



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

May 7, 2017

An Ethiopian Comes to Believe ~ The mission of the disciples is reaching far and wide, this time in the middle of a desert. Philip was sent to an Ethiopian who had traveled to Jerusalem to worship. Philip quickly realized that the man was searching for something in his life and then shares the story of Jesus with him.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quilt Blessing

Hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW 860
"Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather together this morning to learn from God and to be healed. We pray that we may see Jesus this morning.

C: We gather to worship and praise Christ, the Holy Son of God.

P: Let us pause to examine ourselves and silently confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Let us pray: Risen Lord,

C: Even as we rejoice at your resurrection, we confess our shortcomings. We have often been ruled by our fear, concerned more with looking good than proclaiming the good news; concerned more with being right than living as people transformed by your righteousness. Please forgive our clumsy attempts at responding to your gifts, and bring us back into the light of new life. Amen.

P: Christ is gracious and merciful, and does not hold our mistakes against us. Let us rejoice once more at his promise to deliver us from all that enslaves us, and let us rest in the assurance of his grace, which has always and will always be ours.

C: Alleluia. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Loving God, with the scriptures and water you claim people as your own. Claim us this day with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "I'm Going on a Journey". Adult Choir

Psalms 22:25-31 (read responsively)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Acts chapter 8.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Acts 8:26-39

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went.

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip,

"Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "All Are Welcome" ELW 641

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW 884

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song "Send Me, Jesus" ELW 549

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.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Roger Haugh

Scripture Reader: Jody Wegner

SS Teacher: Sara Theede

Communion Helpers: Kim Stevermer, Ron & Jody Wegner

Birthdays - May 7-13 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

8-Ashley Ignaszewski 9-Declan Willner 11-Lori Hueper 12-Marshall Bye

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.

The Dinner Connect Group will meet May 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Ron & Jody Wegner, 57536 110th ST, Wells, for a cookout. We will be providing the burgers to grill, beverage and dinnerware. If someone wants something else to grill they will need to bring it. Also a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Please RSVP by May 5th by calling Jody Wegner, 553-3072 or the church office 553-3513. All are welcome even if are not able to call by May 5th.

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 Wednesday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. for a time to socialize and enjoy a meal provided by the May service group.

Blessing of the Quilts - Quilts made by our own Crafty Quilters will be blessed in worship on Sunday, May 7 before they are boxed up to be gifted to Lutheran World Relief, LSS Minnesota, Albert Lea HS Students and Winnebago Adolescent Treatment Center. Be sure to look at the beautiful assortment of quilts displayed in the sanctuary in the midst of the blessing. Volunteers are always welcome to help cut or tie or sew on Monday mornings. See Diane Lutteke with any questions.

Holy Hot Dish Sale - The youth who are attending the 2018 Youth Gathering are hosting a "Holy Hot Dish" sale following worship on Wednesday, May 10 (at a table near the church offices) and 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.

An Open House 90th Birthday Party for Aldoris Strand will be held Sun., May 21st at 1:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Social Hall. All are invited. Your presence is your gift.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Pam Wetzell, who grieve her May 2 death.



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.