

January 31st 2016 at 9:30 am 4th Sunday after Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

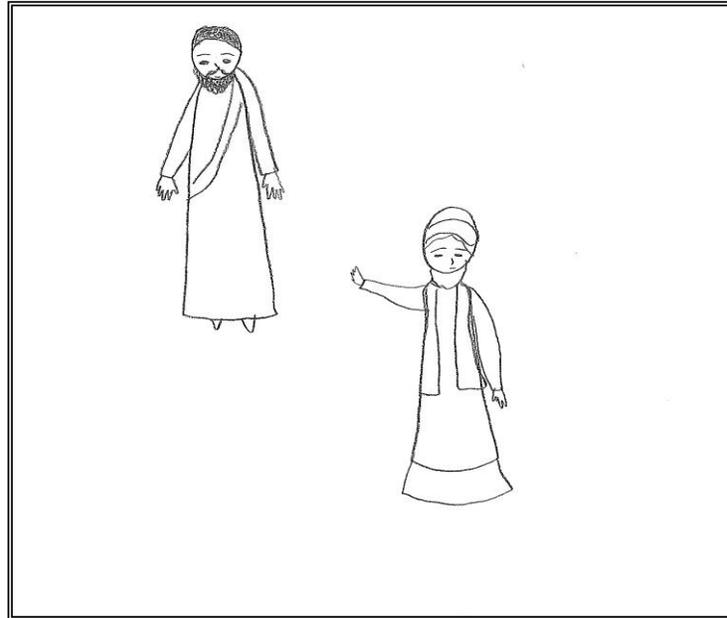
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Art by
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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

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 Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Shirley Fox
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Taylor Patterson	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Austin Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Denny Luke	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Jeremy and Cara Schriener
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Engle	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Beth Martin	<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Denny Luke
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler. Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Tony and Jackie Jordan, Darlene Aurand		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jeremy and Cara Schriener, Richard Freitag, Tim Gordon		

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –
ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

Announcements & Community Concerns

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of peace,

C: we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves.

**We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families,
violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts.**

In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you.

**Let peace reign over all the earth, through the
Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us,

God has given us grace upon grace:

forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,

love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:

in the name of † Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins.

Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW#661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

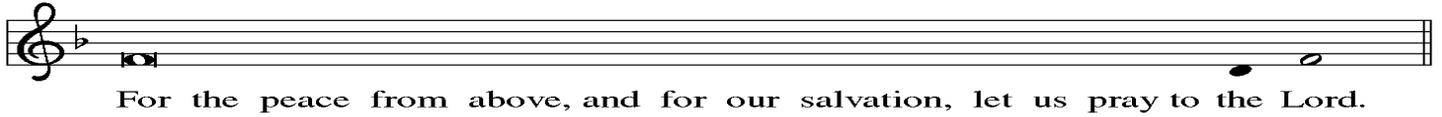
GREETING:

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 *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)



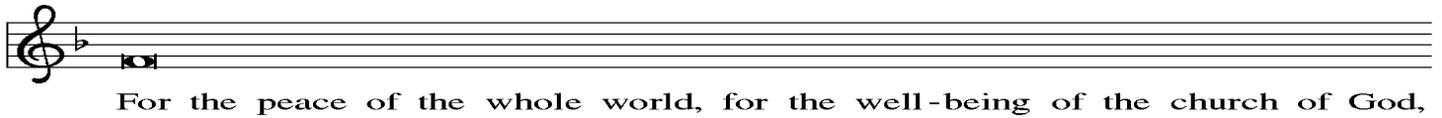
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



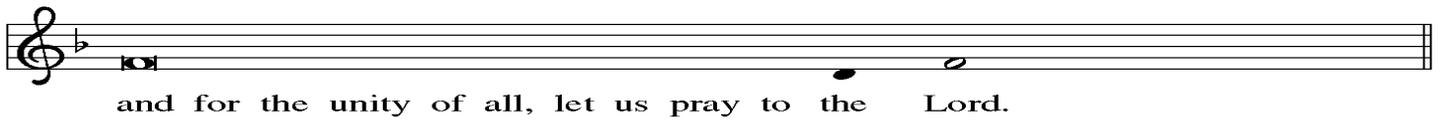
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



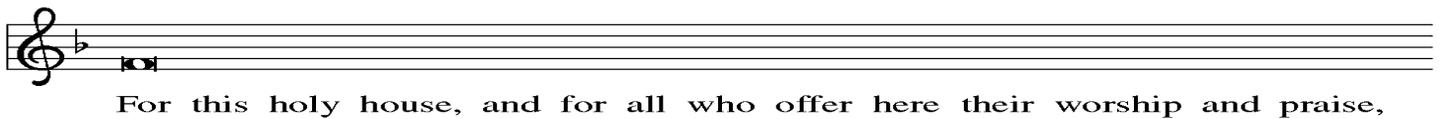
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



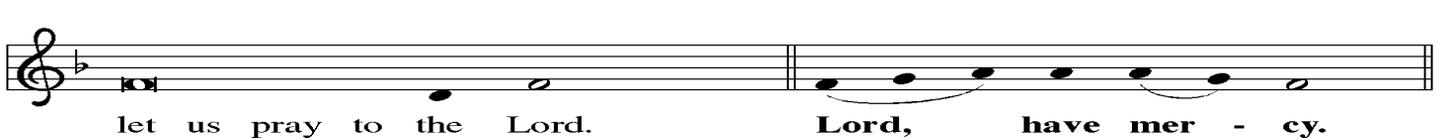
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



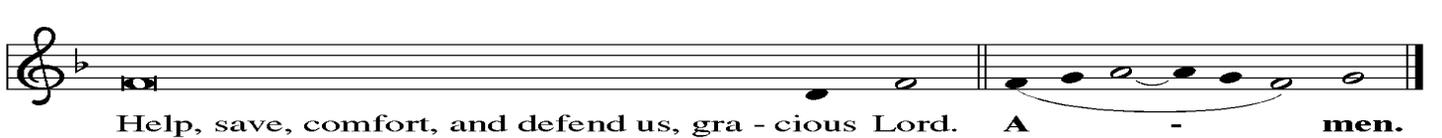
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE of PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray **C:** **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 71:1-6 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#71

¹In you, O LORD, have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from of the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

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

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;

¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I

know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. L: The word of the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

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 Luke 4:21-30 **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

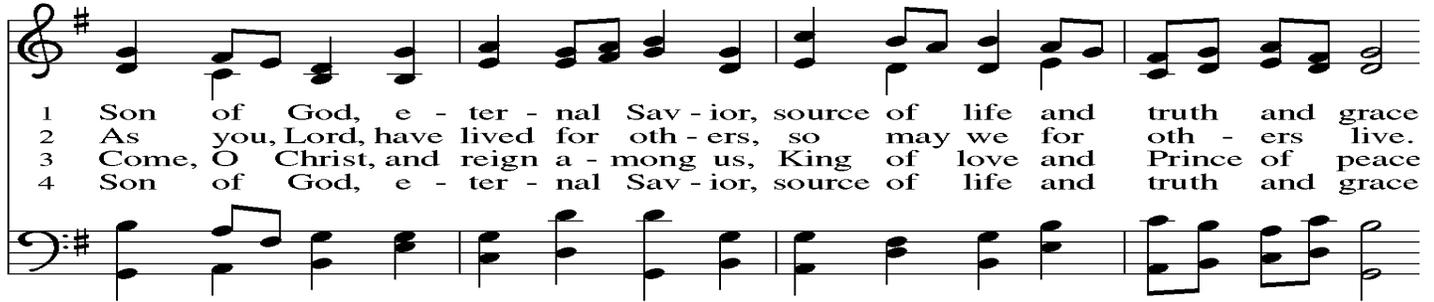
²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

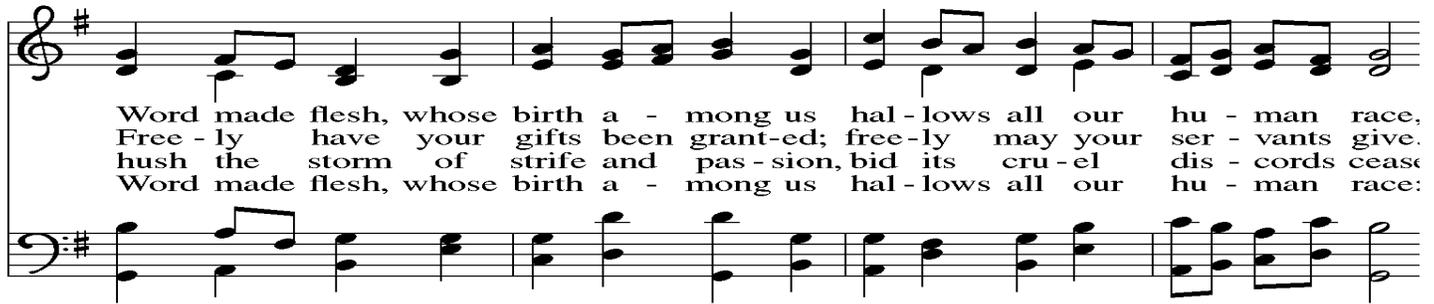
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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 OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Gathered as children of the same Lord, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *brief silence.*

WA: Make your church a prophetic voice for the voiceless, a bold witness of love to the neighbor, and a force for hope in all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Be with those whose homes, health, and hope are threatened. Especially those who are affected by the drastic downsizing of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Give strength to those who depend on the ministries of LSSI and comfort to the 750 who have been laid off. We would pray that our state leaders would work on a bi-partisan basis for the good of those in need. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Stir leaders of all nations to compassion and righteous anger in the face of injustice and lead them to rejoice in the truth that all people are beloved children of the Most High. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Grant patience, endurance, healing, and hope to all who are ill and those recovering. We pray especially for *Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, and Kelly Huneke.* Strengthen and encourage *Gladys Staderman, Dorothy Weimer.* Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Guide the ministries of this congregation. Curb our impatience, our envy, and our insistence on our own way, and give us patience, kindness, and love in service to others. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We give thanks for the faithful departed who have come to know the fulfillment of your promises. Strengthen us in faith, hope, and love until we join the saints in light. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERING PRAYER *(congregation stands)*

A: Let Us Pray. **C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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

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 here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). 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 wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW#154

Musical notation for the Communion Song "Lamb of God" (ELW#154). The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

BENEDICTION P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

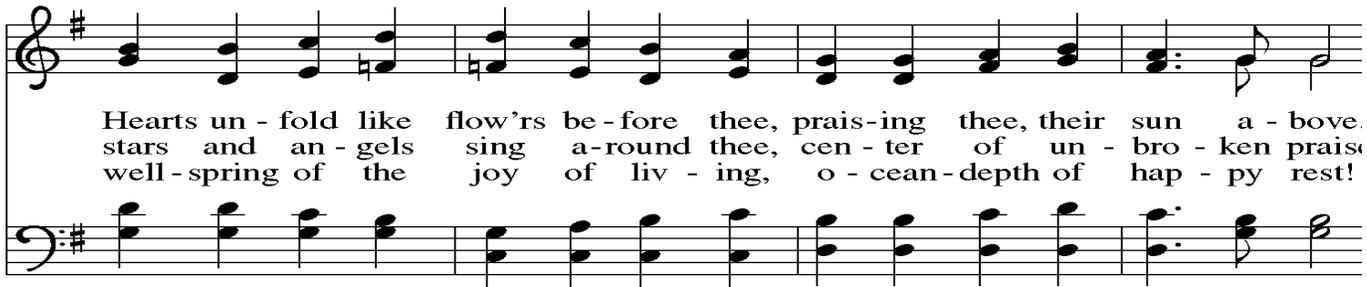
SENDING SONG

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW#836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken prais -
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL (*from back*)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 31st thru February 7th 2016

Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Annual Congregational Meeting	10:45 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Faith Circle at Lena Living Center	1:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle Meeting/Potluck at Good Shepherd	9:00 am
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance January 24 was 51

Total Offering January 24, 2016: \$1,614.50 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,691.39

Prayer Requests

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for, **Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, and Kelly Huneke** and homebound members **Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Wagner**.

Annual Congregational Meeting today January 31st, 2016 at 10:45 am

Capital Campaign Resolutions, Electing new Church Council members, Feedback on proposed revisions to Endowment Policy, Information on Safe Child Policy, Celebrating 2015 and planning for a new year of mission and ministry in 2016, Possible nominations for a Call Committee

The 2016 ANNUAL REPORT will be available for you to pick up at church Sunday January 24th. It will also be available at the annual meeting on January 31st. However, if you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office at 815-369-5552

"Souper Bowl" Sunday at Good Shepherd

The Youth Group of Good Shepherd are asking worshippers on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th to place a monetary donation in a large soup pot held by youth at each sanctuary exit. We will deliver 50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Winslow Food Pantry and 50% to the ELCA World Disaster Relief. 100% of the offering goes directly to the agencies designated. Help us tackle hunger in America!

Want to shake the winter blues?

How about a night out at the Crooked Roof in Lanark on February 19, 2016. Meet at the church at 5:15 pm to carpool to Lanark or meet us at the Crooked Roof at 6:00 pm. Sign up on the sheet on the ramp by February 14 so a reservation may be made. Questions? Talk to Wayne or Janis Kurth. Open to all ages!!!

Hannah Circle

will meet on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 9:00 am at church in Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck meeting, so there is no hostess. Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader

Afternoon Coffee Break sponsored by Lena Living Center

at the Lena Mercantile Eatery. 2 pm Wed. Feb 3rd. Program: What's new in lifelong learning. Come and enjoy a complimentary piece of pie and a beverage.