



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

August 13, 2017

Today's Worship

Does it Really Say that in the Bible: God Doesn't Give you More than you can Handle...For the next four weeks we focus on some ideas that Christians embrace that may not be entirely true. Some of the ideas may have a ring of truth or may even be partially supported by Scripture. When examined closely, though, they are often "half-truth" at best. At worst, they can hurt people or be a stumbling block. Does God, the giver of all good gifts, give us any hardship?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "This is My Father's World" ELW 824

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather for worship today in the name of Triune God; the Father, who created us, the Son who came to save us, and the Holy Spirit who is with us now to give us strength for life.

C: We thank you and praise your Holy Name.

P: Let us confess our sins and pray for the strength to faithfully follow ...

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Gracious Lord 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.

P: Everyone in Christ is a new creation; everything old has passed away and everything has become new. In Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are made whole and cleansed and new. Go forward, being kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God, in Christ, has forgiven you.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious God, you show forth your mighty power chiefly by reaching out to us with your compassionate love. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen us to trust in your promises and show us your constant presence. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Special Music Connie and Friends

Martin Luther Moment

Psalm 46 (read responsively)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

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*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of I Corinthians chapter 10

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story I Corinthians 10:13

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "On Eagle's Wings" WOV 779

Sacrament of Holy Baptism printed

Welcome New Members printed

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1-4 ELW 685

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW 836

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd! It is our mission to Grow, Serve, Learn, Care and Worship. It is our prayer and our hope that you will sense the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of worship.

Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson **Pianist:** Staci Thompson **Scripture Reader:** Marlene Kauffmann

Birthdays - Aug 13-19 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

13-Barry Lutteke	Eva Schroeder	16-Carol Aske	19-Leslie Drugg
Riley Willner	15-Kim Kruger	Julie Forderer	Nancy Elmer
14-Samantha Archer	Peyton Rollenhagen		

~~God will not give you more than you can handle.~~

God will help you handle all that you have been given.

Thank You to Connie and Friends for sharing with us today their gift of Music.

Holy Baptism - Brantley Maverick Winstead, son of Cody & Laura Winstead, born Feb. 13, 2017. His Christian sponsors are Andrea Porter-Merrill, Krystal Spencer, Cody Spencer and Grant Bramer.

Welcome New Members:

Keith & Stephanie Miller

Jordan Meyers

Clifford Treptow

Cody, Laura, Brody, Bryce & Brantley Winstead

Michael & Tammy Winstead.

August Food Collection - During the month of August we will collect food donations of Asian foods: noodles, soy sauce, bean sprouts, water chestnuts, or fortune cookies. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in July of Salad Dressing, Mustard, Barbeque Sauce or Chili Sauce.

Produce Donations Accepted for the Wells Area Food Shelf - As you collect your produce from your garden, remember that you are invited share some of the produce with the Wells Area Food Shelf. Your donations can be dropped off at the Good Shepherd Church offices during daily office hours. Mondays and Tuesdays are best days to drop off the produce. Thanks for your donations of healthy food for our hungry neighbors.

Car Wash Sponsored by Youth Gathering Participants - Sunday, August 13 ~ 8:30-10:30am
The youth and adult leaders who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are inviting members of Good Shepherd to a Car Wash on Sunday, August 13. The car wash will be held along the west side of the church on 3rd Ave. You are welcome to park your vehicle in the 'car wash line' on 3rd Ave and check your key at the table which will be by the door on the west side of the church and it will be washed and dried when worship ends. You are also welcome to bring it to get washed following worship. Thanks for your continued support of the youth programs at Good Shepherd! The July 9 Car Wash raised \$198 for the 3 Youth Gathering participants who worked so hard! Thanks for your generosity.

Small children are always welcome at worship. If they become restless, please know that one option is the nursery that is a part of our sanctuary (on the left side of the sanctuary, in the alcove just in front of the side door). There are baby and toddler toys and a rocking chair for a parent, so you can continue to worship but have a safe place for your little one to move around.

Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

“Busy Bags” are available for small children to use during worship. An usher can point them out to you.

Senior Saints - Everyone 55 and older is invited to a program of music presented by Barb Carlson from Alden on Wednesday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments. A noon lunch will be provided by the August service group for all those attending.

Adopt a Youth Gathering Participant - The youth and adult leaders who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas are up for adoption! If you or your family applies to adopt one of the Youth Gathering participants, you will get a certificate identifying your adoptee and will meet with them for a fun event before they depart for their June, 2018 trip. In addition, you will receive a postcard from them during their trip and then join them for another fun event after the Youth Gathering to hear all about the trip from them. Adoption applications are available below, in the July Newsletter or in the church office. Adoption fees are \$30 payable to Good Shepherd and the full amount goes toward Youth Gathering costs. Thank you for your ongoing support of youth programs at Good Shepherd!

Application to Adopt a 2018 Youth Gathering Participant

Your name: _____

Your mailing address (so we can send you a postcard!): _____

Cost to adopt one participant:\$30 (payable to Good Shepherd – please include with application)
Please leave application in the church office or offering plate.

SERVICE OF WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

(P: Pastor, NM: New Members, C: Congregation)

P: Dear Friends in Christ, you have presented yourselves to us for membership in Good Shepherd congregation. Therefore I ask you, do you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and are you ready to serve him in the fellowship of Good Shepherd?

NM: Yes, by the help of God!

P: As members of Good Shepherd, will you worship and commune regularly? Will you seek to grow in your faith? Will you support the congregation’s mission with your time and prayers and abilities and resources? Will you support the leaders of the parish and your fellow members with love and encouragement? Will you seek to live a life that bears witness to the love we share in Christ?

NM: Yes, by the help of God!

P: Fellow members of Good Shepherd, you have heard the commitment of these new members. Will you receive them in the love of Christ, pray for them, minister to and with them, and seek together with them to glorify Christ?

C: Yes, by the help of God!

P: I declare these brothers and sisters to be members of Good Shepherd, partners with us in the work and praise of Jesus Christ.

THE BAPTISM OF

Brantley Maverick Winstead

Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

(L: Pastor; P: Parents; S: Sponsors; C: Congregation)

God's Promises in Baptism

L: Baptism is a gift from God. In the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and given eternal life. Baptism frees us from sin and death by joining us to Jesus Christ.

S: We present Brantley Maverick Winstead to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

L: You have presented Brantley, for Baptism. Will you share Christ's love with him by your words and actions? Will you treasure him as a special gift from God and care for him with the love of Christ? Will you pray for him, that God's presence fills his life?

P/S: We will.

L: Will you teach him how much Jesus loves him? Will you teach him that he is a child of God forever? Will you bring him to the gathering of God's people so that he grows up worshiping and praising God? Will you teach him to pray, introduce him to the Scriptures, and see that he is given every opportunity to grow in Christ?

P/S: We will.

L: I ask you to publicly take a stand for Jesus Christ. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and his empty promises?

P/S: I do.

L: Do you believe in God, our Creator, Savior, and Counselor?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism

L: Brantley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication

L: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Brantley; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

The Sign of the Cross

L: Brantley, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Baptismal Banner

L: "But now, this is what the Lord says, he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine."

Baptismal Candle

L: "Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Prayer

L: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon father and mother of his child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Brantley. Will you pray for him and share your faith with him? Will you remind him that he belongs to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

C: We will.

L: Please, welcome your new brother in the name of Jesus.

C: Brantley, you are a child of God with us. Together we belong to Christ and together we are called to praise and serve him. We welcome you into the Lord's family, into Good Shepherd's congregation, and into our hearts and lives.

