



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

January 21, 2018

Today's Worship

*Encountering the Messiah - The Messiah's First Encounter at the Temple* Cattle, sheep, doves - they were all for sale in the temple. The day that Jesus visited the temple, the money changers were in for a big surprise because Jesus was not pleased with what had become of his Father's house. Time and again, God turns what people have destroyed into something wonderful and beautiful.

## Prelude

### Welcome

\***Gathering** . . . . "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (2x) . . . . . ELW 857  
"You Are Holy" (2x) . . . . . ELW 525

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

### C: Amen.

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

### Pause for silence and reflection

P: God of promise and new life,

**C: Too often we have dishonored that which is holy. We have let our fears and resentments guide us. We have neglected the needs of others. Forgive us for all we have thought, done and said. Forgive us for what we have failed to do or say. Restore us to a right relationship with you.**

P: God gives new life. God loves and forgives. Receive this day the entire forgiveness of all your sins, given as a gift, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer and Lord.

### C: Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Patient God, your beloved son, Jesus, showed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us show concern when people are not treated justly. Rouse us from our silence and light your fire within us, so we can work to make right all that is wrong, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## Children's Message

**Choir Anthem** . . . . "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" . . . . . Adult Choir

**Psalm** Psalm 19:1-10, 14 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup>**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of John chapter 2.

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

**Bible Story** . . . John 2:13-25

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

<sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. <sup>23</sup>When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn** . . . . "Christ, Be Our Light!" . . . . . ELW 715

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

## \*Sharing the Peace

## Offering/Loose Change Offering

**Offertory Response** . . . "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil" . . . . . ELW 512

**Prayers of the Church**

## Words on Institution/The Lord's Prayer

## Distribution

## Communion Prayer

## Benediction

**\*Sending Song** . . . "Lead On, O King Eternal!" . . . . . ELW 805

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

## C: Thanks be to God!

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**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev. Mary Iverson

**Scripture Reader:** Bill Groskreutz, Jr.

**Pianist:** Jean Carlson

**SS Teacher** - Kim Stevermer

**Communion Helpers:** Chad Groskreutz, Bill & Andy Groskreutz

**Birthdays** -Jan 21-27 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

21-Hunter Malwitz      Kathryn Weyhrauch      Lizzy Leland      25-Chayce Lutteke

22-Tim Stenzel      23-Kathleen Ehlert      24-Jim Degner      27-Judy Harpestad

**Annual Reports** will be available for the Congregation on January 19, 2018. Forums to discuss the report will be held on Sun., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> and Wed., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> following the worship.

**January Food Collection** - During the month of January we will collect food donations of chocolate, yellow, white or spice cake mixes (please no Jiffy cake mixes). A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

**Dinner Connect Group** for Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. has been canceled.