



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

November 19, 2017

Today's Worship

Promises of Hope ~ God's Light Shines in the Darkness Today we read the prophetic words from Isaiah: the people of God who walked in darkness have seen a great light. He spoke these words when the people of God had lived through many years of oppression. No matter how long the wait, God always keeps His promises. We continue to be co-creators of the promised Kingdom of God. Everytime we feed the hungry or help someone in need, we bring light to a dark world.

Welcome

***Gathering** "Gather Us In" ELW 532

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 have walked in a darkness of our own making. We have put ourselves before others. We have failed to follow you. Forgive us for all we have thought, done and said. Forgive what we have failed to say or do. Renew us to new life in your kingdom. Amen.

P: God, you shine light in the darkness and you love and forgive us. Receive now the entire forgiveness of your sins, granted in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: God of light, turn our darkness into light. Turn our warring into peace and increase our joy. Renew in us your vision and shine your light in our world. Amen.

Children Message

Choir Anthem "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light". Adult Choir

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (read responsively)

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will set me high on a rock.

⁶**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸**"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Isaiah 9:1-7.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story . . . Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn "You Are Mine". ELW 581

The Apostles' Creed. page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Response. . . . "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" vs 1 ELW 693

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

*Benediction

*Sending Song "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW 715

*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 am & Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd! It is our mission to Grow, Serve, Love, Care and Worship. It is our prayer and our hope that you will sense the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of worship.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Roger Haug
Sunday School Teacher: Sara Theede
Communion Helpers: Shirley Lesto

Scripture Reader: Shirley Leso
Pianist: Jean Carlson

Birthdays - Nov 19-25 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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| 19-Amanda Garvick | 21-Brennan Olson | Tom Hansen | 25-Linda Battey |
| Erika Johannsen | 22-Helen Gaines | Jim Korman | Grant Becher |
| Teah Trytten | 23-Brad Heggen | Kendra Schultz | Aiden Crabtree |
| Travis Loegering | 24-Karen Brandenburg | Brenda Soto | Emily Malakowsky |

November Food Collection - During the month of November we will collect food donations of cinnamon and brown sugar. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

The Wells Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day at Good Shepherd. Thank you to the many people have volunteered but we still need a few people to serve on November 23 from 10am until 1pm. We also need several to clean up from 12:30pm until we are finished. If you signed up to donate food items for the meal, please deliver them to the church by Tuesday, November 21st. Sign up sheets are located on the table by the church office or call 553-3298 (cell 507-525-1920) Lauryne Stern or 553-3458 (cell 507-317-5595 Joanne Korman for schedule times. Your time is a wonderful gift.

Looking ahead to Christmas Eve - Good Shepherd will host a 9am worship on Sunday, December 24, 2017 for the 4th Sunday in Advent. There will be two Christmas Eve worship services at 5pm and 7pm on the evening of December 24.

In honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary, which is Nov. 23rd, Marlene & Gary Kauffmann have given a gift towards the Water Heater Fund.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Jon & Pam Melby and family as they grieve the death of Jon's brother, Ron (of West Allis WI), who died 2 weeks ago from Parkinson's Disease.

Christmas Wreaths will again adorn the Sanctuary at a cost of \$15.00. If you would like to purchase one or more in memory of a loved one please contact the church office soon, as there are only 3 wreaths yet to be purchased.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____