



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

October 9, 2016

Created by our God, God Waits for Me ~ The Golden Calf. Impatient people sometimes make very foolish choices. When Moses climbed Mount Sinai to talk with God and receive the Ten Commandments, the people got impatient. They decided to melt down their jewelry and make a golden calf to worship. How do you think God reacted to that choice?

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" ELW 647

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Forgiving God, have mercy on us as we strive for a better way...

C: Lord of compassion, we are unfaithful people, ready to follow our own paths in life, eager to control our lives. Help us see the selfishness in our lives and forgive us when we try to be independent of you, God. Make us one with your spirit. Amen.

P: Our God delivers His people to freedom and safety so that we may worship Him as the one true God. We too often worship gods of our own making when we put our highest priority on money, power, family, sports, safety and privilege. In God's abundant mercy, you are forgiven and are offered new life and new hope. May God continue to restore us so that we worship God alone.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: God of judgment and God of love, you gave us the law to guide our feet on the right path, and you forgive us when we go astray. Open our hearts and minds to your Word and inspire us to commit ourselves again to follow you and only you. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Draw Me Close" Adult Choir

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 (read responsively)

¹ Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

² **Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?**

³ Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

⁴ **Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them;**

⁵ that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,

that I may glory in your heritage.

⁶ **Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.**

¹⁹ They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.

²⁰ **They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

²¹ They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

²² **wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**

²³ Therefore he said he would destroy them--had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Exodus chapter 32.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story Exodus 32:1-14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord."⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are."¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people."¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

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

Sermon

Hymn "You are Mine" ELW 581

Apostle's Creed page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs 1 & 2. ELW 679

*Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ELW 543

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Marlene Kauffmann

SS Teacher: Rachael Korman

Birthdays - Oct 9-15 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

10-Travis Placek 13-Sharen Stern 15-Wesley Diekmann

12-Colin Becher Jessie Willner-Manges Lyle Stern

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 Hannah who prayed for a child (I Samuel 1). Consider these questions as you prepare for worship next week: Hannah knew what she wanted and boldly prayed to God for a child. What have you prayed for that still awaits an answer? Does God require something, in exchange for an answered prayer?

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.

“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?

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.

Caring Ministry will meet Thus., Oct. 13th at 4:00 p.m. Caring Ministry is in need of more people willing to visit and bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you are interested please plan to attend this meeting. Hope to see you there.

The church basement ladies will be performing the Christmas story called "Away in the Basement" at the Fairmont Opera House on Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per ticket but if we have a group of 10 or more we receive a 10% discount. This could be the first event of our movies/plays connect group. We would probably car pool. Let the church office know if you are interested and which performance time you would prefer. We could possibly go out to eat before or after the show depending on the group's preference. The sooner we order tickets the better our seats will be. Let the office know by Thursday, October 13.

Daily Scripture Readings

- Oct 10 - Psalm 102:1-17
Acts 26:24-29
- Oct 11 - Psalm 102:1-17
Ephesians 6:10-20
- Oct 12 - Psalm 102:1-17
Matthew 10:5-15
- Oct 13 - Psalm 119:97-104
Acts 17:22-34
- Oct 14 - Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 2:14-26
- Oct 15 - Psalm 119:97-104
Mark 10:46-52

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 _____