



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

July 16, 2017

Today's Worship

Summer in the Psalms ~ God's Prayer Book Psalm 23 How do we respond when we face hardship or become anxious about life? Like all good questions in life, Scripture offers us an answer. This time an answer comes from the life of King David, who wrote the much loved Psalm 23. There is a constructive, God-honoring way to respond to struggles and anxiety in life: trust in God as the good and faithful shepherd and rejoice in God's goodness. Do you place your trust in the faithful shepherd and protector?

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

Hymn . . . . "You Are Holy" . . . . . ELW 525  
" Lord, I Lift Your Name on High". . . . . ELW 857

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us take a moment to confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Gracious God, Good Shepherd,

C: **God promises that He will provide for our every need so we will want for nothing. Do we really believe that? God leads us beside still waters to restore our souls. Then why do I feel so tired and overwhelmed? God tries to lead us in right pathways, but am I really living every aspect of my life in God's path? So often I look elsewhere for comfort and protection, when Cod's rod and staff are there to comfort us. What would our lives really look like if we trusted in God?**

P: The words are sure and true: the Lord is our Shepherd and provides for us everything we need. Know that God is with you now, forgiving you, rejoicing to be in your presence and willing to transform you by the power of the Holy Spirit into true and full disciples of the Son, Jesus, the Crucified and Resurrected One.

C: Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

C: **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Children's Message

Special Music . . . . . Mark Dundas

## Martin Luther Moment

\*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

L: A reading from the book of Psalm 23.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story . . . . Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Song . . . . "Shepherd Me, O God" . . . . . ELW 780

The Apostles' Creed . . . . . page 105

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Response . . . . "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs 1 & 2. . . . . ELW 789

## Prayers of the Church

## Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

## Distribution

## Communion Blessing

## Benediction

Sending Song . . . . "On Our Way, Rejoicing" . . . . . ELW 537

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Ken Jensen

Pianist: Sue Dundas

Scripture Reader: Coni Olson

Communion Helpers: Coni Olson

Birthdays - July 16-22 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

18-Pam Baird                      Mason Schrader                      21-Deanne Mershon

Jacob Billings                      20-Carter Hart                      Merrie Sorensen

19-Carter Schrader                      Jody Wegner                      22-Steve Voigt

Thank You to Mark Dundas for sharing with us today his gift of Music.

In Loving Memory of the birthday anniversary of Goldie Johnson which is July 15<sup>th</sup>, a gift have been received toward the Wells Area Food Shelf. It is given by Coni Olson.

**July Food Collection** - During the month of July we will collect food donations of small jars of Salad Dressing, Mustard, Barbeque Sauce or Chili Sauce. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in June of Jams and Jellies.

**ELCA Missionary in Chile Visiting Good Shepherd**- Karen Anderson will be with us for the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 23, 2017. Karen is a terrific speaker and enjoys meeting with the Minnesotans who support her work. Karen grew up in Owatonna and her family has a cabin near Elysian-so we are her people! Come hear Karen speak and visit with her after the service during the coffee hour. The Global Mission team would love to fill the pews. Spread the word—all are welcome.

**Sacred Music Concert** - Sun., July 30, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 301 W Clark ST, Albert Lea, MN. Featuring powerful renditions of sacred, time-honored music celebrating some of Christianity's greatest works with baritone vocalist Charles Johnson and accompanied by Dale Niehaus on piano.

**Senior Saints** - Join us on Wed., July 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to hear Kristi Feist tell about her journey to becoming the owner of The Humble Heart. She will share information about what her store offers. A lunch will be provided by the July service group. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend.

**Adopt a Youth Gathering Participant** - The youth and adult leaders who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas are up for adoption! If you or your family applies to adopt one of the Youth Gathering participants, you will get a certificate identifying your adoptee and will meet with them for a fun event before they depart for their June, 2018 trip. In addition, you will receive a postcard from them during their trip and then join them for another fun event after the Youth Gathering to hear all about the trip from them. Adoption applications are available below, in the July Newsletter or in the church office. Adoption fees are \$30 payable to Good Shepherd and the full amount goes toward Youth Gathering costs. Thank you for your ongoing support of youth programs at Good Shepherd!

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**Application to Adopt a 2018 Youth Gathering Participant**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your mailing address (so we can send you a postcard!): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost to adopt one participant:\$30 (payable to Good Shepherd – please include with application)  
*Please leave application in the church office or offering plate.*