



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

October 22, 2017

Today's Worship

**Called by God ~ God Chooses David.** God directs Samuel to choose Israel's next king from among Jesse's group of sons. But God has a surprise...while most would assume that the best leader would be one of the older sons, who were strong and experienced, God chose the youngest and smallest of the boys. God reminds us that a trustworthy servant isn't chosen because of outward appearances. God looked in David's heart and saw a good leader. Since God looks in our hearts we would be wise to pray the prayer from the Psalms, "create in me a clean heart, O God."

## Prelude

## Welcome

**Temple Talk** ..... Sandi Hartman

**\*Gathering** .... "Let the Whole Creation Cry"..... ELW 876

## 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: Gracious Lord God,

**C: Forgive us for continually missing the mark. We look for your beauty and grandeur, God, but miss the humble and quiet ways that you choose to make yourself known to us. We strive for status and success, and fail to see the ways you use us in failure or weakness. We wish we were more popular, forgetting that you call us to love the unlovable and reach out to the forgotten, despised and voiceless people. Forgive us and restore us again to your grace.**

P: The Lord our God is quick to forgive and eager to grant second and third chances. Take comfort that God is merciful, and never failing in compassion. You are forgiven. Proclaim it, rejoice in it, and live it, for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**Kyrie** ..... page 184

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Accepting God, you have chosen the least likely to be your faithful servants so many times. You see into the hearts of people. Create clean and willing hearts within us and choose us to do your work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Children's Message

**Psalm 51:6-14** (read responsively)

<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>7</sup>**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>**Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup>**Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

## \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of 1 Samuel chapter 16.

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

**Bible Story** . . . 1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

**The Song of the Day** .... "Change My Heart, O God"..... ELW 801

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**..... printed

## Welcome New Members

**\*Sharing the Peace**

## Offering

**Offertory** .... "Create In Me A Clean Heart". . . . . ELW 185

## Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

#### \*Benediction

\*Sending Song . . . "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" . . . . . ELW 860

#### \*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

**Birthdays - Oct 22-28** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

23-Dale Tatge	25-Carl Forderer	Jase Crabtree	29-Dave Foley
Barb Ziegler	27-Chloe Lutteke	Megan Ehlert	Nathan Stern
24-Braden Rucker	28-Bonnie Beckmann	Chelcie Tolzmann	

**Holy Baptism** - Gavin Joel Gonzalez and Walker David Miller, sons of Keith & Stephanie Miller, born Jan. 1, 2010 and Nov. 10, 2016. Gavin's Christian sponsors are JoAnna Carroll & Jeremias Gonzalez. Walker's Christian sponsors are Brent Peterson, Amy Peterson, Elizabeth Schultze and Jonas Gonzalez.

**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.

**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 500<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Welcome New Members:**

Delores Raveling

Mark, Heather, Jada & Addison Goldman, Joe & Dylan Bonsack

Rick, Megan & Keagen Meyer

Kris, Nyah & Jayde Ratcliff

#### **SERVICE OF WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

(P: Pastor, NM: New Members, C: Congregation)

P: Dear Friends in Christ, you have presented yourselves to us for membership in Good Shepherd congregation. Therefore I ask you, do you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and are you ready to serve him in the fellowship of Good Shepherd?

**NM: Yes, by the help of God!**

P: As members of Good Shepherd, will you worship and commune regularly? Will you seek to grow in your faith? Will you support the congregation's mission with your time and prayers and abilities and resources? Will you support the leaders of the parish and your fellow members with love and encouragement? Will you seek to live a life that bears witness to the love we share in Christ?

**NM: Yes, by the help of God!**

P: Fellow members of Good Shepherd, you have heard the commitment of these new members. Will you receive them in the love of Christ, pray for them, minister to and with them, and seek together with them to glorify Christ?

**C: Yes, by the help of God!**

P: I declare these brothers and sisters to be members of Good Shepherd, partners with us in the work and praise of Jesus Christ.

**THE BAPTISM OF  
Gavin Joel Gonzalez and Walker David Miller**

Sunday, October 22, 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 Gavin Joel Gonzalez to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

**S: We present Walker David Miller to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

L: You have presented Gavin and Walker, for Baptism. Will you share Christ's love with them by your words and actions? Will you treasure them as special gifts from God and care for them with the love of Christ? Will you pray for them, that God's presence fills their life?

**P/S: We will.**

L: Will you teach them how much Jesus loves them? Will you teach them that they are children of God forever? Will you bring them to the gathering of God's people so that they grow up worshiping and praising God? Will you teach them to pray, introduce them to the Scriptures, and see that they are 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: Gavin, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

*Baptismal Banners*

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 Candles*

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 father and mother of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed the Baptism of Gavin and Walker. Will you pray for them and share your faith with them? Will you remind them that they belong to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

**C: We will.**

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

**C: Gavin and Walker, you are children 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.**

