")

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1. "Why is this night different from all of the others?"
This night we remember how God set us free.
This night we remember our fathers and mothers
Whom God reached out to save from harsh slavery.
2. We eat bitter herbs to recall how they suffered;
The salt water tells of their tears and their cries.
The lamb is the sacrifice each household offered;
The matzo is the bread with no time to rise.
3. Haroseth reminds how the people long labored
In making the mortar; what weary, worn slaves!
And yet in its sweetness is hope ever-savored,
And in each cup of wine, the promise: God saves!
4. Through symbols we share here, your story is spoken;
God, help us to know that it's our story, too!
For as we are saved we are sent to the broken,
Till all know peace and joy, till all are made new.

(Last Verse After Holy Communion)

5. Lord Jesus, you joined in the great celebration,
Then gave us a new meal to joyfully share.
You blessed bread and wine and you offered salvation;
Now send us out to serve, Lord, this is our prayer!