



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

July 23, 2017

Today's Worship

Summer in the Psalms - God's Prayer Book Psalm 121 "I had to walk to school, uphill both ways!" Today's Psalm is about traveling uphill. We are encouraged in this short prayer to put our faith in the protection of God. God gives life but also sustains life and is the only one worthy of such devotion. How do we learn to trust in God's protection?

Prelude Quartet

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Come, All You People" ELW 819

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

L: Take a moment of silence to think about the ways that we have made mistakes, caused pain or pulled away from God's plan for our lives as we confess our sins to a God who hears us and forgives us...

Pause for silence and reflection

L: Gracious God, hear us as we pray to you:

C: Forgive us, God. We mess up. Again and again and again. We want to be more kind but sometimes it is easier to insist on our own way than to be kind and thoughtful toward others. We want to be more giving, but sometimes we are afraid there won't be enough so we keep more than we need. Forgive us, God.

L: The good news is that God loves us and forgives us. God does not expect us to be perfect but hopes that we will be faithful, love kindness and care about our neighbors. Let us work to leave footprints of kindness wherever we walk this week.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Creator God, we bring all our joys and sorrows, dreams and fears before you, knowing that your hands are the best place for these things. We trust that you will not let our feet be moved, that you will neither slumber nor sleep. You are our Keeper. Protect us and keep us, both night and day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music Quartet

Martin Luther Moment

Psalm 121 (read responsively)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills--from where will my help come?

²**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

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

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Micah 6:8

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Staying in for the Long Haul. Lessons from the Miners' Rescue in Chile"

Song "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ELW 817

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Quartet

Offertory Response "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song "When We Are Living" ELW 639

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.

Preaching: Karen Anderson, Missionary

Pianist: Staci Thompson

Worship Leader: Julie Forderer

Scripture Reader: Taylor Allis

Birthdays - July 23-29 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

23-Ron Wegner Dennis Sell 26-Maddex Niebuhr 29-Ami Hart

24-Rachel Iverson 25-Megan Boeck 27-LaVonne Linde

Thank You to Sandi & Ron Hartman, Amy Crabtree, Brian Schrader and Mike Schrader for sharing with us today their gift of Music.

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.

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.

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.