



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Today's Worship

February 5, 2017

*Healing and Forgiveness ~ Raising the Widow's Son.* Once Jesus approached super star status, it was more than just fellow Jews who reached out to Jesus for help and for hope. Sometimes the faith of an outsider can surprise even Jesus. Was this a turning point for Jesus, when he realized that the good news was reaching beyond his own culture and community?

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**Temple Talk** . . . . Boy Scout Sunday, Brian Ehlert

**Hymn** . . . . "Amazing Grace" . . . . . ELW 779

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: All of us have sinned and fallen short of what God expects of us. We are in need of God's forgiveness. Let us take a moment to confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Gracious God, you are the Light of the world,

**C: Your patience with us is never ending. You have shown us wonders but so often we close our eyes to all your blessings. You have showered us with mercy, yet we withhold that same forgiveness to others. We focus too often on our selfish demands. Forgive us, God. You know our hearts; please forgive us and make us whole again.**

P: The words of forgiveness from Jesus are trustworthy and true: your faith has made you well. May our hearts overflow with gratitude at the gift of God's mercy and may we also be forgiving to others, as well. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Healing Lord, by your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear it. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

### Children's Message

**Choir Anthem** . . . . "There Is a Balm In Gilead". . . . . Adult Choir

**Psalms 119:103-111** (read responsively) (Boy Scouts)

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup>**Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

<sup>106</sup>**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

<sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup>**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

<sup>109</sup>I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup>**The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

<sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

### Boy Scout Law

#### \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 7.

**C: Praise to you, O Lord**

### Bible Story . . . . Luke 7:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" <sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Song** . . . . "Who Is This Man?" . . . . . Printed

### Sermon

**Hymn** . . . . "My Life Flows on in Endless Song". . . . . ELW 763

**The Apostles' Creed**. . . . . page 105

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering (Boy Scouts)

**Offertory Response** . . . . "Lord of All Hopefulness". . . . . ELW 765

### Prayers of the Church

**Hymn** . . . . "Come, Let Us Eat" (family walks in with the Bread & Wine). . . . . ELW 491

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

### Distribution

### Communion Blessing

### Benediction

**Sending Song** . . . . "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" vs 1, 2, 7. . . . . ELW 619

### 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:** Boy Scouts

**SS Teacher:** Kim Stevermer

**Communion Helpers:** Judy Harpestad, Ron & Sandi Hartman

**Birthdays-Feb 5-11** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

7-Michelle Becher

8-Barb Stensrud

Lynda Korman

Marcus Weyhrauch

Brian Ehlert

9-Collin Foley

10-Ron Hartman

11-Taylor Ovrebo

**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** - *More than a Prophet?* (Luke 7: 18-35). Jesus and John were cousins who worked to not only proclaim but also bring about the Kingdom of God to our world.

**ELCA Youth Gathering Information Meeting – RE-SCHEDULED - *Wednesday, February 15 7:00-7:45 p.m. Church Basement Social Hall.*** The Youth Ministry of Good Shepherd is excited to start planning for a group from our church to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas on June 27-July 1, 2018. Youth who are currently in grades 7-11 will be eligible to attend the Youth Gathering. There will be an informational meeting to learn more about the Youth Gathering on Wed, February 15 from 7:00-7:45 p.m. (during the confirmation class time) for all interested youth and a parent/guardian. While the Youth Gathering is 18 months away, we hope to do LOTS of fundraising so the trip is very affordable for all. Normal confirmation class will NOT meet on February 15 because of this meeting.

**Please Note** that a new door has been installed on the west side of the sanctuary. The new door is there to reduce the congestion since the original door, when opened, covered access to the elevator.

**Blue Earth River Conference Annual Assembly** - The area congregations of the SE Minnesota Synod of the ELCA will gather together on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Mansfield Lutheran Church of Alden. Pastor Mary is attending and Good Shepherd is encouraged to bring delegates from the congregation as well.

**An Overview of the Gospel of Luke** - Sunday, February 12 10:15 a.m. ~ Church Fellowship Hall  
In the weeks before Christmas we started reading out of the Gospel of Luke each time we worship. Pastor Mary will share a short introduction to Luke and his gospel on Sunday, February 12 following worship. Enjoy a cup of coffee and learn more about the gospel we are reading from beginning to end this year.

**Family Ski Day at Mount Kato - *Sunday, February 12, 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. Costs will be half price for lift ticket, rental and helmet rental. Poor weather will cancel. Youth who are in grade 4 or above may attend without a parent.

**The Concordia College Band** (an ELCA college in Moorhead, Minnesota) will be in concert in Wells on Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the USC Auditorium. This is a great honor to have one of Concordia College's oldest and most distinguished performing ensembles in Wells as it tours Minnesota. Both Pastor Mary and USC band teacher Ms. Lynnea Eckhoff are graduates of Concordia College in Moorhead.

**Following the Sunday, January 29 Annual Meeting,** the Good Shepherd Church Council met to elect leadership. The 2017 Council Leadership is: President - Sandi Hartman and Vice President - Dan Treptow. The Secretary position will be finalized at the next meeting of the Church Council, which is Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the kitchenette.