



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

November 5, 2017

Today's Worship

Called by God ~ Elijah's Call in the Wilderness

Our Bible Story today is about the prophet Elijah, who is out in the wilderness when God called him to serve. Elijah was difficult, but we see how patient and encouraging God can be. God came to Elijah in the whisper of a still, small voice with comfort and courage.

Welcome

***Gathering** "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones". ELW 424

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: **Out of fear we have not fully trusted in you. 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 do or say. Renew us to new life in your kingdom.**

P: God, whose faithfulness never fails us, 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.**

Prayer of the Day

C: **Faithful God, Speak to us and give us ears to hear your voice. Give us wisdom to recognize you when you speak. Help us hear. Amen.**

Children are excused for Sunday School

Psalm 130 (read responsively)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

²**Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶**my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸**It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of 1 Kings chapter 19.

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

Bible Story . . . 1 Kings 19:1-18

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the

sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River". ELW 423

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Printed

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Choir Anthem "A Great Cloud of Witnesses". Adult Choir

Offertory Response. . . "Praise and Thanksgiving" vs 1 & 2. ELW 689

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

All Saints' Candle Lighting

(as Pastor Mary directs, you may come forward to the front and light a candle in memory of loved ones)

Hymn "For All the Saints". ELW 422

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** “Soon and Very Soon” vs. 4. ELW 439

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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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

Scripture Reader: Shirley Lesto

Sunday School Teacher: Lana Wegner

Pianist: Jean Carlson

Communion Helpers: Shirley Lesto, Dave & Chris Tatge

Birthdays - Nov 5-11 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

5-Marlene Sievers	7-Sara Lutteke	Zach Linde	Elise Theede
6-Jenny Lutteke	Milt Peterson	10-William Groskreutz	11-Arla Sorom
Britt Wegner	9-Addison Larson		

In Remembrance of the beloved whose funerals were entrusted to Good Shepherd this past year: Rosalie Rasmussen, Donna Allen, Betty Heitner, Dean Kontzelmann, Marcy Babcock, Yvonne Kauffmann, Ellis Fletcher, Doris Schroeder, Alan Olson, Alvin Fuchs, Patricia Stenzel, Grace Niebuhr, Taylor Ignaszewski, Evelyn McLain, Janet Fraker, Jerald Hiller, Wilma Thisius, Joshua Kauffmann, LaVaun Schroeder, LeRoy Possin, Camryn Barnes, Ronald Korn, Shirley Bartholomew, Larry Majeski, Shirley Winstead, Linda Niebuhr, Arleen Klingbeil, Leonard Cihlar, Aileen Meyer, Lorraine Sauer.

Holy Baptism - Evelyn Rose Garvick, daughter of Jason & Amanda Garvick, born Sept 26, 2017. Her Christian sponsors are William Huper and Holly Germscheid

Fun, Fun, Fun at the Church ~ Grades K-3 - Sunday, Nov. 12 11am – noon. We will play some fun games together, have a devotion together and a snack will be served. Gather in the Good Shepherd Nursery for a fun time together with a Thanksgiving theme. The cost is free but we do ask you to sign up by Wednesday, November 8 on the sheet on the church office door.

In Memory of Lorraine Sauer memorials have been received towards WELCA and Sunday School Supplies.

Mystery Dinner - Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. Food and fellowship. Come join us for a “night out” on November 12. All adults who attend Good Shepherd are invited to a mystery dinner. We will meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. and then car pool to the mystery destination for dinner. You will be required to pay for your own meal with the average cost of \$10-\$20 per plate. Hurry and sign up in the church office by November 5. There is a limit of 40 people.

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.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be held on Nov. 22, 2017 at Good Shepherd. We are seeking volunteers to peel potatoes, servers, prep workers, deliveries, and clean up crew. 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.

Wells Does it Bright Chili Luncheon sponsored by Communities Fighting Student Hunger/USC Backpack on Nov. 17th at the Community Center. Serving from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Menu: Chili with chili toppings, home baked bread, bars, crackers, beverage, coffee. Free will donation. All proceeds go to CFSH, food supplement program.

THE BAPTISM OF

Evelyn Rose Garvick

Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

(L: Pastor; P: Parents; S: Sponsors; C: Congregation)

God’s Promises in Baptism

L: Baptism is a gift from God. In the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and given eternal life. Baptism frees us from sin and death by joining us to Jesus Christ.

S: We present Evelyn Rose Garvick to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

L: You have presented Evelyn Rose, for Baptism. Will you share Christ’s love with her by your words and actions? Will you treasure her as a special gift from God and care for her with the love of Christ? Will you pray for her, that God’s presence fills her life?

P/S: We will.

L: Will you teach her how much Jesus loves her? Will you teach her that she is a child of God forever? Will you bring her to the gathering of God’s people so that she grows up worshiping and praising God? Will you teach her to pray, introduce her to the Scriptures, and see that she is given every opportunity to grow in Christ?

P/S: We will.

L: I ask you to publicly take a stand for Jesus Christ. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and his empty promises?

P/S: I do.

L: Do you believe in God, our Creator, Savior, and Counselor?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism

L: Evelyn Rose, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication

L: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Evelyn Rose; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

The Sign of the Cross

L: Evelyn Rose child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Baptismal Banner

L: "But now, this is what the Lord says, he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine."

Baptismal Candle

L: "Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Prayer

L: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the Jason and Amanda. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Evelyn Rose. Will you pray for her and share your faith with her? Will you remind her that she belongs to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

C: We will.

L: Please, welcome your new sister in the name of Jesus.

C: Evelyn Rose, you are a child of God with us. Together we belong to Christ and together we are called to praise and serve him. We welcome you into the Lord's family, into Good Shepherd's congregation, and into our hearts and lives.

