



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

November 26, 2017

Today's Worship

**Promises of Hope ~ God Fills our Future with Hope** The prophet Jeremiah has the difficult task of trying to comfort a nation brought low by living in exile. God still promises to bless them, but the people of God must be patient.

## Welcome

**\*Gathering** . . . . "Build Us Up, Lord" . . . . . ELW 670

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God comes to the help of the people, turning us from sin to live for God. God gifts us with power through the Holy Spirit to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and to grow into faithful servants. Let us confess our sins...

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Faithful God,

**C: Our lack of faith has brought us to places where you are hard for us to see. We have to put ourselves before others. We have failed to follow you. Forgive us for all living such small lives, O Lord, and restore in us the wonder of what it is to be your people.**

P: God is faithful; God is merciful; God does not hold our sins against us! For this we give you thanks, O Lord. Receive the assurance of your deliverance by the One who seeks us and finds us to this very day.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Holy Lord, often we wander far from you. Yet, you are always there to lead us home. Guide us today, and bring us into your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Children Message

**Psalm 66:1-12** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup>**sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

<sup>6</sup>**He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him,**

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations--let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,**

<sup>9</sup>who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

<sup>10</sup>**For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

<sup>12</sup>**you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

## \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Jeremiah chapter 29.

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

**Bible Story** . . . Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

<sup>1</sup>These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup>for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. <sup>10</sup>For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Hymn . . . . "Crown Him with Many Crowns" . . . . . ELW 855

The Apostles' Creed . . . . . page 105

## \*Sharing the Peace

## Offering

Offertory Response . . . "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" . . . . . ELW 779

## Prayers of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

## \*Benediction

\*Sending Song . . . "On Our Way Rejoicing" . . . . . ELW 537

## \*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. Mary Iverson  
**Sunday School Teacher:** NO Sunday School

**Scripture Reader:** Diane Lutteke  
**Pianist:** Stacy Thompson

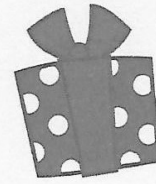
**Birthdays** -Nov 26-2 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)  
27-Amos Boeck      30-Sandy Bruegger      Amber Placek      Bonnie Groskreutz  
29-Bob Bruegger      Brylee Neubauer      2-Rick Baird

**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.

**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.

**Stewardship** - Time and Talent Sheets and Pledge cards may still be turned in. Please put your's in the offering or you may mail it to the church.

**Good Shepherd Christmas Program** - A Very Whirl Christmas presents Liam's Runaway Pageant Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.



# Angel Treat Boxes



Available for order now through December 10<sup>th</sup>  
\$10 per box

Angel Treat Boxes available for pick up before or after church on:  
**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Place your order below and return it to the Church office. You may also order by contacting the church office at 553-3513 or emailing Taylor Allis at [taylorjeanallis@gmail.com](mailto:taylorjeanallis@gmail.com)

Angel Treat Boxes are a wonderful assortment of homemade cookies, bars, and other treats. Purchase for yourself or as a gift for a loved one this holiday season!

Proceeds go to the youth attending the  
National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer.

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## Angel Treat Boxes Order Form

Return by Dec. 10th

Number of Boxes \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

I will pick up my order at the church

I would like my order delivered to the address below

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\_\_\_\_\_ Wells, MN 56097 \_\_\_\_\_

