



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

January 15, 2017

Who is Jesus? The Son of Man is Revealed = Jesus preaches in his hometown. Early in his ministry, Jesus went to Nazareth and preached in his hometown temple. At first, he was warmly welcomed. But the tone changed quickly when Jesus began to preach of justice and freedom. It was a shocking message and the people got angry and drove Jesus away. As people of God we are called to do God's good work in the world and act with justice, which is also revolutionary. Will we bravely speak up, even when people turn against us?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "All Are Welcome" ELW 641

Confession and Forgiveness

P: As we gather to worship, let us pause to confess our sins. It is a time to quietly confess the truth to God. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Light of the world,

C: Our hearts waver between ignoring your claim in our lives and seeking you in desperation. It has been promised that you offer wholeness for our lives and healing for our sinful souls. We beg you God: walk with us; heal us; forgive us. Amen.

P: Hear the Good News! Christ says to us, "You are forgiven." Let the spirit of God bring us forgiveness, healing and peace, which we in turn share with others.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious God, you have fulfilled your word in the person of Jesus, your son. Gather us together as your adopted family, that we may realize the wideness of your love and mercy. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Son of God, Eternal Savior". Adult Choir

Psalm 146 (read responsively)

¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 4.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Luke 4:14-30

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song "Who Is This Man?" Printed Sermon

Hymn "They Raged at Jesus' Sermon". Printed

The Apostles' Creed. page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Response "Rise, Shine You People!" vs 1 & 4. ELW 665

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song "Send Me Jesus" ELW 809

Dismissal

P: Go in peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

Presiding & Preaching: Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Marlene Kauffmann

Communion Helpers: Shirley Lesto, Rus & Nancy Elmer

Birthdays-Jan 15-21 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

16-Landan Magnuson

18-Errinn Hotzler

20-Ruth Heggen

Arlyss Schroeder

Mike Rebelein

21-Hunter Malwitz

January Food Collection - During the month of January we will collect food donations of chocolate, yellow, white or spice cake mixes (please no Jiffy cake mixes). A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your December donations of Whole Kernel Corn and canned peas that also went to the Food Shelf.

Good Shepherd Greatest Chef Cooking Challenge - Good Shepherd Kitchen and Social Hall. Sunday, January 15. Grades 3-6: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Grades 7-12: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Ever see any of the cooking challenge shows on TV, like Chopped? Come and be a part of a team and compete against others to prepare tasty food combinations that will impress judges and help you win this cooking challenge. No cooking skills are needed – if you like to eat, you will love this event. Sign up is required and you may bring one friend. Sign up on the church office door sign up no later than January 11. The cost is free. Please note: no supper is being served with this event.

Cooking Connect Group - The cooking group will meet Monday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social hall. Amy Anderson will demonstrate how to cook with Essential Oils.

Annual Reports - will be available for the Congregation on January 20, 2017. Forums to discuss the report will be held on Sun., Jan. 22nd and Wed., Jan. 25th following the worship.

Annual Congregation Meeting - January 29, 2017 following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary. *Elections-Reports-2017 Budget*

Looking ahead to next week: *Jesus teaches the disciples to fish for people (Luke 5: 1-11)* Since the fish weren't biting, Peter wants to call it quits. Instead, Jesus encouraged him to throw the net in again and promised to gather many more into God's loving embrace. What does it mean to become a fisher for people?

Senior Saints - Want to know about the new business in town called "The Bean". Patricia Schuster will join us on January 18 at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments to give us information about how "The Bean" got started and what they are offering people in the Wells community. Everyone 55 and older is invited to share in the fellowship and the meal that is provided by the January service group.

Five Sisters Project in Wells invites the community to a free movie. It will show on Jan. 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Flame Theater. The movie is "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls" and is a documentary about the sexual exploitation/sex industry in the U.S. Jennifer Benson of Albert Lea will be there to discuss the impact that sexual exploitation has in our community and county. Please note: This documentary is not suitable for those under the age of 18. However, after this film, parents should be able to go home and talk to their youth regarding the dangers of sexual exploitation.