

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.*

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.**

**Nursery:** Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

**Children's Worship Bulletins** are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



*Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

*Liturgy for the season of Epiphany is God Give Us Life.*

## PRELUDE

**Tena Rackow**

*Time for reflection in silence.*

## WELCOME

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Assembly may stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**ELW p. 94**

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 help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## "WE ARE CALLED"

ELW#720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## INVOCATION



(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world, In the name of Christ the



Son, In the name of the Ho - ly Spir - it (C) A - men, A - men.

## GATHERING SONG

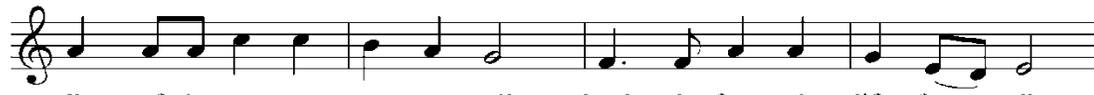
*Refrain*



Make a joy - ful noise to the Lord, en - ter in with sing - ing.



Join the fes - ti - val of love, al - le - lu - ias ring - ing!



Born of the wa - ter we re - call death de - feat - ed, life for all.



In the bod - y of the ris - en Son wel - come ev - 'ry - one. *Refrain*

## KYRIE:

(Assisting Minister: regular print, C: Bold)



Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the



u - ni - ty of all peo - ple, pray to our God:



**God of love, have mer - cy. God of love, have mer - cy.**



For the peo - ple of God, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious God. **A - men**

**SALUTATION**

(L) May God be with you. (C) And with you, too.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Assembly may be seated.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****Souper Bowl of Caring****EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

L: A reading from Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness

and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From the full - ness of God have we  
all re - ceived: grace up - on grace, peace up - on peace.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

### SERMON

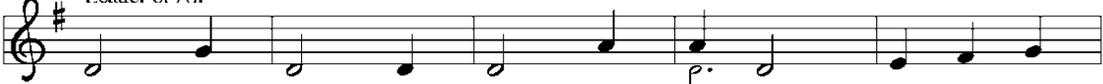
## HYMN OF THE DAY

## "BLEST ARE THEY"

ELW#728

(v1-with refrain, v2, 3, &amp; 4-no refrain, v5-with refrain)

Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

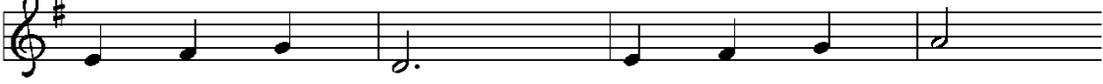


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

## CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the**

**Father, and he will come 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.**

## THE PRAYERS

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

WA: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence*

WA: God of liberation, you set your people free to serve others. Embolden your church, that we seek justice for the oppressed, share generously your loving kindness, and live humbly together. Unite us as one people under the foolishness of the cross. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great**

WA: God of the oppressed, you raise up the lowly and comfort those in despair. We lift up to you all who are victims of exploitation, discrimination, and greed. We pray for those who are suffering in any way this day especially for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Vicar Mike Reibel, Mary Schick, Kyle, Dave Lartz, Brian Gobeli, and Philip Schmid.** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen.** Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Claire Cross and Robin Cross. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to earth in the form of a baby. Fill our own house of worship with your presence, that all who enter may encounter Christ. We pray for your gracious presence at our congregational meeting after worship so that our thoughts and actions may be rooted and grounded in your love for us. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of life, we give you thanks for all those who have died in the faith. Thank you for the examples of our ancestors and the saints who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

*What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!*

**OFFERING SONG**

*The following hymn is sung during the presentation of gifts:*

All



Come, bring them to the ta - ble— bring the gifts of bread and  
 wine, the hopes and dreams of all the peo-ple, the  
 of - f'ring of our lives, the of - f'ring of our lives.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. **C:** God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING****EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS**

**P:** Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.

**C:** We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world. We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.

**P:** Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** In the night which he was betrayed,..... Do this in remembrance of me.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

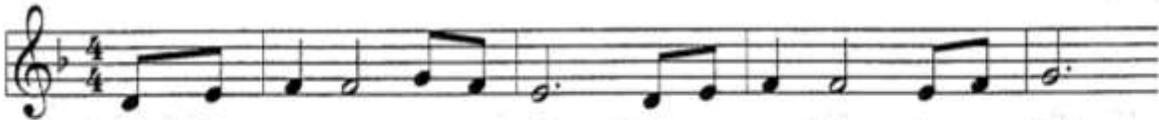
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.*

*We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*

**COMMUNION SONG****“CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL”**

1 Christ, have mer-cy on us all. Keep us stead-fast e'er we fall.  
2 God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wis-dom, give us peace.  
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe a-gain. Light the dark-ness, be our friend.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



4 Bake a great loaf; give it time; choose the best grapes from the vine.



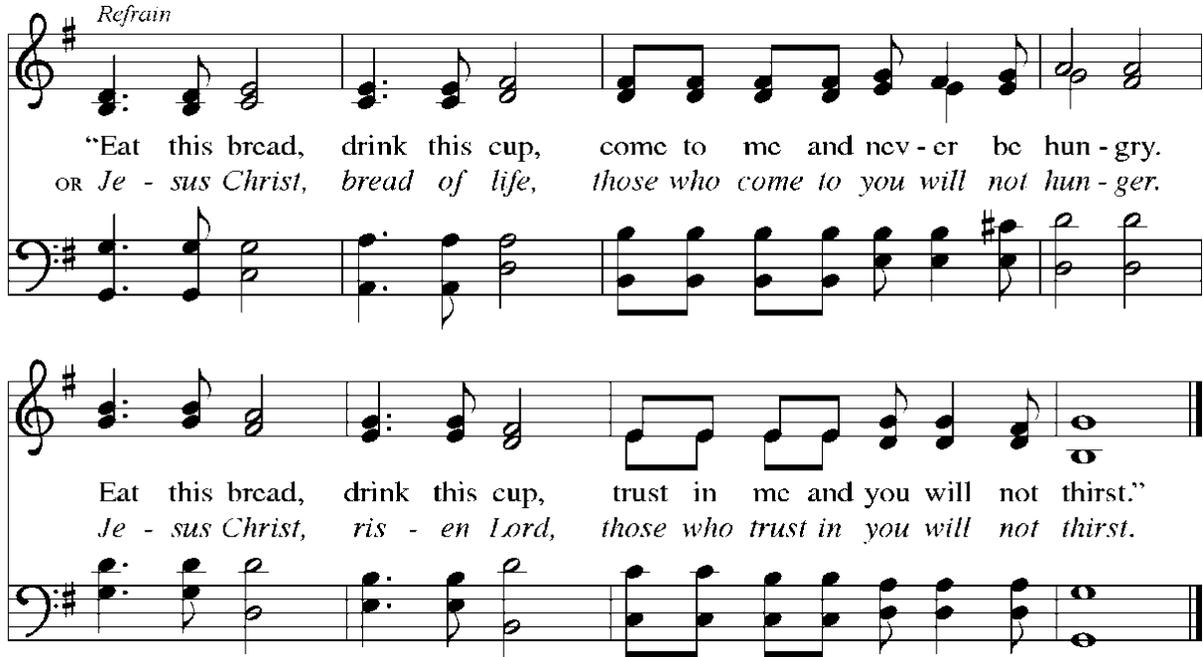
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

## COMMUNION SONG

## "EAT THIS BREAD"

ELW #472

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS &amp; CELEBRATIONS

## BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **C: Amen.**

Make a *Joyful* noise unto the Lord  
Psalm 98:4

## SENDING SONG

## "TO BE YOUR PRESENCE"

ELW # 546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - joice,

## DISMISSIAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine. C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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Pastor Miho Yasukawa Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier	
Lector: Terry Hart Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene Worship Assistant: Cora Hudik Acolyte: Maddi Diddens Greeters: Jay and Michelle Andrews Tena Rackow, Tim Gordon Ushers: Bill and Jean Engel Bari Raymer and Virgil Gordon	Communion Set-up: Vivian Hesselbacher Communion Assistant: Denny Luke and Beth Martin Communion Ushers: Jay and Michelle Andrews Sound System: Wayne Kurth and open Elevator Operator: Sue Diddens

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**February 2<sup>nd</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Worship Service —Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
	Choir Practice	
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Confirmation Class	11:00am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: January 26<sup>th</sup> - 40

Total Offering 01/26/2020 - \$1219.00 amount needed; \$2573.08

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder’s actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

**Go and Cheer!**

We are your “grandparents

If you know upcoming games/meets/ concerts/etc, please let the church office know!

**Offering envelopes**

Offering envelopes for 2020 is here. Since we have new numbers, we encourage you to **write down your names on the envelope** for a couple weeks so that the counters and financial secretary can record your offering properly. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding offering envelope, please talk to Sheila.

**Annual Congregational Meeting-TODAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please stay for the annual congregational meeting at 10:45am following worship service. Thank you.  
Extra Annual reports are available at the both entrances.

**Souper Bowl of Caring TODAY**

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide youth-led movement and is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in our communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness. At the end of today’s service our youth will hold pots at the both entrances. Your donation will go to Le-Win Food Pantry and Lutheran World Relief. Your \$1 can make a difference. Let’s tackle hunger together.

**Stirring Chai**

Newsletter from the Msseemmaa ECLA Regional Representatives in East Africa is available. Included in the newsletter is a short biography about their family and when they started serving as regional representatives for the ECLA in East Africa. To read the newsletter it is posted in the library on the bulletin board.

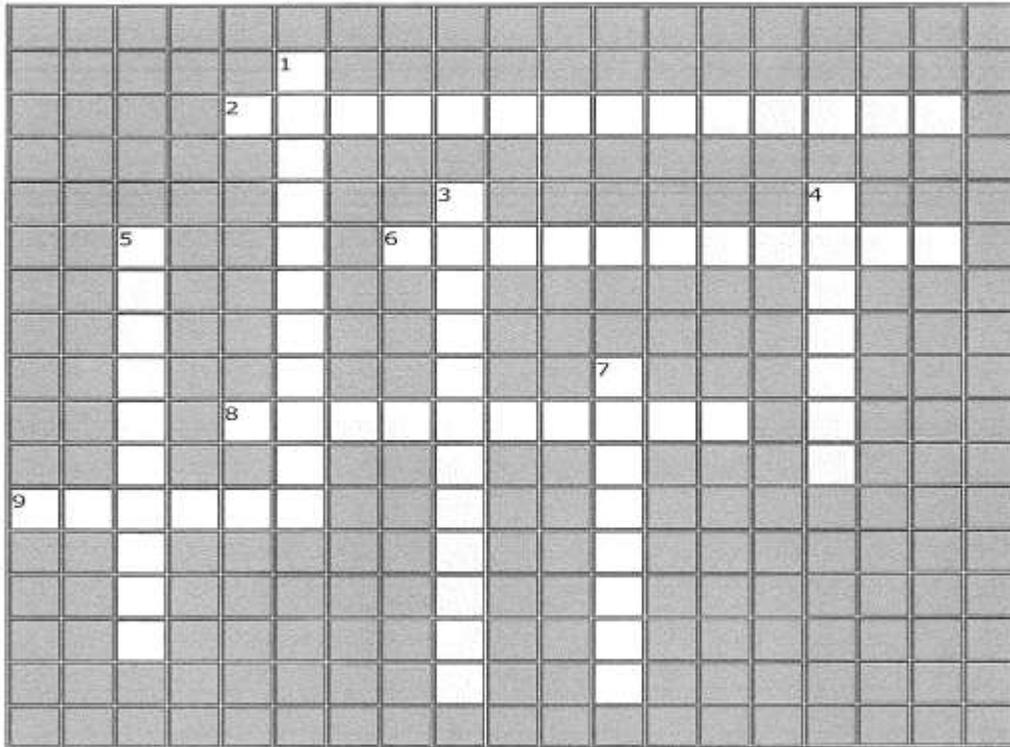
**Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

Good Shepherd helps at the Food Pantry on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the even numbered months. Feeding the people is an important ministry. If you can help this year, please put your names and phone number in the sign-up sheet at the ramp. We would like to make a schedule, so please sign-up this week. Or if you can be a sub, write down your name and phone number in the sheet at the ramp. Thank you.

**Thank you from Rockford Rescue Mission**

We have received a thank you note from Charmel, Church Relations Associate at Rockford Rescue Mission. She thanked our warm welcome and all the gifts to them. Card is posted on the board.

***SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CROSSWORD PUZZLE***



**CLUES:**

**Down**

1. People that are employed but whose wages from work are not enough to raise them above the Federal poverty line. (2 words)
3. Access to enough food to maintain a healthy lifestyle. (2 words)
4. The act of giving something to individuals or families in need.
5. A charitable program that gives to periodic bags of food to the hungry. (2 words)
7. A place where food is offered to nonprofit agencies for distribution. (2 words)

**Across**

2. The limited or uncertain availability of safe, nutritious food. (2 words)
6. A charitable program that provides free meals to hungry people. (2 words)
8. A youth movement that has raised millions of dollars worth of food and money for people in need since it began in 1990. (2 words)
9. The uneasy or painful sensation caused by involuntary lack of food which may over time result in malnutrition.

Answers on next page....no peeking



**Answers to puzzle**

1. Working Poor

2. Food Insecurity

3. Food Security

6. Soup Kitchen

4. Charity

8. Souper Bowl

5. Food Pantry

9. Hunger

7. Food Bank



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