



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

May 14, 2017

The Conversion of the Apostle Paul ~ Saul, who was known to torment and kill many Christians for their faithfulness had a remarkable transformation. Today we read about his amazing conversion and realize that if God can use Saul to being an amazing instrument of God, just think what he can do through us!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

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.

Kyrie. page 184

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you caused the light of the Gospel to shine through the preaching of your servant, Saint Paul. We give you thanks for transforming us through the power of your Holy Spirit. May we follow in Paul's steps in bearing witness to your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)". Adult Choir

Psalms 138 (read responsively)

¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts chapter 9.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Acts 9:1-19

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW 715

The Apostles' Creed. page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1 & 4. ELW 685

Prayers of the Church

Adult Choir "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Scripture Reader: Gary Hagen

SS Teacher: Lana Wegner

Birthdays - May 14-20 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

15-Danika Diekmann	Margit Rodahl	18-Todd Lutteke	19-Jim Ramaker
Joan Morgan	Sandy Schroeder	June Quade	20-Ruth Majeski
16-Rich Hueper	Aldoris Strand	Joan Stern	Chris Melby
Judy Melcher	17-Allisha Trytten		

May Food Collection - During the month of May we will collect food donations of vegetable oil, baking soda, baking powder, chocolate chips, etc. 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 April of Pizza Mix in a Box.

Senior Saints - April showers bring May flowers! Join us for a fun filled day with spring flower games and activities including a visit with Jenny Lutteke, owner of Jenny's Pink Petals. Everyone 55 and older is invited to the Broadway Apartments on Wed., May 17 at 11:00 a.m. for a time to socialize and enjoy a meal provided by the May service group.

Holy Hot Dish Sale - The youth who are attending the 2018 Youth Gathering are hosting a "Holy Hot Dish" sale following worship Sunday, May 14 (on a table near the front door of the church & in the basement at coffee fellowship). The hot dishes will be available in both a smaller square size and a larger rectangle size and will be labeled with ingredients and baking instructions. All proceeds will go toward the Youth Gathering accounts of the hot dish chefs.

Open House 90th Birthday Party for Aldoris Strand. Sun., May 21st at 1:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd. All are invited. Your presence is your gift.

Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Goldie Johnson in honor of Mother's Day. They are given by Coni Olson & family.

Senior Graduate Recognition - High School graduates will be honored and blessed during worship on Wed., May 24 at 6:15pm. Good Shepherd wants to share in this milestone celebration with you and your family. In addition, High School graduates, their parents and siblings are invited to the Wednesday Supper which is served from 5-6 pm, prior to worship. The menu includes Meatloaf and Potatoes and will also include a cake in honor of the graduates. In addition, USC students are invited to attend the baccalaureate service which will be held on Wed., May 31 at 7:00pm at the USC auditorium. Please watch for a letter in the mail with all the details.

Vacation Bible School supply tree is full of goodies that you may choose from to help defray the cost of some of the items needed this year for Vacation Bible School. The tree is located in memorial hall by the church office.



**JUNE 5th – 7th
9:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m.**

CREW MEMBERS NEEDED!

Youth who have completed 6th grade and older are invited to *sign up to help* with VBS 2017!

Sign up sheet is on the office door.

FUN FACTORY KIDS NEEDED!

Youth 4 yrs. through completion of 5th grade are invited to *attend* VBS 2017!!

Registration forms available by the office door.