



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

July 30, 2017

Today's Worship

Summer in the Psalms ~ God's Prayer Book Psalm 71 Growing old is something that most everyone fears yet most everyone wants. Psalm 71 is a Psalm written by an old person. The Psalm writer is a person who has had many problems but yet is joyful man who is able to focus on God. Will Psalm 71 show us that God's way to grow is to learn to walk with God wherever you are at in life now?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Oh, Worship the King" ELW 842

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: Loving God, we give you thanks that you, alone, are our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection. From our very first breath to our last, help us trust that your compassion and love will never fail us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Children's Message

Martin Luther Moment

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

L: A reading from the book of Psalm 71.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Psalm 71 (read responsively)

¹In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

⁶**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

My praise is continually of you.

⁷I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

⁸**My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.**

⁹Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

¹⁰**For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together.**

¹¹They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver."

¹²**O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!**

¹³Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

¹⁴**But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.**

¹⁵My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.

¹⁶**I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.**

¹⁷O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

¹⁸**So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

¹⁹Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

²⁰**You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.**

²¹You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again.

²²**I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

²³My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.

²⁴**All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced.**

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "Borning Cry" ELW 732

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ELW 623

Prayers of the Church

Special Music/The Lord's Prayer Jeanette Groskreutz, Shirley Lesto & Jean Carlson

Benediction

Sending Song "How Great Thou Art" ELW 856

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: Rev. Roger Haug **Pianist:** Diane Heaney **Scripture Reader:** Jeanette Groskreutz

Birthdays - July 30-Aug 5 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

30-Kristina Neubauer 31-Arnold Carlson 2-Mason Malwitz
Loren Vogelsang 1-Corey Ehlert 3-Arleen Klingbeil

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.

Thank You to Jeanette Groskreutz, Shirley Lesto and Jean Carlson 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.

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.

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.

New Members Welcomed at Good Shepherd - New members will be welcomed at Good Shepherd during a Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 9:00 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Good Shepherd, please share this information and contact the church office for more information.

Car Wash Sponsored by Youth Gathering Participants - Sunday, August 13 ~ 8:30-10:30am
The youth and adult leaders who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are inviting members of Good Shepherd to a Car Wash on Sunday, August 13. The car wash will be held along the west side of the church on 3rd Ave. You are welcome to park your vehicle in the 'car wash line' on 3rd Ave and check your key at the table which will be by the door on the west side of the church and it will be washed and dried when worship ends. You are also welcome to bring it to get washed following worship. Thanks for your continued support of the youth programs at Good Shepherd! The July 9 Car Wash raised \$198 for the 3 Youth Gathering participants who worked so hard! Thanks for you generosity.