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January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9:30 am

Baptism of Our Lord

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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)*

**Karen Niemeier**

**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

## When Jesus Come to Jordan (Verses 1 &amp; 2)

ELW#305



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



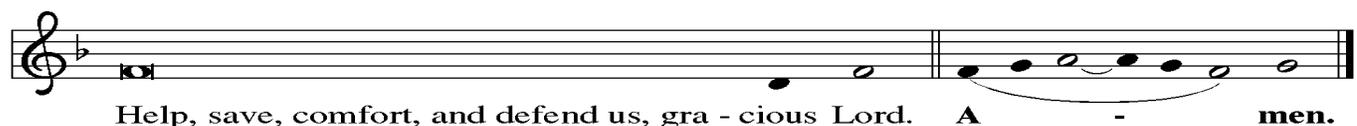
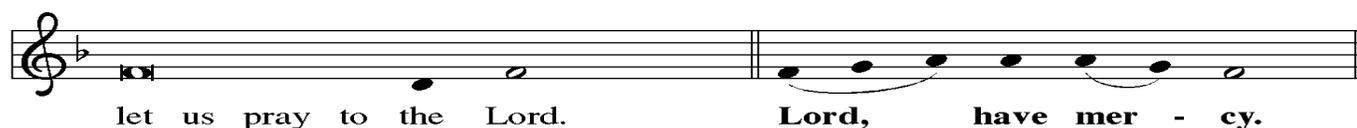
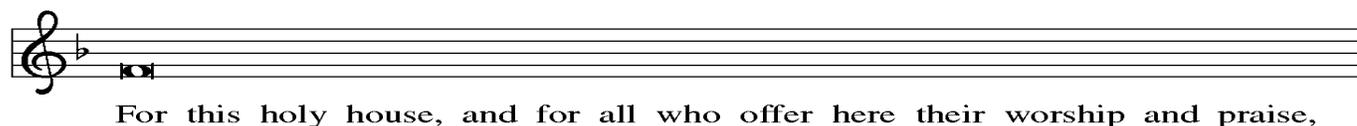
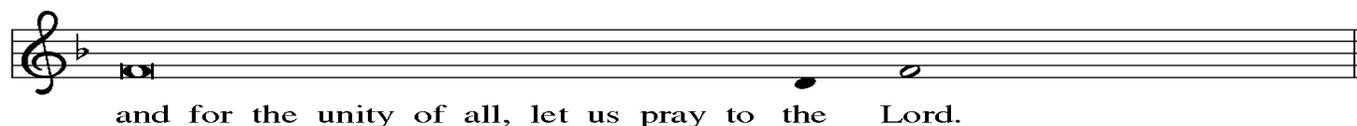
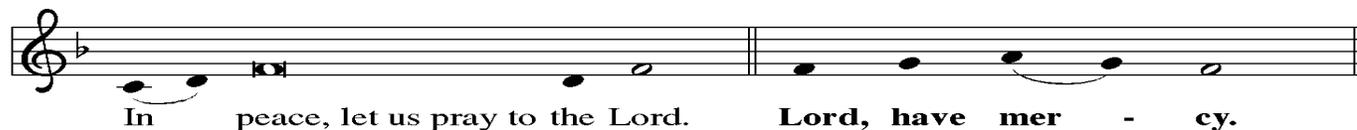
He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

**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:** **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them. 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 1:4-11 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Baptized and Set Free

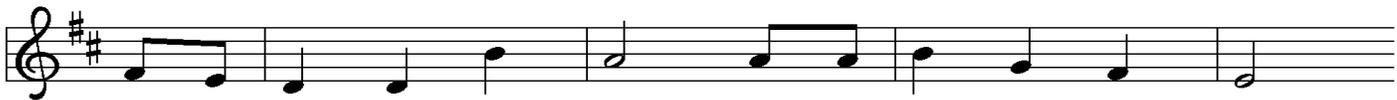
**ELW#453**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

**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 the church and the ministry of the baptized, that your Holy Spirit will teach all people to forgive sins, ending violence and ushering in peace throughout the world, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For the earth and all living things, for favorable weather, for plants and animals, that you will cause all creation to thrive in the care of good stewards, let us pray **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For the leaders of national and local governments, agencies, and organizations, for areas of the world suffering from war, that you will bless all people with plenty, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For the sick and suffering, the imprisoned and hungry, the lonely and grieving *especially* **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Susie Gordon, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Dale, Meghan, Lucille Diddens, Cathy, Sharon, Lucy and Lissa Heidenreich.**

Strengthen and encourage **Steve Fahr and Verl Price.** That Christ our great physician will soothe and console all in need, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For our local community, and for this congregation, that in our joys and sorrows we remember that we are God's beloved children, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith, both distant and near, who have taught us to believe the good news 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***“Wade in the Water”***Men’s Choir**

*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

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW#396

*Refrain*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *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  $\text{†}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

## Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW#304

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the and reign of heav'n, God's  
call signed, that to serve with free and will - ing heart, we may  
like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

**DISMISSAL (from the back)**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Karen Niemeier**

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**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: Wayne Kurth Acolyte: Ashtyn Brinker Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene

Worship Assistant: Sue Diddens Communion Usher: Virgil and Joanne Martin

Communion Set-up: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker Communion Asst: Jay and Michelle Andrews

Elevator Operator: Chris Brinker Sound System: Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker

Greeters: Darlene Aurand, Chris and Angie Brinker

Ushers: Claire and Helen Cross, Virgil and Joanne Martin

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****January 7<sup>th</sup> thru January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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| <b>Today</b>       | <b>Worship Service--“Baptism of Our Lord”-Holy Communion</b> | <b>9:30 am</b>   |
|                    | Fellowship   | 10:30 am         |
|                    | Sunday School  | 10:45 am         |
|                    | Choir Practice   | 11:00 am         |
|                    | Chime Practice   | 5:00 pm          |
| Monday             | Pastor Miho at FCTE at St. Paul, Dixon, IL                   | 10:00 am-2:00 pm |
|                    | Learning Committee Meeting                                   | 6:30 pm          |
| Tuesday            | Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center                              | 9:45 am          |
|                    | Pastor Miho at Text Study                                    | 2:00 pm          |
|                    | Council Meeting  | 6:30 pm          |
| Wednesday          | “Piece Corps” Quilting Group                                 | 8:00 am-11:30 am |
|                    | Confirmation Class   | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm  |
| Thursday           | Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment                        | 12:00 pm         |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | <b>Worship Service-Holy Communion</b>                        | <b>9:30 am</b>   |
|                    | Fellowship   | 10:30 am         |
|                    | Sunday School  | 10:45 am         |
|                    | Choir Practice   | 11:00 am         |
|                    | Chime Practice   | 5:00 pm          |
| Monday             | Worship Committee Meeting                                    | 6:30 pm          |

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Attendance December 24<sup>th</sup> was 57 - Total Offering 12/24/2017- \$4,373.61

Attendance Christmas Eve was 83 - Total Offering - \$1,506.00

Attendance Christmas Day was 9 – Total Offering was \$370.00

Attendance December 31 was 35

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**Hymn Sing**

Will be Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am at the Lena Living Center all are invited to come and sing and assist with helping the residents with the hymn books

**Friendship Club,**

All are invited to the Friendship Club Potluck January 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm noon luncheon and entertainment with Set Free-Butlers & Lloyd

**Annual meeting for Good Shepherd Jan. 28, 2018**

Annual report will be available for pick up at church from January 14<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you're not able to pick up a copy, call the church office at (815-369-5552) and one can be mailed to you.

**Copy of the Sermon is Available**

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

**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>

**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers would be appreciated to make visits or phone calls to shut-ins or home bound parishioners. Those interested are asked to contact Pastor.

Volunteers are also needed to operate the sound board for worship services. This is an adult position.

If interested please contact Troy Doubler or Wayne Kurth.

**Stewards in the Bible**

Who created the universe? Genesis says that God created the heaven and earth, birds and fish, cattle and creeping things, wild animals and humankind. All God's creations was GOOD in God's sight. Everything belongs to God, and God entrusted human beings to steward or to care for God's beautiful creation. We can find many faithful stewards in the Bible. Can you name some? Who are stewards in the Bible? Are there anyone in the Bible who worked as stewards? Look in the Bible. Answers will be next week.