



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Today's Worship

June 4, 2017

*The Mighty Acts of God ~ The Gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day* On the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. We hear again the story of how the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the community of believers just as Jesus had promised.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn** . . . . "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" . . . . . ELW 413

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather for worship today in the name of the Triune God; the Father, who created us, the Son who came to save us, and the Holy Spirit who is with us now to give us strength for life.

**C: We thank you and praise your Holy Name.**

P: Let us confess our sins and pray for the strength to faithfully follow...

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Gracious Lord 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, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us.**

P: Hear this Good News: The Holy Spirit, the advocate that is promised by Jesus Christ, is just as present today as on that first Pentecost, filling us with the strength to have faith and illuminates within us to shine hope to the darkest of places. Your sin is removed, God's endless grace sets you free to be light and speak love to others.

**C: In the name of Christ, Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, comfort us with this power and give us the language to proclaim your gospel through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Children's Message

### Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively)

<sup>24</sup>O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works

<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

### \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts chapter 2.

### C: Praise to you, O Lord

### Bible Story . . . . Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

### C: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

**Song** . . . . "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" . . . . . ELW 858

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

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

**Offertory Response** . . . . "Take My Life, That I May Be" vs1 - 4. . . . . ELW 685

### Prayers of the Church

### Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

### Distribution

### Communion Blessing

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** . . . . “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” . . . . . ELW 836

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev. Mary Iverson

**Organist:** Cindi Christensen

**Scripture Reader:** Nancy Elmer

**Communion Helpers:** Russ & Nancy Elmer, Jim Stern

**Birthdays - June 4-10** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

4-Ron Niebuhr	Dynette Niebuhr	7-Paula Nelson	Lorraine Sauer
5-Emily Allard	Jason Niebuhr	8-Michele Beyer	10-Kristin Morton
Sandi Hartman	6-Paula Amy	Linda L Possin	Riley Niebuhr

**Our Sympathy** to Paul & Bea Hensche following the death of Paul’s mother, Norma Hensche.

**Vacation Bible School** - June 5-7, 2017, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Theme this year is *Maker Fun Factory*. For youth 4 yrs. through completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms available by the church office. A free hot dog lunch is also served at noon in the church basement on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP for the lunch at the church office by Tuesday, June 6 at 9am. All are welcome!

**Summer Lunch On Wheels (SLOW) - Coming Fast** - A new program organized by the Wells Area Food Shelf. It is designed to provide a little extra food to hungry kids in our area this summer, begins Monday, June 5 and continues every weekday through Friday, September 1.

All kids who come to parks during times listed below will take home a sack lunch at no charge. Please pass the word around to all those you know to help make the program successful.

For more information contact Carol Aske at 507-553-3538, Cynthia Matson at 507-294-3793, Linda Swehla at 507-340-5529 or Donna Weckwerth at 507-553-3234. Thanks!

- \* Bricelyn City Park 12:30-12:45 p.m.
- \* Easton Community Center 11:30-11:45 a.m.
- \* Kiester City Park 11:45-12 noon
- \* Minnesota Lake Park 11:30-11:45 a.m.
- \* Wells Thompson Park (by water tower) 11:30-11:45 a.m.
- \* Wells Half Moon Park 12-12:15 p.m.
- \* Walters City Park 11-11:15 a.m.

**June Food Collection** - During the month of June we will collect food donations of Jams and Jellies. 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 May of vegetable oil, baking soda, baking powder, chocolate chips, etc.