



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

February 11, 2018

Today's Worship

Invitation to Abundant Life - Jesus shocked people! He claimed authority from God to heal a blind man and then he performed the miracle on the Sabbath Day! The church leaders couldn't see past their own judgmental rules and behold the true miracle. Who was truly blind in this story?

Prelude

Welcome

*Gathering Build Us Up, Lord” ELW 670

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We gather for worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: As we prepare for worship, we stop to consider our shortcomings and our need for change, hoping to once again, be transformed by the love of our gracious God. Let us pause to confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Merciful and forgiving God,

C: **Your world is filled with wonderful things. Yet we so often become immersed in our worries and our own lives. We fail to see the miracles around us and the needs of others. Forgive us, God, and ground us in your presence.**

P: God is merciful and patient. Today your sins are forgiven. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. As we leave here today and interact with others, may our eyes be open to see God in all things.

C: Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

C: **God of miracles, sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and open our hearts to believe. Amen.**

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Adult Choir

Psalm 67 (read responsively)

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

² **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of John chapter 5.

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

Bible Story . . . John 5:1-18

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁴ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁵ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' ⁶ The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' ⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' ⁸ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. ⁹ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, 'It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.' ¹⁰ But he answered them, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Take up your mat and walk." ' ¹¹ They asked him, 'Who is the man who said to you, "Take it up and walk"?' ¹² Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹³ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.' ¹⁴ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁵ Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. ¹⁶ But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is still working, and I also am working.' ¹⁷ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone" Printed

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*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Thy Holy Wings" ELW 613

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

*Sending Song "On Eagle's Wings" ELW 787

*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 am & Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Jeanette Groskreutz

Pianist: Jean Carlson

SS Teacher - Lana Wegner

Birthdays - Feb 11-17 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

11-Taylor Ovrebo	Kent Stern	Hudson Warmka	Andrea Neubauer
12-Marlene Lindely	Deakon Wegner	Brantley Winstead	17-Keith Schroeder
Elizabeth Stern	13-Keith Miller	16-Anna Jo Delaittre	

Flower on the Altar are in memory of Alan Olson, who died Feb. 11th. They are given by Coni Olson.

February Food Collection - During the month of February we will collect food donations of paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex). A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

Youth Gathering Meeting - Those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will meet on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. in the basement Parlor, behind the kitchen. We will discuss details for the Youth Gathering and continue preparations.

8th Grade Confirmation Mentors - 8th graders will meet the church member that they have chosen to be their mentor starting on Wednesday, Feb. 14. 8th graders and their mentors will worship together for Ash Wednesday worship on Feb. 14 at 6:15 p.m. Immediately following the Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday worship there will be a short gathering with mentors and students in the Good Shepherd chapel.

Lenten Prayer Color Pages - Lenten Prayer Color Pages are available for people of all ages. So often people tend to “give up” something for Lent. An alternative is to add something to your daily life to build up your faith. Prayer is a wonderful discipline and the Prayer Color Page can help! There are 40 boxes on the color page to match the 40 days of Lent. Each day write who or what you are praying for in a box on the page. You can be artistic and color or draw around the box and the rest of the page. Pray for others during the season of Lent. The color pages are on the usher table by the front door and on the table outside of the church office.

First Communion - 5th grade students and a parent will gather on four Wednesday evenings to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. Pastor Mary will lead the preparation classes and it will include the painting of cups and the baking of bread that will be used for First Communion. The group will gather in the basement Church Social Hall. Please bring your Bible.

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes ***First Holy Communion***

Weds, Feb. 21 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Weds, Feb. 28 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Weds, March 7 7:00-7:30 p.m.

The Season of Lent - God's Persistent Love - While it is often called The Parable of the Prodigal Son, more accurately it is the story of God's persistent love for us. This year we will have dramatic presentations that spotlight the familiar story of a wayward son, a jealous brother and the extravagant love that God has for us. Lenten Wednesday Worship:

Ash Wednesday Worship - February 14 6:15pm

Lenten Wednesday Worship – February 21 – March 21 6:15pm

Holden Evening Prayer & Drama