



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Today's Worship

May 28, 2017

*The Mighty Acts of God ~ Facing Stormy Seas* Today's story is about the end of Paul's missionary journeys after 15 years. He has traveled thousands of miles, planted numerous churches and brought thousands of people into the Christian community. He has also been arrested, beaten and threatened. On his final trip at sea, he faces stormy seas. The story will challenge us to see how God watches out for us in the midst of the storms of our lives.

### 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.**

Kyrie . . . . . page 184

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your word of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Children's Message

#### Psalm 33:12-22 (read responsively)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

<sup>13</sup>**The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth--

<sup>15</sup>**he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

### \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts chapter 27.

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

**Bible Story . . . . Acts 27: 1, 13-36**

<sup>1</sup>When it was decided that we were to sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort, named Julius. <sup>13</sup>When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. <sup>14</sup>But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. <sup>15</sup>Since the ship was caught and could not be turned head-on into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. <sup>16</sup>By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. <sup>17</sup>After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and so were driven. <sup>18</sup>We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, <sup>19</sup>and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. <sup>20</sup>When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. <sup>21</sup>Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup>I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup>For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, <sup>24</sup>and he said, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you." <sup>25</sup>So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. <sup>26</sup>But we will have to run aground on some island." <sup>27</sup>When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. <sup>28</sup>So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. <sup>29</sup>Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. <sup>30</sup>But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, <sup>31</sup>Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift. <sup>33</sup>Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. <sup>34</sup>Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads." <sup>35</sup>After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup>Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves.

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 . . . . "For the Fruit of All Creation" . . . . . ELW 679

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** . . . . "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" . . . . . ELW 890

**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

**Scripture Reader:** Marilyn Rauenhorst

**Birthdays - May 28-June 3** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

29-JoAnn Ackerman	Leah Winch	Julie Seedorf	Cindy Ovrebo
30-Leonard Cihlar	2-Samantha Andrews	3-Gerald Ewert	Jim Prust
Maxine Thorson	Emma Heggen		

**In Honor** of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Aldoris Stand have given a gift to the General Fund.

**Our Sympathy** to Harvey & Emily Malakowsky following the death of Harvey's brother, Norman.

**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.

**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. Please RSVP for the lunch at the church office by Tuesday, June 6 at 9am. All are welcome!

**Good Shepherd Honors 2017 Graduates** - Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they move forward in life!

High School Graduates:

- Zach Linde is graduating from United South Central. Zach plans to attend Winona State University. Undecided major but leaning towards Business Marketing.
- Sydney Niebuhr is graduating from Maple River. Sydney plans to attend St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Majoring in Pre-Pharmacy.
- Hayley Olson is graduating from United South Central. Hayley plans to attend Riverland Community College, majoring in photography.

**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.

\* Wells Thompson Park (by water tower) 11:30-

\* Easton Community Center 11:30-11:45 a.m.

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\* Kiester City Park 11:45-12 noon

\* Wells Half Moon Park 12-12:15 p.m.

\* Minnesota Lake Park 11:30-11:45 a.m.

\* Walters City Park 11-11:15 a.m.