



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

February 26, 2017

Healing and Forgiveness ~ Transfiguration. The image and identity of Jesus is often difficult for us to see or understand. We pray that God would help us see and understand who he is and then give us the courage to tell others.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" 2x's. ELW 857
"Change My Heart, O God". ELW 801

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We are called to a holy and righteous life, trusting always in God's promises. But many are the times when we fall short of our calling. Let us confess our sins, that we might receive grace and mercy.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Gracious and loving God ...

C: We confess that we have not always placed our trust in you, God. Sometimes we lose hope altogether. Forgive us for our lack of faith and teach us to trust in you, God, for all we need. Amen.

P: This is what the Lord has done for us: God looks with favor upon us and God forgives you. Thanks be to God.

C: Amen.

Kyrie. page 138

Hymn of Praise. page 139

Prayer of the Day

C: Dazzling Lord, in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light". Adult Choir

Psalms 36 (read responsively)

¹Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes.

²**For they flatter themselves in their own eyes that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.**

³The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit; they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

⁴**They plot mischief while on their beds; they are set on a way that is not good; they do not reject evil.**

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

¹¹Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹²**There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 9.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Luke 9:28-45

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!"

³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands. ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song "Who Is This Man?". Printed

Sermon "The Voice from the Cloud"

Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine". ELW 671

The Apostles' Creed. page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” ELW 697

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song “This Little Light of Mine”. ELW 677

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: Rev. Mary Iverson **Preaching:** Rev. Ken Jensen **Scripture Reader:** Linda Stern
SS Teacher: Sara Theede

Birthdays-Feb 26-Mar 4 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

26-Gordon Hansen	28-Kaylee Larson	Nathan Niebuhr	3-Bonnie Hanson
Coni Olson	Kayla Nowak	Richard Winch	Todd Morton
27-Robert Eckwright III	1-Mary Alger	2-Kim Kastens	4-Cody Paal
Jaycie Routh	Beth Heggen	Lilah Schroeder	

In Memory of Alan Olson memorials have been received towards the General Fund and the Good Samaritan Fund.

February Food Collection - During the month of February we will collect food donations of paper products (toilet paper, paper towels). A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your January donations of cake mixes that also went to the Food Shelf.

Looking ahead to next week - *The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-42)*. Are we called to love God with all our heart and mind AND love our neighbors as ourselves?

“Hard Hat” Fundraising Breakfast Tues., Feb. 28th from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the Wells Community Center. Free will offering. Program begins at 7:00 a.m. Sponsored by Martin and Faribault Counties Habitat for Humanity.

Family Ski Day at Mount Kato - Sunday, March 5, 2017. Meet at the church at 1pm to car pool together. Please sign up on the sheet on the church office door if you plan to attend. Poor weather will cancel. Youth who are in grade 4 or above may attend without a parent.

Church Basement Ladies Present - “Rise Up O Men” Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Playhouse. Cost: \$50.00 per person (paid in advance, no refunds). Coach bus leaves 11:00 a.m. from the front of Wok-n-Roll in Albert Lea. Call Bob or Genie Hanson at 507-337-8655 to reserve your spot. More details on poster by the church office.

We Have New Technology! Video Stream Now Available - One of the technology upgrades that the congregation voted on and passed last fall is the video upgrade. The equipment to stream the Sunday service has been installed and is currently operational. To access the video stream, simply go to the Good Shepherd website: www.goodshepherdwells.org.

You will see the streaming link on the right side, a bit below the What’s Happening link. Simply click on the link and you will be taken to the streaming site. There is a link there that you would then click on. Keep in mind the link is ONLY active during the 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday mornings. It’s usually live a minute or two before 9:00 a.m. You will only be able to access the live stream via your computer or mobile device. If you are having difficulty accessing the stream, please contact the church office and they will gladly put you in contact with someone who can assist you. You must have sufficient bandwidth to stream video. If you can watch videos on your computer or mobile device you should be able to access the Good Shepherd service. Please note: we are still broadcasting our worship on bevcomm cable. This new technology allows for live broadcasting through the internet.

8th Grade Confirmation Mentors - 8th graders will meet the church member that they have chosen to be their mentor starting on Wednesday, March 1. 8th graders and their mentors will worship together for Ash Wednesday worship on March 1 at 6:15 p.m. Immediately following the March 1 Ash Wednesday worship there will be a short gathering with mentors and students in the Good Shepherd chapel.

First Communion - 5th grade students and a parent will gather on four Wednesday evenings to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. Pastor Mary will lead the preparation classes and it will include the painting of cups and the baking of bread that will be used for First Communion. The group will gather in the basement Church Social Hall. Please bring your Bible.

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes **First Holy Communion**
Weds, March 8 - 15 - 22 - 29 from 7:00-7:30 Maundy Thursday Worship, April 13, 7:00 p.m. p.m.

Senior High Night Fun at the Church ~ Grades 9-12 - Wednesday, March 8 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. - Gather in the Good Shepherd Kitchenette (across from the original nursery) for a fun time together. No need to sign up and it is free.

Youth Night at the Church ~ Grades 3-6 - Friday, March 24 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. - Games, devotions, snacks and a project to reach out to the older members of our church. Gather in the Good Shepherd basement Social hall (dining room) for the fun evening together. This event is FREE and you may bring one friend. Please sign up on the sheet on the church office door by Wednesday, March 22. We are going to make Easter Baskets for some of our homebound members of our church. Please bring some Easter treats that we can add to Easter baskets.

Fun, fun, fun at the Church ~ Grades K-2 - Sunday, March 26 3:30-4:30 p.m. - We will play some fun games today, have a devotion together and a snack will be served. Gather in the Good Shepherd basement Social Hall (dining room) for this fun time together. The cost is FREE and you may bring a friend but we do ask you to sign up on the sheet on the church office door by Wednesday, March 22.

You are invited to a 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, do a service project and have a snack. Sardines, anyone? 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.

Are you interested in going on the summer, 2018 trip to Houston, Texas? We will take registration until August, 2017. We have already started raising funds for the trip and welcome you to get involved now. Please speak with Pastor Mary if you are interested.