



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

April 2, 2017

*Zacchaeus* The story of short little Zacchaeus reminds us that Jesus has a way of finding those who truly seek his attention. And as we have so often seen, having an encounter with the Son of God has a way to transform a life forever.

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Hymn . . . . "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" . . . . . ELW 858

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: As we gather for worship, as we seek to place our trust ever the more deeply in our Lord God, let us pause to confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: God of mercy,

**C: We come before you just as we are, pretending nothing, hiding nothing. You know the deepest workings of our hearts and minds, and that we have failed to be your faithful servants and witnesses. We ask you, once again, to deliver us from the death we have secured for ourselves. Hear us, gracious Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears us always and knows what we need even when we do not. Receive assurance of the Lord's forgiveness as we place our trust in the new covenant promised and guaranteed to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Gracious Lord God, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. You continue to show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness and peace. We give you thanks for teaching us to love, for the sake of Jesus, who is the essence of love itself. Amen.**

### Children's Message

Choir Anthem . . . . "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me". . . . . Adult Choir

### Psalms 84 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup>**As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength; the God of Gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup>**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**

<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

<sup>10</sup>**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup>**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

### \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 18.

### C: Praise to you, O Lord

### Bible Story . . . . Luke 18:31 – 19:10

<sup>31</sup>Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon.

<sup>33</sup>After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." <sup>34</sup>But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup>As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

<sup>37</sup>They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup>Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup>Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>"What do you want me to do for you? He said, "Lord, let me see again." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." <sup>43</sup>Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God. <sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through it.

<sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Song . . . . "Zacchaeus Was a Tax Man" . . . . . printed

The Apostles' Creed . . . . . page 105

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

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

### Prayers of the Church

### Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

### Communion Blessing

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** . . . . "Lead On, O King Eternal!" . . . . . ELW 805

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace.

**C: Serve the Lord.**

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**Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 am & Wednesday at 7:30 pm**

**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev. Mary Iverson     **Scripture Reader:** Jeanette Groskreutz

**SS Teacher:** Kim Stevermer     **Communion Helpers:** JoAnn Ovrebo, Stacy Magnuson

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

2-Madalyn Hart	Chloe Cummings	5-Aaron Schaper	7-Laura Foley
3-David Groskreutz	Caden Niebuhr	6-Mikenna Erickson	8-Dorothy Christenson
4-Emma Beyer	Sandy Tatge	Erik Melby	Tyler Linde

**April Food Collection** - During the month of April we will collect food donations of pizza box mixes. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your March donations of cans of Tuna that also went to the Food Shelf.

**Service of Healing & Wholeness - Wednesday, April 3 ~ 6:15pm** - Our final Wednesday worship service during the season of Lent will feature a Service of Healing and Wholeness. We will sing the Holden Evening Prayer and also have a time for prayer, laying on of hands and anointing of oil. People will be invited to come forward for a time of private prayer for themselves or for a friend or a loved one.

**SLOW (Summer Lunch On Wheels)** is coming to city parks in Bricelyn, Easton, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters and Wells every weekday during the summer offering sack lunches to kids at no charge. The program is hosted by the Wells Area Food Shelf. Volunteers are being invited to take part by preparing the sacks of food, a job which could be done by both women and men. That work will be done at St. John the Baptist Church in Minnesota Lake, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wells and the former Courier-Sentinel building in Kiester. To lend a hand or learn more, call Carol Aske at 507-553-3538, Donna Weckwerth at 507-553-3234 or Cynthia Matson at 507-294-3793.

**Youth Night at the Church ~ Grades 7-12 - Friday, April 7 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.** - We will play some fun games together, have a devotion together and do a service project and have a snack. Gather in the Good Shepherd basement Social Hall (dining room) for this fun evening together. The event is FREE and you may bring one friend but we do ask you to sign up on the sheet on the church office door by Wednesday, April 5.

**Easter Garden for April 16, 2017** - We will again have an Easter Garden on Easter Sunday. We would like a variety of spring flowers and Easter lilies, to adorn the altar. If you would like to donate an Easter plant, please feel free to purchase and bring it to the church or have them delivered by Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tue., April 11<sup>th</sup> so she can publish it in the bulletin. Use the following form and place it in the offering basket or return to the church office. Flowers and plants may be picked up after the 9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship.

*EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS*

I plan to purchase an Easter plant and bring it to the church to add to the Springtime decorations:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This plant is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

This plant is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Zacchaeus Was a Tax Man**

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

1. Zacchaeus was a tax man who one day climbed a tree,  
For he was short in stature and said he could not see.  
And yet he had a problem that mattered even more:  
He didn't see the suffering his greed had caused the poor.
2. O Lord, you saw Zacchaeus — so wealthy, yet alone.  
You said, "Come down — and hurry! I'm coming to your home."  
For you broke bread with sinners and saw within each one  
A person loved and treasured — God's daughter or God's son.
3. It wasn't just the treetop that helped Zacchaeus see;  
Your love and welcome showed him how different life could be.  
He said that he'd start over and work to make things fair;  
He'd speak the truth, bring justice, and find new ways to share.
4. O Christ, you bid us welcome and help us all to see!  
May we respond by building a just society.  
Then children won't be hungry and all will share your bread.  
Then those who now must struggle will live in joy instead.

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## **Living Last Supper**

A musical drama about the last days of the life of Jesus

**Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
A community production

A free will donation will be accepted for the  
Wells Area Food Shelf,  
the USC Back Pack Program  
and Bebo Getchell  
Mark your calendars and be sure to attend!



## *Brunch*

**April 9, 2017**      10-11:30 a.m.

### Menu:

Ham Egg Bake  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Crockpot Oatmeal  
Coffee..Milk..OJ

All Proceeds to the National Youth  
Gathering .. July 2018

Brunch will be served and prepared by  
Youth and parents