



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

October 1, 2017

Today's Worship

God Provides Blessings ~ Moses: Equipped by God. In today's story, God fulfills an ancient promise and has a special job for Moses. Moses is less than enthusiastic about leading the people of God. Today's story is significant because, before this, God claimed only individuals and families. Now God claims an entire nation of people and promises to be faithful to them and rescue them. God's first introduction is by showing them that God exists. God names himself "I Am" and delivers on a promise to free them.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW 473

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather for worship today in the name of our most Holy God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us confess our sins and give thanks as God forgives and transforms us.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Loving Creator,

C: **You have formed us, given us breath and supply our every need. And yet we are slow to recognize your blessings, quick to doubt and criticize and eager to blame others for our own shortcomings. Forgive us, God, when we ignore your unconditional love. Have mercy on us and claim us once again as your own.**

P: The Lord hears our every cry and grants forgiveness when we repent. Receive the promise that cannot be taken away – that you are a child of God, loved, pardoned and forever blessed. In the name of Jesus our Savior,

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

C: **Holy God, we give you thanks that your promises stand fast forever. Make us bold to trust where you lead. Give us the strength to put our hope in your faithfulness. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Here I Am, Lord" Adult Choir

Martin Luther Moment

Psalm 63:1-8 (read responsively)

¹O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

⁴**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

⁵My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶**when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

⁷for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Exodus chapter 2.

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

Bible Story Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17

²³After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. ²⁴God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

¹⁰But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?" ¹²Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." ¹³But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do." ¹⁶He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. ¹⁷Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Song "Our God, You Called Moses" Printed

The Apostles' Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response . . . "Let us Break Bread Together" ELW 471

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song "Hallelujah! We Sing your Praises" ELW 535

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.

Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson **Pianist/Organist:** Jean Carlson **SS Teacher:** Kim Stevermer
Scripture Reader: Gary Hagen **Communion Helpers:** Sandy Tatge, Gary & Linda Hagen

Birthdays - Oct 1-7 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

1-Tammy Mandler	Ciara Schrader	Jackie Huper	Lexa Schultz
Dennis Sellner	3-Craig Anderson	4-Reggie Rebelein	Jaelyn Stangler
2-Noah Boeck	Amy Crabtree	5-Mark Niebuhr	7-Jim Willner

October Food Collection - During the month of October we will collect food donations of canned stews and soups. 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 September of nuts for cooking or eating.

Holy Hot Dish Sale The youth who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are hosting another "Holy Hot Dish Sale."

- Sunday, October 1 from 10:00-10:15am at a table near the front door followed by the basement during fellowship coffee

The hot dishes will be available in both smaller square 7x7 pans and also in cake sized pans. They will all be labeled with the ingredients and baking instructions. All proceeds will go to the youth gathering accounts of each of the hot dish chefs.

Butter Braid Pastry Sale - Fundraiser for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. The Youth Gathering kids are selling Butter Braids, frozen flaky braided fruit filled pastries. The youth will sell after worship on Sunday, October 8 and after worship on Wednesday, October 11. You can also stop at the church office to place your order. Orders will be received October 8 through October 25 and will be delivered for distribution on November 15, just in time for you to enjoy them over Thanksgiving and Christmas! Thanks for your continued support of the youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Dinner Group - On October 15th we will be having a potluck at the church starting at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone who enjoys sharing good food and company is invited to attend.

Games Group - We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall on Sunday, October 15th. Enjoy an evening of playing cards or games together. Feel free to bring your favorite game or a deck of cards.

"Our God, You Called to Moses"

Tex: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(Sung to the tune of "Lead On, O King Eternal")

1. Our God, you called to Moses to set your people free.
What wrongly some suppose is: He answered easily.
"I'm not the one you're seeking!" he seemed instead to say.
My strength is not in speaking; God, find another way!"
2. And yet, O Lord, you told him to trust in what you said.
Your strength would surely hold him through every day ahead.
Though many would oppose him, by your own name he'd know:
You were the one who chose him to help your people go.
3. You call each congregation to serve the lost and poor.
We doubt our own vocation; we ask, "Lord, are you sure?"
Yet you give gifts for sharing, you show us what to say.
Your Spirit gives us daring to serve Christ every day.