
January 28th, 2018 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

118 E. Mason, Lena, IL 61048

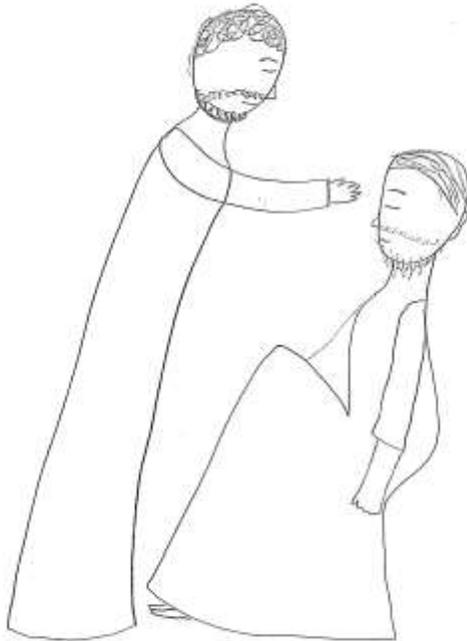
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Art by
Anna Patterson

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 .We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

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.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –
ELW SETTING 3**

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Terry Hart

Announcements & Community Concerns

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word
(Verse 1-All, Verse 2-Women, Verse 3-Men, Verse 4-All)

ELW#673

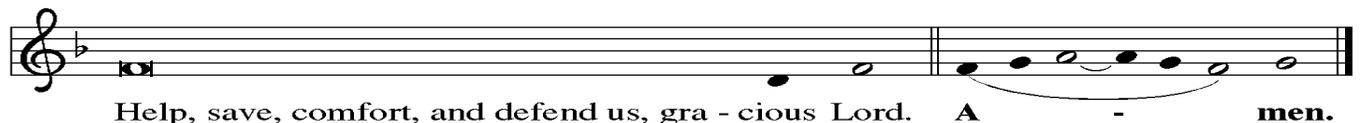
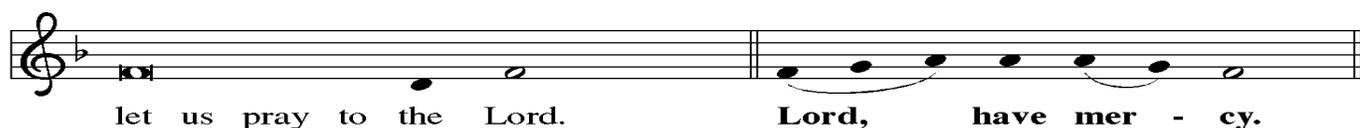
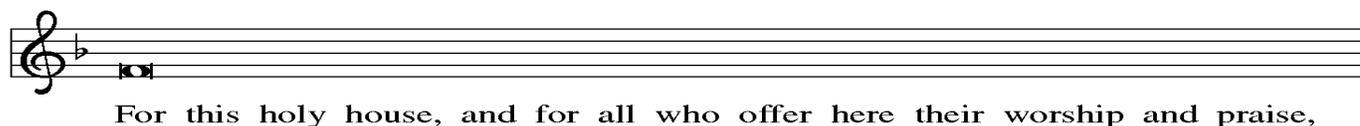
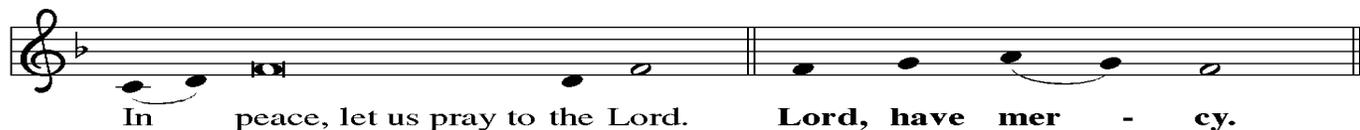
1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

GREETING P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. **C:** **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on

the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.”¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.” L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#111**

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

L: The 2nd READING is from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶*yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.* ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand as you are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 1:21-28 **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. **P:** The gospel of the Lord! **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Fye Family

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW#311



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



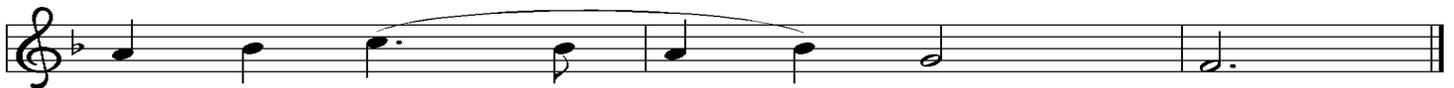
Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

CREED (from the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism) *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

P: The Second Article: *On Redemption*

C: 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence*

WA: For those who speak your word throughout the church in the world, O God, and for educational institutions that prepare leaders, that you will lift up prophets in our congregations, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the works of God revealed in and through creation, for an end to pollution and unjust use of natural resources, and for good weather this season, let us pray **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For peace and justice throughout the world, for political leaders at all levels, and for those who provide public services, that you will grant them wisdom as they carry out their tasks, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, and their advocates; for the sick, the suffering, and their caregivers; and for the weak in body, mind, and spirit *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Susie Gordon, Richard Rutter, Leona Block, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Dale, Meghan, Sharon and Lucy* strengthen and encourage *Steve Fahr and Verl Price* that your compassion be felt by all in need, let us pray. We pray for love, comfort and hope of the Resurrection for the family and friends of Janet Kirschbaum, let us pray **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For those in our congregation celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, for those missing from our worship today, and for youth and children both near and far, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For our congregational meeting we ask you're present at the meeting that our thoughts and actions maybe rooted and grounded in your love, let us pray **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for those who have died, that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

“Word of God, come Down on Earth”

Choir Anthem

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, **C: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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

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. Please 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 returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW#614*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *Refrain*

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMNOh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*Verses 1-4*)**ELW#886**

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Krista Keene

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr
Lector: Beth Martin Acolyte: Jacob Runkle Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant: Vivian Hesselbacher Communion Usher: Mike and Kelly Geiseman
Communion Set-up: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker Communion Asst: Shirley Fox, Marybeth Brinker
Elevator Operator: Donna Gullickson Sound System: Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker
Greeters: Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley Fox
Ushers: Mike and Kelly Geiseman, Andrew Martin, Tim Gordon

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 28th thru February 4th, 2018

Today	Worship Service Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Congregational Meeting	10:45 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho at Text Study	2:00 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service-Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance January 21st was 54

Total Offering 01/21/2018- \$3,156.00 Amount Needed \$2,627.06

Annual meeting today for Good Shepherd at 10:45am

Annual report is available at each entrance.

Updates on the Stubbs Family

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs’ family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>

Copy of the Sermon is Available

If you would like a copy of the sermon, please talk to the ushers or Pr. Miho.

Check Good Shepherd Facebook

and link to Lutheran World Relief to read article about Piece Corps Ministry

Souper Bowl of Caring February 4th

Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth led movement to feed people who are hungry. Our young members will help collecting money on Sunday February 4th. Donation will be distributed to Lena Food Pantry and ELCA World Hunger. Please share your love and make a difference.