



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

September 24, 2017

Today's Worship

God Provides Blessings ~ Stolen Blessing, Blessed by God. Jacob obtains a blessing from his father with a little help from his Mom and some trickery with some hairy goats. Jacob cheats his older brother out of the blessings, so he runs. While he is running, Jacob has a dream of a ladder on which the angels ascend and descend and he receives a promise from God. Jacob has to realize that an overwhelming responsibility comes with the gifts of God. What do we run from in life and what do we try to hide from?

Prelude . . . "Great Day" "It is Well with My Soul" "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" . . . SonGQuest

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" ELW 533

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Gracious Lord God,

C: Forgive us, God for bringing about brokenness in relationships with you and with others in our lives. Help us realize when we have used deceit or force to make things happen the way we want them in our lives. Forgive us for all we have done and said and thought that is hurtful. Renew us to new life in your kingdom. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us.

P: Our loving God gifts us with blessings and loves us and forgives us. Receive not the entire forgiveness of all your sins, granted in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: God of good gifts, your blessings are abundant and your promises are true. We give you thanks that you provide for our every need, even when we don't deserve it. Thank you for your faithfulness, God. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music "Wayfaring Stranger" "I Love You Lord". SonGQuest

Martin Luther Moment

Psalms 86:11-17 (read responsively)

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**

¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴**O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁶**Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child**

of your serving girl.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Genesis chapter 27.

C: Praise to you, O Lord

Bible Story Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. ⁴Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die." ¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob. ¹⁸So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." ²⁰But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." ²²So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." ²³He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. ¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place--and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song "Have You Thanked the Lord?" ELW 829

The Apostles' Creed. page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Offerory Response

Prayers of the Church

"The Lord's Prayer". SonGQuest

Special Music "Alleluia" SonGQuest
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 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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: Staci Thompson

Scripture Reader: Jon Melby

SS Teacher: Lana Wegner

Birthdays - Sep 24-30 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

24-Ben Groskreutz 27-Charlene Harris Hannah Warmka Russ Bathke

25-Amy Anderson 28-Jon Huper 29-Greg Alger Melany Ehlert

30-Nick Niebuhr

In memory of Lennard Cihlar memorials have been received towards the General Fund.

A Special Thank you to SonGQuest for their gift of music during today's worship. The group consists of Randy Roger (Marshall), Bradley Gerhardt (Fairmont), Jeffrey Hagen (Ceylon) and Curtis Korn (Kiestler). They are all members of the Barbershop Harmony society. A free will offering will be collected in the baskets by each door following worship.

Confirmation Classes for 7th & 8th Graders - Begins September 27 at 7:00pm - The first regular class of the confirmation year is Wednesday, September 27. It begins with worship at 6:15pm in the sanctuary followed by class from 7:00-7:45pm in the basement Social Hall near the stage. Please remember that Wednesday Night Supper is served from 5:00-6:00pm and that all youth eat free.

Bibles will be given to 3rd Graders - *Wednesday, October 4 6:15pm or Sunday, October 8 9:00am*
Bibles will be given to our 3rd graders during both a Wednesday evening worship (October 4) and a Sunday morning worship (October 8). During baptism, parents promised to place a Bible in the hands of their young child. Good Shepherd is helping you keep that promise by selecting a Bible that can be used in Wednesday/Sunday School classes and for reading at home. If there are children above grade 3 who have not yet received a Bible, please notify the Church Office (553-3513). Prior to receiving the Bibles given there is an "Opening the Bible for the First Time" class that will be led by Pastor Mary

Opening the Bible for the First Time - *Introducing the Bible to 3rd Graders. Monday, October 2 6:30-7:30pm.* Pastor Mary will lead an introduction to the Bible class for 3rd graders and a parent on Monday, October 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church Social Hall near the stage. This class will be an overview of the Bible and prepares the students to receive their first Holy Bible.

Holy Hot Dish Sale The youth who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are hosting another "Holy Hot Dish Sale." There are two times that they will be selling their hot dishes:

- Wednesday, September 27 from 7:00-7:30pm (on a table near the church offices)
- 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.