



## Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

July 9, 2017

Today's Worship

*Summer in the Psalms ~ God's Prayer Book Psalm 102:1-7* The Psalms, which are filled with songs of praise, worship and lament, is the prayer book of the church in many ages.

Today's psalm is a prayer from someone who is completely overwhelmed and pours his complaint to God. The prayer might be thousands of years old but is still something that we can identify with. It reminds us that anyone and everyone can find themselves overwhelmed and that one way to unburden ourselves is to share our pain and prayers and complaints with God, who welcomes it all.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Hymn . . . . "Christ, Be Our Light" . . . . . ELW 715

### 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: God of tender care, we rejoice that you never forget your beloved children and know when we are in need of your help. Remind us always that you are always there for us when life overwhelms us. Help us in times of pain and do not hide from us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Children's Message

Special Music . . . . . Lynnea Eckhoff

### Martin Luther Moment

#### \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Psalm 102.

**C: Praise to you, O Lord**

**Bible Story** . . . . Psalm 102:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you.

<sup>2</sup>**Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call.**

<sup>3</sup>For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

<sup>4</sup>**My heart is stricken and withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread.**

<sup>5</sup>Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my skin.

<sup>6</sup>**I am like an owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places.**

<sup>7</sup>I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**Song** . . . . "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" . . . . . ELW 763

**The Apostles' Creed** . . . . . page 105

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

**Offertory Response** . . . . "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" . . . . . ELW 773

### Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

**Sending Song** . . . . "Let All Things Now Living" . . . . . ELW 881

### 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. Mary Iverson

**Organist:** Staci Thompson

**Birthdays - July 9-15** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

10-Andrea Huper                      13-Gordon Martin, Jr.                      Jonathan Trytten

Kereen Johannsen                      Sue Vee                      15-Megan Kruger

11-Kallie Rollenhagen                      14-Jadelyn Niebuhr                      Bryan Schroeder

**Thank You** to Lynnea Eckhoff for sharing with us today her gift of Music.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.*

**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.