



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

March 26, 2017

Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Jesus tells yet another parable, this time to remind us, one more time, that God is on the side of the weak and the poor, not on the side of the rich and the powerful.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Holy Creator, hear us as we claim our sins and ask for forgiveness ...

C: In your goodness, you created us, while we often lead to brokenness. Our lives lead to disobedience, distrust and disappointment. We regret our choice, God and are truly sorry. Wash us clean and make us whole. Amen.

P: We are blessed with a patient and generous God who hears our confession and is quick to forgive. Receive now the forgiveness of the Lord your God and live into the promise that each day you are re-created to live in God's image and follow God's path in your life.

C: Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

C: Gracious God, you sent Moses to speak law to people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word so your light may shine through us, for the sake of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "When Peace Like a River". Adult Choir

Psalms 40:1-3; 13-17 (read responsively)

¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

²**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

¹³**Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.**

¹⁴Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt.

¹⁵**Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"**

¹⁶But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

¹⁷**As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 16.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--²⁸for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn "We Are Called" ELW 720

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 186

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song "This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677

Dismissal

P: Go in peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

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Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 am & Wednesday at 7:30 pm

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Scripture Reader: Bill Helfritz

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Birthdays-Mar26-Apr 1 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

26-Bill Harnack	28-Linda Buendorf	Jolette Linde	Lacy Schroeder
Kameron Lutteke	Elmer Ehlert	Dianna Soto	1-Casey Dobbe
27-Brian Schultze	29-Erik Hengesteg	30-Matt Beyer	Russ Elmer
Chris Warmka	Weston Korman	Dennis Bruckhoff	

The Eternal Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Gordon Harpestad, whose birthday anniversary is March 29th. It is given by Judy Harpestad and family.

Thank you to Good Shepherd Congregation for your kind words, prayers, cards, food, calls and visits at this very difficult time in our lives. Good bless each of you - Coni Olson and Family.

March Food Collection - During the month of March we will collect food donations of cans of tuna. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your February donations of paper products that also went to the Food Shelf.

Living Last Supper - A community presentation of the Living Last Supper will be held on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 4pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells. You will witness the Last Supper which Christ presided over that brings hope for us to carry forward into our community. A free will donation will be accepted for the Wells Area Food Shelf, the USC Back Pack Program and Bebo Getchell. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend!

Fun, fun, fun at the Church ~ Grades K-2 - Sunday, March 26 3:30-4:30 p.m. - We will play some fun games today, have a devotion together and a snack will be served. Gather in the Good Shepherd basement Social Hall (dining room) for this fun time together. The cost is FREE and you may bring a friend but we do ask you to sign up on the sheet on the church office door by Wednesday, March 22.

Youth Night at the Church ~ Grades 7-12 - Friday, April 7 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. - We will play some fun games together, have a devotion together and do a service project and have a snack. Gather in the Good Shepherd basement Social Hall (dining room) for this fun evening together. The event is FREE and you may bring one friend but we do ask you to sign up on the sheet on the church office door by Wednesday, April 5.

Easter Garden for April 16, 2017 - We will again have an Easter Garden on Easter Sunday. We would like a variety of spring flowers and Easter lilies, to adorn the altar. If you would like to donate an Easter plant, please feel free to purchase and bring it to the church or have them delivered by Friday, April 14th. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tue., April 11th so she can publish it in the bulletin. Use the following form and place it in the offering basket or return to the church office. Flowers and plants may be picked up after the 9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship.

EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS

I plan to purchase an Easter plant and bring it to the church to add to the Springtime decorations:

Name _____ Phone _____

This plant is in memory of _____

This plant is in honor of _____