



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

October 15, 2017

Today's Worship

Confirmation Sunday ~ Baptism is a most powerful moment when God claims us as His very own and names us as a beloved Child of God and redeems us for a life of faith in this world and for eternal life in heaven. Today 10 of our young people are given the opportunity to "say yes" to the relationship that was born by the Spirit in their baptisms. May we each renew our baptisms as our confirmands affirm their baptisms.

Prelude

Special Music Seeking Him Quartet

Welcome

*Gathering "Jesus Loves Me!" ELW 595

Confession and Forgiveness ELW page 95

Prayer of the Day

C: Loving God, you have placed us in a world filled with endless variety and fascination.

Keep our feet steady on your path of holy living and our hearts close to your purposes so that we might be strengthened for the journey and strengthened by your presence in our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Children are excused for Sunday School

Special Music "Revelation Song" Seeking Him Quartet

Psalm 96:1-10 (read responsively)

¹O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶**Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

⁹Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰**Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."**

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of John chapter 3.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story . . . John 3:16-17, 31-35

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he

has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. ³⁴He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Song of the Day "This Little Light of Mine". ELW 677

Presentation of Confirmands. Sandi Hartman, Church Council Representative

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation of Faith. ELW page 234

Presentation of Stoles. Mentors and Confirmands

*Sharing the Peace

Offering/Offertory

Choir Anthem "My Life is in You, Lord". Adult Choir

Prayers of the Church "Let My Prayers Rise Up". ELW 232

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

*Benediction

*Sending Song "Go Tell It on the Mountain". ELW 290

*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: Jody Wegner

Communion Helpers: Ron & Jody Wegner, Gary Hagen

SS Teacher: Lana Wegner

Servant Stole - Today the church presents a servant stole to each confirmand. The stole represents the yoke of servanthood and the commitment to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. The stole will be carried in by the mentors and presented to the confirmands. The placing of the stole today symbolizes the intention of the confirmand to continue in the faith. And thanks to all who helped along the way to nurture the faith of our confirmands.

Hope Violet Garcia

Daughter of Roberta Kastens

Baptized on October 16, 2002

Baptismal Sponsors: J. Irocete Varges, Maria Conception Varges

Confirmation Mentor: Dynette Niebuhr

Confirmation Verse: John 8:12

Jesus spoke to them again saying "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

Why I chose this verse:

I picked this verse because I don't want to walk in darkness in my life.

Mariah Jean Lutteke

Daughter of Barry & Sara Lutteke

Baptized on October 13, 2002

Baptismal Sponsors: Doug Peterson, Heidi Quam, Tracy & Dean Warmka

Confirmation Mentor: Lyssa Warmka

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid; do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Why I chose this verse:

I choose this verse because it is telling me that no matter where I am or what I'm doing God will always be with me forever. And He's telling me to be strong and courageous.

Landan James Magnuson

Son of Darin & Stacy Magnuson

Baptized on May 10, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Dixon & Staci Magnuson

Confirmation Mentor: Brad Heggen

Confirmation Verse: John 8:12

Once again Jesus spoke to the people. This time He said, "I am the light of the world. Follow me, and you won't be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives life."

Why I chose this verse:

I chose this Bible verse because it is simple but means a lot.

Kylie Jo Niebuhr

Daughter of Kurt & Melissa Niebuhr

Baptized on September 21, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Kenneth Hahn Jr., Tracey Hahn, Vicki Johnson,

Terry & Judy Hawley

Confirmation Mentors: Nicole Swanson

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 21:22

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith

Why I chose this verse:

I chose this verse, because I use this in my life. I have faith and trust in prayer.

Hannah Olson

Daughter of Shaun Olson & Lisa Olson

Baptized on August 10, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Derek Schroeder, Miranda Sailor, Crystal Olson, Heather Olson

Confirmation Mentor: Kathy Ehlert

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Why I chose this verse:

I chose this verse, because it tells you not to be afraid and to be strong because the Lord is always with you.

Arianne Mercedes Schaper

Daughter of Matt & Ruth Schaper

Baptized on March 1, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Paul Nowak, Amy Schaper

Confirmation Mentor: Amy Stenzel

Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:14

Let all that you do be done with love.

Why I chose this verse:

I chose this verse because even when life gets hard you need to remember that you are loved.

Cole Schroeder

Son of Derek Schroeder & Jessica Schroeder

Baptized on July 20, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Rich & Jenn Magnuson, Mark & Tina Schroeder, Kristy Neubauer,
Ronny Barnick

Confirmation Mentor: Travis Loegering

Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God: I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand.

Why I chose this verse:

Because it's positive and it reminds me that God is with me at all times

Riley Staloch

Son of Jeremy Staloch & Sarah Curry

Baptized on December 29, 2002

Baptismal Sponsors: Jessica Schrader, Linsey Preuss

Confirmation Mentor: Darin Magnuson

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; so why should I be afraid?

Why I chose this verse:

I chose this verse because it lets me know that I should take risks and do what I want. It tells me that God is on my side and I shouldn't be afraid.

Alyson Swanson

Daughter of Michael & Nicole Swanson

Baptized on June 22, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Matt & Rachael Korman

Confirmation Mentor: Angela McCormick

Confirmation Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

His will. His way. My Faith.

Why I chose this verse:

It's short, so I can easily remember it and I like the meaning of it.

Riley Willner

Daughter of Jessie Willner & Nate Winterlin

Baptized on December 10, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Jenny Herman, Jaymee Willner, Kent & Linda Stern

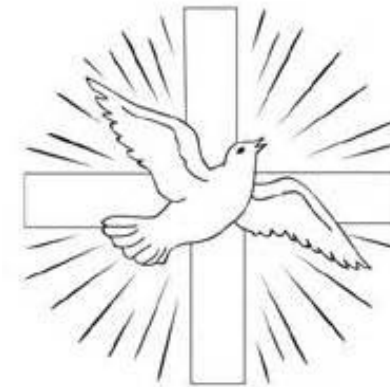
Confirmation Mentor: Mike Swanson

Confirmation Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Why I chose this verse:

I like this verse. It makes sense to me that everybody will be saved by faith through God.



Birthdays - Oct 15-21 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

15-Wesley Diekmann

Tessla Morton

19-Mike Christensen

20-Scott Berg

Lyle Stern

Tyson Morton

Gladys Johanson

21-Blayze Stern

16-Hope Garcia

Emmett Neubauer

Marshall Tatge

Brody Stern

Connie Schultz

18-Brennan Magnuson

Nora Theede

Michael Winstead

Nicole Swanson

Dennis Rollenhagen

17-Lisa Mershon

Butter Braid Pastry Sale - Fundraiser for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. The Youth Gathering kids are selling Butter Braids, frozen flaky braided fruit filled pastries. You can also stop at the church office to place your order. Orders will be received 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.

Senior Saints - Come to Senior Saints on Wed., Oct. 18th at 11:00 a.m at the Broadway Apartments to hear Riley Niebuhr tell about B&D Metal Works Inc. Everyone 55 and older who attends is invited to share in the meal provided by the October service group.

Bible Study with Pastor Mary - Sunday, October 29 at 10:15am in the basement Social Hall. This year Pastor Mary will lead Bible Studies each month on a Sunday morning following worship. This month the Bible Study will focus on the Reformation and will be held following worship on Sunday, October 29, the day we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Gather on a table near the stage in the basement Social Hall and Pastor Mary will lead the Bible Study. *Please note: when Pastor Mary leads Bible Study, you don't have to speak but can listen, if you would prefer!*

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.

Open House 100th Birthday for Gladys Johanson on Sun., Oct. 22 at the Community Center from 1:00-3:30 p.m. All are invited.

Reeve Schroeder Benefit - Sat., Oct. 28, 2017 at the American Legion in Wells. Reeve is the son of Keith and Lacy Schroeder, he was born at 23 weeks 3 days weighing 1 lb 5 oz. He is currently a patient at the U of M Masonic Children's Hospital and will be for some time. Free will donation Hog Roast Supper, Silent Auction 3:00-7:00 p.m. DJ from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Wear your costume, prize to be given. All are invited.