



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

January 7, 2018

Today's Worship

Encountering the Messiah - Come and See the Messiah

John the Baptist pointed toward Jesus and proclaimed him to be the Savior, the Lamb of God. Others realize the same and the first followers of Jesus gather around him. They are already impressed by what they see in their new leader, but they couldn't possibly be prepared for what is to come.

Prelude

Welcome

***Gathering** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" ELW 275

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 tried to find truth and meaning in all the wrong places. We have let our fears and resentments guide us. We have neglected the needs of others. Forgive us for pain we have caused with our words and our actions. 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: Holy God, You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Draw us to yourself. Lead us forth in faith to follow in your servant footsteps and to be transformed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" Adult Choir

Psalm Psalm 66:1-5,16 (read responsively)

¹Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ²sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

³**Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.**

⁴All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

⁵**Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of John chapter 1.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story . . . John 1:35-46

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus

walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). ⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ELW 817

Sacrament of Holy Baptism printed

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" vs 1 & 6. ELW 301

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Blessing

Benediction

***Sending Song** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" ELW 290

*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: Mariah Lutteke

Pianist: Jean Carlson

Communion Helpers - Dennis, Diane & Mariah Lutteke

Birthdays -Jan 7-13 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

7-Pam Melby	10-Walter Stenzel	Shelley Tibodeau	Matt Theede
8-Marvel Huper	11-Danielle Johannsen	12-Erin Eckwright	13-Kynslee Alger
Amy Schroeder	Chad Malwitz	Dave Jacobson	Dennis Morgan
Steve Schultz			

Holy Baptism - Phillip Lee Gutierrez, son of Alan & Brenda Beier, born October 6, 1997. His Christian sponsor is Julia Beier-Hubacher.

Grades Kindergarten – 3 Youth Event - Fun, Fun, Fun at the Church, *Sunday, January 7, 2018 11am – noon*. Gather together in the Good Shepherd Kitchenette (down the hall from the church offices) where we will learn more about the 3 Wise Men and make a cool craft. We will also play some fun games together and have a small snack

Grades 4-7 Youth Event - Ultimate Game Night, *Saturday, January 13, 2018 6pm – 9pm*. Meet in the Good Shepherd basement Social Hall for a great evening of new games (Human Clue) and old favorites (Sardines). There is no cost for this event and you are welcome to bring a friend. The deadline to sign up on the church office door is Wednesday, January 10. Please come with a full stomach as a snack but not a meal is being served.

Farewell to Wednesday Cook, Suzanne - Farewell and God's Blessings to our Wednesday Supper Cook, Suzanne Comeau. Suzanne has resigned so she can take a full-time job elsewhere. We are very sad to accept her resignation because she is much-loved and we have appreciated her fabulous meals and friendly personality! Suzanne's last Wednesday will be on January 10, 2018. Good Shepherd will provide a special dessert that evening in her honor and ask diners to sign a farewell card on January 10 that we can present to Suzanne.

Youth Gathering Meeting - Those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will meet on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. in the basement Parlor, behind the kitchen. We will enjoy donuts and juice and begin discussing details for the Youth Gathering.

Sr. Saints - Join us on Wednesday, January 17 at 11:00 a.m. for a day of fun where we will participate in various game activities. There will be prizes and food to share in the lunch provided by the January service group.

Annual Reports will be available for the Congregation on January 19, 2018. Forums to discuss the report will be held on Sun., Jan. 21st and Wed., Jan. 24th following the worship. A reminder to all ministry teams and organizations a 2017 report of your activities is due to the church office on or before Jan. 12, 2018.

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 will meet on Jan. 21st at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Baptism of Phillip Lee Gutierrez

Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

(P:Pastor; B: Baptism Candidate, C: Congregation)

God's Promises in Baptism

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Phillip Lee Gutierrez, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

B: I do.

P: Phillip has presented himself for Baptism. Will you share Christ's love by your words and actions? Will you use the gifts you have been given by God for the good of all? Will you pray that God's presence fills your life?

B: I will.

P: Will you come to the gathering of God's people so that you may worship and praise God? Will you pray, read the Scriptures, make use of the means of grace, and continue to grow in Christ?

B: I will.

P: Baptismal Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Phillip in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

B: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Phillip and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: I ask you to publicly take a stand for Jesus Christ. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and his empty promises?

B: I do.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

P/B/C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of Phillip

P: Phillip Lee, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Sustain Phillip with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptismal Banner

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 Candle

L: “Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

P: Members of Good Shepherd, you have witnessed Phillip’s Baptism. Will you pray for and share your faith with him? Will you remind him that he belongs to Christ and that as Christ’s people we all belong to each other? Will you walk with him as we strive to serve God faithfully together?

C: We will.

P: Then, welcome your new brother in the name of Jesus.

C: Phillip, you are a child 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 congregation, and into our hearts and lives.