



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

September 3, 2017

Today's Worship

*Does it Really Say that in the Bible: God helps those who help themselves?* This month we focus on some ideas that Christians embrace that may not be entirely true. Some of the ideas may have a ring of truth or may even be partially supported by Scripture. When examined closely, though, they are often "half-truth" at best. At worst, they can hurt people or can be a stumbling block. How can we make the grace of God our foundation, affirming that God gifts us freely without earning or deserving the blessings, but then suggest that God only helps people who help themselves?

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

Hymn . . . . "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" . . . . . ELW 779

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: We are called to a holy and righteous life, trusting always in God's promises. But many are the times when we fall short of our calling. Let us confess our sins, that we might receive grace and mercy.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Gracious and loving God ...

**C: We confess that we have not always placed our trust in you, God. Sometimes we lose hope altogether. Forgive us for our lack of faith and teach us to trust in you, God, for all we need. Amen.**

P: This is what the Lord has done for us: God looks with favor upon us and God forgives you. Thanks be to God.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Gracious God, we give you thanks that you are always with us, sustaining us with your love. Be with us as we worship and help us discern the deeper truth of your love. Bless us so we can be a blessing to others. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## Children's Message

## Martin Luther Moment

Psalm 121 (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills--from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.**

## \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Psalms.

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

**Bible Story . . . .** Psalm 10:14, 17-18 Psalm 18:6, 16

But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands; the helpless commit themselves to you; you have been the helper of the orphan. O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. He reached down from on high, he took me; he drew me out of mighty waters.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

**Song . . . .** "Drawn to the Light" . . . . . ELW 593

**The Apostles' Creed** . . . . . page 105

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offering

**Offertory Response . . . .** "Jesus Loves Me!" . . . . . ELW 595

## 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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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:** Al Tonn **Scripture Reader:** Jerelyn Eckhardt  
**Communion Helpers:** Jerelyn Eckhardt, Coni Olson

**Birthdays - Sep 3-9** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

4-Brandon Rucker	Cody Melcher	7-Riley Staloch	Robert Eckwright IV
5-Pam Warmka	Karen Niebuhr	Layla Schumann	9-Ruben Groskreutz
6-Ryder Archer	Marian Sonnek	8-Mike Beyer	Carol Lackey

**Pancake Breakfast** - Sun., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30-11:30 a.m. Serving: pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Free will offering with proceeds going to those attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Served by the Property Committee and those attending the Youth Gathering. All are welcome.

**September Food Collection** - During the month of September we will collect food donations of nuts for cooking or eating. 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 August of Asian foods.

**Produce Donations Accepted for the Wells Area Food Shelf** - As you collect your produce from your garden, remember that you are invited to share some of the produce with the Wells Area Food Shelf. Your donations can be dropped off at the Good Shepherd Church offices during daily office hours. Mondays and Tuesdays are best days to drop off the produce. Thanks for your donations of healthy food for our hungry neighbors.

**“A Musical Variety”** is the theme of the annual Harmony Junction Chorus show to be held Sun., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, at the United Methodist Church in Albert Lea at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Featured will be the Benson Family Singers. Pete Benson is a native of Albert Lea. He and his family have become well known performing throughout the region. Tickets are \$13.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door and are available at these Albert Lea Stores: Hy-Vee, Market Place, Addie’s Floral and Gift, the Visitors Bureau, or from a chorus member.

**SonGQuest Singing at Good Shepherd** - Sun., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. worship. SonGQuest is a barbershop quartet based in the Fairmont, MN area. The group consists of Randy Rogers (Marshall), Brad Gerhardt (Fairmont), Jeff Hagen (Ceylon) and Curt Korn (Kiestler). They will sing several gospel songs as a part of our worship service. A free will offering will be collected that day for the group.

**Crafty Quilters** - It’s that time of year again and Crafty Quilters needs your help. Our numbers are getting fewer so we could really use some new people. (Yes men and ladies) to come starting on Mon., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> to make quilts. We start at 9:00 a.m. and stay for as long as you want. Everyone brings a sack lunch. Bring your scissors. You can cut, sew, tie, there’s a job for everyone. The quilts are sent to various places and are needed by many. It’s very rewarding making the quilts and it won’t cost you any money. Hope to see you starting on Mon., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Habitat for Humanity** is selling raffle tickets for a child's playhouse this year. All of the little boys wanted something more "manly", so we went with an Old West Fort this year. Tickets are \$5 each, and you can purchase them from Staci Thompson or Laurayne Stern, or call the Habitat Office at 526-2500.

**Coping with Death** - Grief Support Group starting Tues., Sept. 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Corral Room at St. Luke’s Lutheran Care Center in Blue Earth. See poster on bulletin board by the office for more details.

**Grief Support Services** - starting Thurs., Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at Mayo Clinic Health System, Albert Lea. See poster on bulletin board by the office for more details.

**PBS Features Luther Film** - In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The dramatic story of Martin Luther’s life comes alive in a new feature-length movie that will aired nationally on PBS on Tues., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please check your local listings.