



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

March 5, 2017

The parable of the Good Samaritan. Are we really asked to love God with all our heart and mind AND to love our neighbors as ourselves? Jesus proves, again and again, that his followers are asked to go above and beyond what we think we are called to do and strive for something Jesus calls, 'the better part.'

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "On Eagle's Wings" ELW 787

Confession and Forgiveness

P: As we gather for worship, as we seek to place our trust ever more deeply in our Lord God, let us pause to confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: God of mercy,

C: We come before you just as we are, pretending nothing, hiding nothing. You know the deepest workings of our hearts and minds, and that we have failed to be your faithful servants and witnesses. We ask you, once again, to deliver us from the death we have secured for ourselves. Hear us, gracious Lord. Amen.

P: God hears us always and knows what we need even when we do not. Receive assurance of the Lord's forgiveness as we place our trust in the new covenant promised and guaranteed to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Compassionate God, you easily love those who look unlovable to us. You readily welcome undesirables while we are slow to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast and shunned and hated so that we may learn to love our neighbor. This is all for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley". Adult Choir

Psalm 15 (read responsively)

¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴**in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 10.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song "I'm Not Alone". Printed

Sermon

Hymn "We Are Called" ELW 720

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" ELW 656

Prayers of the Church

Hymn "Come, Let Us Eat" (Brian Schultze Family). ELW 491

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song "God Be With you Till We Meet Again" ELW 536

Dismissal

P: Go in peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Jon Melby

SS Teacher: Kim Stevermer

Communion Helpers: Roger, Jeanette, Chad Groskreutz

Birthdays-Mar 5-11 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

6-Lisa Foley

8-Ryan Treptow

11-Lynne Hansen

Tom Wood

Megan Warmka

Mike Niebuhr

7-Mark DeLaittre

10-Al Van Horn

Brooke Swanson

In Memory of Alan Olson's birthday, which is March 5th, a memorial has been received towards the General Fund.

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.

Thank You to Brian, Bobbie, Kevin, Jacob, Gavin and Cassidy Schultze for carrying the Holy Communion elements forward this morning.

Family Ski Day at Mount Kato - Today meet at the church at 1pm to car pool together. Please sign up on the sheet on the church office door if you plan to attend. Poor weather will cancel. Youth who are in grade 4 or above may attend without a parent.

Church Basement Ladies Present - "Rise Up O Men" Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Playhouse. Cost: \$50.00 per person (paid in advance, no refunds). Coach bus leaves 11:00 a.m. from the front of Wok-n-Roll in Albert Lea. Call Bob or Genie Hanson at 507-337-8655 to reserve your spot. More details on poster by the church office.

First Communion - 5th grade students and a parent will gather on four Wednesday evenings to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. Pastor Mary will lead the preparation classes and it will include the painting of cups and the baking of bread that will be used for First Communion. The group will gather in the basement Church Social Hall. Please bring your Bible.

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes **First Holy Communion**

Weds, March 8 - 15 - 22 - 29 from 7:00-7:30 Maundy Thursday Worship, April 13, 7:00 p.m. p.m.

Youth Night at the Church ~ Grades 3-6 - Friday, March 24 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. - Games, devotions, snacks and a project to reach out to the older members of our church. Gather in the Good Shepherd basement Social hall (dining room) for the fun evening together. This event is FREE and you may bring one friend. Please sign up on the sheet on the church office door by Wednesday, March 22. We are going to make Easter Baskets for some of our homebound members of our church. Please bring some Easter treats that we can add to Easter baskets.

Senior Saints - Join us on Wed., March 15th at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments to hear our special guest Betsy Hermanson who works with the Wells Historical Society. She will enlighten us with some history about Wells. Thank you to the March service group for providing the noon meal.

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.

Senior High Night Fun at the Church ~ Grades 9-12 - Wednesday, March 8 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. - Gather in the Good Shepherd Kitchenette (across from the original nursery) for a fun time together.

No need to sign up and it is free.

Butter Braids Pastry Sale - Fund raiser for ELCA Youth Gathering Trip - The Youth Gathering group are selling Butter Braid, frozen flaky braided fruit filled pastries. Watch for the youth before and after worship services. You can also stop and order your butter braids at the church office. Orders will be received through March 15 and will be delivered for distribution on March 29, in time for Easter breakfast and Mother's Day!

You are invited to a 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, do a service project and have a snack. Sardines, anyone? 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.

Are you interested in going on the summer, 2018 trip to Houston, Texas? We will take registration until August, 2017. We have already started raising funds for the trip and welcome you to get involved now. Please speak with Pastor Mary if you are interested.