



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

August 27, 2017

Today's Worship

Does it Really Say that in the Bible: Everything happens for a reason? This month 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 can be a stumbling block. Do you think that God brings about the horrible, tragic events in life? Could it be that even though God doesn't cause tragedies in life, God has a way of bringing good out of hardship when we trust him?

Prelude Seeking Him

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Restoration and truth telling are companions in life. Let us tell the truth before God and one another, which leads us to restored relationships.

Silence for reflection

P: Lord of Life,

C: How could you not have frustration with us? So often we live as if we don't know you; our hearts get hardened, our souls grow weak. Forgive our stubbornness and independent living.

P: God is faithful and compassionate. Our names are forever written on God's heart and are never forgotten. I declare to you, in the name of Christ, that you are freely loved, freely forgiven.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, your ways are higher and better than ours. Point our hearts toward you, that the compassion of Jesus would always be our goal. In his name we pray, Amen.

Special Music Seeking Him

Martin Luther Moment

Psalm 34:1-9 (read responsively)

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² **My soul makes its boast in the Lord let the humble hear and be glad.**
- ³ O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ **This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.**
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ **O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**
- ⁹ O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy chapter 30.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Deuteronomy 30:15-16

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" ELW 763

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Offertory Response Seeking Him

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song "Lead on, O King Eternal!" ELW 805

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/Organist:** Al Tonn

Scripture Reader: Marlene Kauffmann

Communion Helpers: Marlene & Gary Kauffmann, Jim Stern

Birthdays - Aug 27-Sept 2 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

27-Mason Loegering	Maggie Treptow	Deb Larson	Chris Lutteke
Dustin Schultz	29-Tom Huper	Liam Schrader	1-Hayden Tolzmann
28-Patsy Beckmann	30-Stu Johnson	31-Candy Berg	2-Linda M. Possin
Lisa Olson			

Pancake Breakfast - Sun., Sept. 10th at 9:00 a.m. Serving: pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Free will offering with proceeds going to those attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

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.

Wellington Estates Fire Assistance - Good Shepherd is assisting five of the families who were displaced because of the August 5 fire. (The other families are divided among other churches in Wells who will be assisting them.) As needs arise, we will help the families move into new housing, locate donated furnishings and make their new residences a home. If you have any furniture or household goods to donate, please call Andrea at the Good Shepherd office (553-3513) who is creating a list of possible donations. Financial donations are being accepted at Wells Federal Bank. If you would like to be one who offers direct assistance to the families our church is helping, please let the church office know.

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.

Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

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

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Good Shepherd. Wine is poured from the goblet and grape juice is in the pre-poured cups on the table. Gluten free wafers are available – please ask the server.

Produce Donations Accepted for the Wells Area Food Shelf - As you collect your produce from your garden, remember that you are invited to 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.

“A Musical Variety” is the theme of the annual Harmony Junction Chorus show to be held Sun., Sept. 10th, at the United Methodist Church in Albert Lea at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Featured will be the Benson Family Singers. Pete Benson is a native of Albert Lea. He and his family have become well known performing throughout the region. Tickets are \$13.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door and are available at Hy-Vee, Market Place, Addie’s Floral and Gift, the Visitors Bureau, or from a chorus member.