



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

January 22, 2017

Who is Jesus? The Son of Man is Revealed ~ Jesus teaches the disciples to fish for people. The fish weren't biting that day and Peter was ready to call it quits. Jesus encouraged him to throw the nets in again and then promised to gather many more into God's loving embrace. Like Peter, we are called to put trust in Jesus, even when it defies logic, witnessing again and again that miracles can result. We pray that God would teach us how to love and show us how to follow with that same dedication.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore". ELW 817

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: Gracious God, you taught your disciples to cast a wide net, not for fish but for people. Teach us how to fish. Teach us how to handle the hearts of others with gentle care, make us patient and caring and hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" Adult Choir

Psalm 138 (read responsively)

¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 5.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Luke 5:1-11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song "Who Is This Man?". Printed

Sermon

Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1 & 4. ELW 685

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song "Go, Make Disciples" ELW 540

Dismissal

P: Go in peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

Birthdays-Jan 22-28 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)
22-Kathryn Weyhrauch Lizzy Leland 25-Chayce Lutteke 28-Doug Becher
23-Kathleen Ehlert 24-Jim Degner 27-Judy Harpestad Daniel Elmer

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.

Annual Reports - Forums to discuss the report will be held on Sun., Jan. 22nd and Wed., Jan. 25th following 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 heals on the Sabbath (Luke 6: 1-16)*. Jesus knew that there were rules against doing work of any kind on the Sabbath, but he went out of his way to heal a blind man. Jesus chose the greater good, over and against the "rules" about the Sabbath because healing the man meant that the man would have a whole new life.

ELCA Youth Gathering Information Meeting - Wednesday, January 25 7:00-7:45 p.m. Church basement Social Hall The youth ministry of Good Shepherd is excited to announce that a group from our church will 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 share information about the Youth Gathering on Wednesday, January 25 from 7:00-7:45pm (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. The informational meeting will answer some questions you may have (like "what is a Youth Gathering?" and "what would this trip involve?" and "just how much will it cost?") Normal confirmation class will not be held on January 25 because of this meeting.

The Concordia College Band will be spending a day in residency with the USC band students on Friday, February 10. Concordia College is an ELCA school that sends their college musicians on tours to visit high schools in the Minnesota region and perform for their communities. We are in need of volunteers to host 2 or more college students for the night of Feb. 10. You would pick them up after the concert and bring them back to the school the next morning. There are 70 college students who need places to stay - please consider helping us make a great impression on our guests! If you would like to volunteer or have more questions, contact USC's band director, Lynnea Eckhoff. (leckhoff@unitedsouthcentral.org or 507-553-5819)

Cooking Connect Group - The cooking group will meet Monday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social hall. Amy Anderson will demonstrate how to cook with Essential Oils. This is a change due to the weather last Monday.

Father/Daughter Dance for all ages - Jan. 28th, starting at 5:00 p.m. \$50.00/couple, \$10.00 each additional daughter. At the Frost Viking Community Center, 210 State Hwy 254, Frost MN. Tickets available by calling Habitat for Humanity 507-526-2500 or stop by the Thrivent office in Blue Earth. Please RSVP by Jan. 21st.