



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

January 29, 2017

Who is Jesus? The Son of Man is Revealed ~ Jesus heals on the Sabbath Jesus knew what he was doing when he healed a blind man on the Sabbath. He knew that the rule was to not do any work of any kind on the Sabbath, but he went out of his way to heal the blind man. Jesus knew that there was a greater good, healing (even on the Sabbath) meant the man would have a whole new life.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "This Is My Father's World". ELW 824

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Restoration and truth telling are companions in life. Let us tell the truth before God and one another, which leads us to restored relationships.

Silence for reflection

P: Lord of Life,

C: How could you not have frustration with us? So often we live as if we don't know you; our hearts get hardened, our souls grow weak. Forgive our stubbornness and independent living.

P: God is faithful and compassionate. Our names are forever written on God's heart and are never forgotten. I declare to you, in the name of Christ, that you are freely loved, freely forgiven.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, your ways are higher and better than ours. Point our hearts toward you, that the compassion of Jesus would always be our goal. In his name we pray, Amen.

Children's Message

Psalm 92 (read responsively)

¹It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

²**to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**

³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

⁴**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

⁵How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

⁶**The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:**

⁷though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever,

⁸**but you, O Lord, are on high forever.**

⁹For your enemies, O Lord, for your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

¹⁰**But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.**

¹¹My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

¹²**The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

¹³They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴**In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,**

¹⁵showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 6.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Luke 6:1-11

¹One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ³Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?" ⁴He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath." ⁶On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song "Who Is This Man?" Printed

Sermon

Hymn "Blest Are They" ELW 728

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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

Dismissal

P: Go in peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Bill Groskreutz, Jr.
SS Teacher: Sara Theede

Birthdays-Jan 29-Feb 4 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

30-Jane Ewert	Mary Iverson	1-Jean Carlson	Sharon Roessler
Dawn Lutteke	Mary Jane Linde	Sandra Coats	3-Sheila Malwitz
31-Caroline Cihlar	Arianne Schaper	2-Brandon Roessler	Karen Skellenger
		4-Linda Hagen	

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 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 raises the widow's son (Luke 7:1-17)*. Once Jesus became well known, it was more than just fellow Jews who reached out to Jesus for help and for hope. The faith of the man in this story surprised even Jesus.

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)

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.