



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

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Today's Worship

**Promises of Hope ~ God Promises Justice and Righteousness** Today the prophet Amos is the focus of our Bible Story. Amos preached to the people because the people were focusing all their energy on the show of worship without actually living out their faith in their daily lives. Amos reminds us that our faith is not about rituals and gatherings but the focus of living out our faith is on justice, peace and love. What are some ways we can work for justice in our world and our community?

## Welcome

**\*Gathering** . . . . "God of Grace and God of Glory" . . . . . ELW 705

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather for worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: Too often we fill our worship with empty rituals. In addition, we have the habit of putting ourselves before others. We have failed to follow you, God. Forgive us for all we have thought, done and said. Forgive what we have failed to do or say. Renew us to new life in your kingdom.**

P: God who seeks justice, also loves and forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of your sins, granted in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Kyrie.** . . . . . page 184

## Prayer of the Day

**C: God of love and mercy, your vision of justice for all is at the center of our faith. Clear our eyes to see justice as something worth striving for, as difficult as it may be. Fill us with compassion, peace and justice. Amen.**

## Children Message

**Choir Anthem** . . . . "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven" . . . . . Adult Choir

**Psalms 78:1-11** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

<sup>3</sup>things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

<sup>4</sup>**We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

<sup>5</sup>He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

<sup>6</sup>**that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell**

**them to their children,**

<sup>7</sup>so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

<sup>8</sup>**and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

<sup>9</sup>The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle.

<sup>10</sup>**They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law.**

<sup>11</sup>They forgot what he had done, and the miracles that he had shown them.

## \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Amos.

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

**Bible Story** . . . Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24

<sup>1</sup>The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. <sup>2</sup>And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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 the Peace

## Offering/Time & Talent Sheets/Pledge Cards

**Offertory Response.** . . . "We Give Thee But Thine Own" vs 1 & 4 . . . . . ELW 686

## Prayers of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

## \*Benediction

**\*Sending Song** . . . . "This Little Light of Mine" . . . . . ELW 677

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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