



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Today's Worship

September 4, 2016

*Good Question – Forgiveness...just who is forgiven? Would Jesus have forgiven Judas for fulfilling the role required to make the Easter story complete? How big is the forgiveness of God?*

## Welcome & Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn . . . . "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" . . . . . ELW 836

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Before God and in the company of all, let us confess our sins...

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: The Lord God in goodness and mercy forgives you for your failures. Receive the grace that has been reserved for you in the name of one who loves like no other, Jesus Christ our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Direct us, Lord God, in all your doings with your most gracious favor and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Children's Message

Special Music . . . . . Breanna Wegner

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>**Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Matthew chapter 27.

**C: Praise to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel . . . .Matthew 27:3-10 (The Message Bible)

<sup>3-4</sup>Judas, the one who betrayed him, realized that Jesus was doomed. Overcome with remorse, he gave back the thirty silver coins to the high priests, saying, "I've sinned. I've betrayed an innocent man." They said, "What do we care? That's *your* problem!"<sup>5</sup> Judas threw the silver coins into the Temple and left. Then he went out and hung himself.<sup>6-10</sup> The high priests picked up the silver pieces, but then didn't know what to do with them. "It wouldn't be right to give this--a payment for murder!--as an offering in the Temple." They decided to get rid of it by buying the "Potter's Field" and use it as a burial place for the homeless. That's how the field got called "Murder Meadow," a name that has stuck to this day. Then Jeremiah's words became history: They took the thirty silver pieces, The price of the one priced by some sons of Israel, And they purchased the potter's field. And so they unwittingly followed the divine instructions to the letter.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Hymn . . . . . "Drawn to the Light" . . . . . ELW 593

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

## Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

## Distribution

## Communion Blessing

## \*Benediction

\*Sending Hymn . . . . "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" . . . . . ELW 858

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Presiding & Preaching::** Rev. Mary Iverson      **Scripture Reader:** Bill Groskreutz, Jr.

**Communion Helpers:** Coni Olson, Judy Harpestad

**Thank You** to Breanna Wegner for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

**Birthdays - Sept 4-10** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

4-Jared Fette	Cody Melcher	8-Mike Beyer	Carol Lackey
Brandon Rucker	Karen Niebuhr	Robert Eckwright IV	10-Don Beckmann
5-Pam Warmka	Marian Sonnek	9-Ruben Groskreutz	Rhonda Loegering
6-Ryder Archer	7-Riley Staloch		

**September Food Collection** - During the month of September we will collect food donations of macaroni and cheese. A grocery cart will be parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will all go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous August donations.

**God's Work. Our Hands** - Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Every ELCA congregation is invited to participate in a special day to put our faith in action. On Sunday, September 11 we will gather for worship. After worship, you will be invited to put your faith into action by participating in a service project. We will have several stations for projects such as tying fleece blankets for the Winnebago Youth Treatment Center, making and packaging cookies for "helpers" in our communities (fire, ambulance and police departments), making cards for veterans. We will also have a team of people head out into the community to perform "Random Acts of Kindness." Come to worship on September 11, prepared to put your faith into action immediately following worship, as we reach out with God's love.

**Special Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, September 18, 2016. The Executive Committee of the Church Council unanimously agreed that the August 21, 2016 Special Congregational Meeting motions should be readdressed. There were discrepancies between the count of voting members and the actual votes that were cast. New procedures have been created to formalize the protocol for voting to ensure accuracy. A new Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service to revisit the two recommendations regarding sanctuary technology upgrades.

- a) The Church Council recommends to proceed with the Technology Upgrades to the Sanctuary, not to exceed \$30,000.00. The Council further recommends that the project is not to commence until all funds have been raised for the project.

**Thinking ahead to next week** - Our Bible Story is about the creation and the fall, Genesis 2. Consider these questions as you prepare for worship next week: How does being a caretaker of God's creation shape the way you live your life? What can you do to care for the planet and God's people? What does it mean that God's breath lives in you?

#### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Sep 5 -	Psalm 2	Jeremiah 18:12-23
Sep 6 -	Psalm 2	Jeremiah 19:1-15
Sep 7 -	Psalm 2	Jeremiah 20:1-18
Sep 8 -	Psalm 14	Jeremiah 13:20-27
Sep 9 -	Psalm 14	Jeremiah 4:1-10
Sep 10 -	Psalm 14	Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31