



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

July 2, 2017

Today's Worship

Summer in the Psalms ~ God's Prayer Book Psalm 139 Our Psalm today is a song of thanksgiving, celebrating the creative goodness of God. This is often considered the strongest and most decisive in the psalm book. Psalm 139 is addressed not to a stranger but to a God who is very well known. We are wonderfully and remarkably made by God in ways beyond human explanation. Can this psalm comfort you or others as we face the troubles of this world?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" ELW 879

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our community of faith, let us confess our sins...

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, God, forgive us, cleanse us and heal us, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: The Lord God in goodness and mercy forgives you for our failures, Receive the grace that has been reserved for you in the name of one who loves us like no other, Jesus Christ our redeemer.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: **Trustworthy-God, you know us better than we know ourselves and yet you still love us and cherish us. We gather to worship you and praise you for your faithful love for us. We ask that you continue to teach us new lessons from your gracious store of mercy and understanding so that we can more truly become your children. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Children's Message

Martin Luther Moment

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Psalm 139.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸**I try to count them--they are more than the sand; I come to the end--I am still with you.**

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴**See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "You Have Searched Me, Lord, And Known Me" Printed
The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "God Bless Our Native Land" ELW 891

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ELW 888

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Organist: Al Tonn

Birthdays - July 2-8 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

2-Marlene Kauffmann	3-Mildred Sailor	6-Elizabeth Hansen	Halie Stern
Bennett Korman	4-John Degner	Terry Schroeder	8-Jerelyn Eckhardt
Kelsey Placek	Millie Halvorson	7-Susan Kauffmann	

Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd! It is our mission to Grow, Serve, Learn, Care and Worship. It is our prayer and our hope that you will sense the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of worship.

Small children are always welcome at worship. If they become restless, please know that one option is the nursery that is a part of our sanctuary (on the left side of the sanctuary, in the alcove just in front of the side door). There are baby and toddler toys and a rocking chair for a parent, so you can continue to worship but have a safe place for your little one to move around.

Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

“Busy Bags” are available for small children to use during worship. An usher can point them out to you.

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Good Shepherd. Wine is poured from the goblet and grape juice is in the pre-poured cups on the table. Gluten free wafers are available – please ask the server.

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.

Car Wash Sponsored by Youth Gathering Participants - Sunday, July 9 ~ 8:30-10:30am
The youth and adult leaders who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are inviting the members of Good Shepherd to a Car Wash on July 9. The car wash will take place in the new parking lot right outside of the church offices. You are invited to get your cars washed before, during and after worship. Thanks for your continued support of the youth programs at Good Shepherd.

Summer Game Night & BBQ - *Grades 7 & 8 (those who have completed). Sunday, July 9 4:30-6:30pm.* All youth who have completed grades 7 & 8 are invited to a gathering led by our fantastic Youth Directors and Pastor Mary. We will have devotion and worship, play some fun “Minute to Win It” style games and enjoy a BBQ meal with hot dogs & brats. You are invited to bring a friend. Please sign up on the sheet on the church office door in advance so we have enough food for all! Deadline to sign up: July 2.

Summer Game Night & BBQ - *Grades 9 & up (those who have completed). Sunday, July 9 6:00-9:00pm.* All youth who have completed grades 9-12 are invited to a gathering led by our fantastic Youth Directors and Pastor Mary. We will have devotion and worship, play some fun “Minute to Win It” style games and enjoy a BBQ meal with hot dogs & brats. You are invited to bring a friend.

Please sign up on the sheet on the church office door in advance so we have enough food for all! Deadline to sign up: July 2.

The Wells Area Food Shelf will be open from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Wed., July 5th rather than on their usual Tuesday because of the Independence Day holiday. There will be no Summer Lunch On Wheels (SLOW) program on July 4th.

You Have Searched Me, Lord, And Known Me

("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

You have searched me, Lord, and known me! All my life is in your care.
When I lie awake in evening, You are always with me there.
When I rise to greet the morning In an attitude of praise,
What I learn from you is humbling: You already know my ways.

Lord, you know the song I'm singing and my words before I pray.
You're behind me and before me As I travel through each day.
You once knit me all together; You created me by grace.
In your eyes, you see and love me As you treasure all my days.

Lord, I try to learn your wisdom, But I cannot understand.
Yet your love is all around me; I am part of all you've planned.
Let me sing your praise each morning, Let me serve you all day through,
And in evening, make me peaceful, Knowing this: I'm loved by you!

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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!

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.