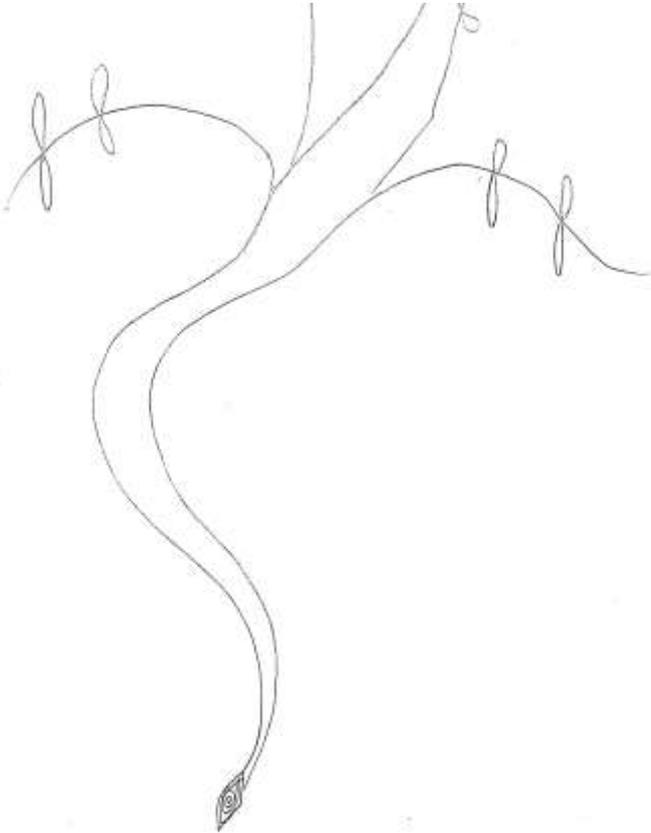


***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***  
***Fourth Sunday of Pentecost***  
*June 17th, 2018 at 9:30 am*



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## PRELUDE

Karen Niemeier

### Announcements and Community Concerns

Call to Worship *On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand* Men's Choir

## CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, thing done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

## HYMN

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

**C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SCRIPTURE            Mark 4:26-34

## SERMON

## HYMN

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**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

WA: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

**PEACE**

P: Peace of Christ be with us always. C: **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**SANCTUS**

Sanctuary

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**WORD OF INSTITUTION**

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**COMMUNION SONGS**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**BLESSING FOR VBS**

**SENDING HYMN**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Karen Niemeier

*Thank you Men's Choir for the special music this morning*

**~Worship Volunteers~**

Lector

Shirley Fox

Assisting Minister

Jay Andrews

Greeters

Tena Rackow, Robert and Sharon Schlachter

Ushers Jerry and Beth Martin, Claire and Helen Cross

Communion Ushers Jerry and Beth Martin

## MARK 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### ~WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS ~

To our members and those who we name:

***Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Heselbacher, Bob Kurth, Laura Derr, Lois Paulson, Fern Harnish, Steve Fahr, Verl Price, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jean, Jon Forsythe, Meghan, Tom Pye, Jean, Pam, Bruce, Diane, Darren, Jerilyn Strohecker, Sylvia, Sandy Groezinger, Bruce Johnson, Rob, Mary and Carol Krohmer.***

O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind. Help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray. Amen.

# THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

June 17<sup>th</sup> thru June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Today - Worship Service**  
**Men's Group Cookout 10:30 am**

## **VBS—Gospel Express**



Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at UMC  
Supper 5:00 pm  
Program 6:00-8:00 pm

## **Piece Corps Quilting Group**

Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00-11:30 am

## **Get your Smile for the Photo Directory**

Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am-5:00 pm



## **Good Shepherd Devotions & Desserts at Friendship Center**

Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00 pm

## **This Changes Everything:**

### **2018 ECLA Youth Gathering, June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> in Houston, TX.**

Theme song “This Changes Everything!” is written by Judi Tyler and James Kocian. Judi has been learning to write songs and hymns in the past few years, and her song coach and music maker James worked together to create this song. Judi writes in her blog that her favorite part of the song is the bridge “It’s by grace. We are saved. We belong to Jesus.” She states that “That is what I hold on to when life is overwhelming; belonging to God tells me who I am and whose I am. This belonging changes everything.” (to read her and James’ blog post go to Youth Gathering Blog: [blogs.elca.org/youthgathering](http://blogs.elca.org/youthgathering))

Attendance June 10<sup>th</sup> - 52

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*Happy Father's Day*  
*For your wisdom,*  
*For your guidance,*  
*Your spirit, and your love*  
*For the things you taught us*  
*And all you have helped us to be;*  
*For the paths you opened*  
*And the journeys we shared,*  
*For starting us off on our own*  
*And picking us up when we stumbled,*  
*For showing us your strength and conviction,*  
*Your trust, and promise, and resolve,*  
*For sharing your light and laughter,*  
*And pointing us toward decisive pathways,*  
*Giving us the freedom to travel on our own*  
*Secure in knowing that you stood close behind.*  
*For all of this, we thank you*  
*And the God who sent you down to earth*  
*As a living part of Him*  
*To be the man you are -*  
*Helping us to become all that we are now.*  
*Bless you*

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