



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

August 6, 2017

Today's Worship

Summer in the Psalms ~ God's Prayer Book Psalm 13 Questions repeated again and again can get annoying. Or they can show us what is heavy on our hearts.

In Psalm 13, King David repeatedly asks God how long God will leave David feeling so alone. There are times when God feels distant and David suffered through a time like that. So what can we do when we feel abandoned by God?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

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: Mighty and immortal God, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strong minds and bodies so that even when we suffer, we might rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music Sandi Hartman

Martin Luther Moment

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

L: A reading from the book of Psalm 13.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Psalm 13 (read responsively)

¹How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742

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Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW 840

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW 860

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. Ken Jensen **Pianist:** Diane Heaney **Scripture Reader:** Marlene Kauffmann

Communion Helpers: Gary & Marlene Kauffmann, Russ Elmer

Birthdays - Aug 6-12 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

7-Mercedes Alger	Amy Stenzel	Brett Niebuhr	Jon Melby
Luverna Brown	Edie Zabel	10-Gordon Kruger	12-Rick Hotzler
Allen Stern	9-Ryan Crabtree	11-Nancy Bruckhoff	Gabriel Schroeder
8-Paul Hensche	Mariah Lutteke	Connor Ehlert	Geraldine Wilder

Thank You to Sandi Hartman for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

In Honor of their 41st Wedding Anniversary which is July 31st, Tom & Lynn Hansen have given a gift towards the Good Samaritan Fund.

The Eternal Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Mandy Stern’s birthday anniversary which is Aug. 8th. It is given by the Halie Stern, Lyle & Sharen Stern and family.

Pastor Mary has returned from vacation, today she is preaching at her home church, St. Olaf in Austin, as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. She will be in the office this week.

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.

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.

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.

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.

New Members Welcomed at Good Shepherd - New members will be welcomed at Good Shepherd during a Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 9:00 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Good Shepherd, please share this information and contact the church office for more information.

To Give Away - 2 Tickets to the Albert Lea Community Theatre to be used either Aug. 19th to see “Forever Elvis” or Aug. 26th to see “That’s Life” Sinatra Style. Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. Please check your calendars and contact the Church Office at 553-3513 during business hours.