
July 31st 2016 at 9:30 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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*

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.

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –
WOV SETTING 5- BREAD OF LIFE

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

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,
 abounding in steadfast love toward us,
 healing the sick and raising the dead,
 showering us with every good gift.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Just and gracious God,

C: we come to you for healing and life.

**Our sins hurt others and diminish us;
 we confess them to you.**

**Our lives bear the scars of sin;
 we bring these also to you.**

Show us your mercy, O God.

Bind up our wounds,

forgive us our sins,

and free us to love,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

P: The apostle Paul assures us:

“When we were dead in our trespasses,
 God made us alive together with Christ,
 nailing the record of our sins to the cross.”

Jesus says to you, † “Your sins are forgiven.”

Be at peace, and tell everyone
 how much God has done for you.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW#504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 *Stand*

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Ⓞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Ⓛ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Ⓞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Ⓜ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

C Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
I
II For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
C Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, **C:** Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. **L:** The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#33**

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your| steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

L: The 2nd READING is from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: Luke 12:32-40 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW#764

V1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

V3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

V2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!

V4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

WA: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need...

A brief silence

WA: O God, enliven the body of Christ with energy and creativity. Work through partnerships across towns, denominations, and ministry contexts, that Christ be shared with all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Guard your creation against greed and over-consumption. Restore polluted air and waters, protect animal habitats, and send new growth where it is needed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

WA: Break down barriers between neighborhoods, peoples, and nations. Sustain community leaders, legislators, volunteers, peacemakers, and all who seek the good of their communities.

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

WA: Soothe furrowed and fevered brows. Give energy and compassion to caregivers, those who sit at bedsides or wait by the phone. Comfort all in need of healing especially **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Carol Wybourn, Larry Huneke, Ellen Kyles, Mark Fulfs, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Sean, Thomas Lance, Troy Curtis, Tom Bedtka, Ray Handel, Barb, Chris Harbach, Connie Staderman and Marvin Kempel.** Strengthen and encourage **Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.** Love, comfort and Hope of Resurrection for the family and friends of Dorothy Wagner. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Inspire our congregation to live in the present moment, O God, and to trust in you. Guide us in the right path today as we meet with our pastoral candidate. Help us to discern that God is calling her to lead us at Good Shepherd. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We give thanks for those who have died recently and across the ages, and we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

“Special Music”

Tyger Johnson

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *Please stand*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer *(after acolyte presents offering at altar)*

A: Let us pray, C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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 (sung by all) 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, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING:

P: The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voi - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Let us pray, O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Bind Us Together

WOV#748

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
 with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us
 together, Lord: bind us together in love.

V2 You are the fam'ly of God.
 You are the promise divine.
 You are God's chosen desire,
 you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

V1 There is only one God.
 There is only one King.
 There is only one Body;
 that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

DIMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

C: Thanks be to God.

Tena Rackow

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**July 31st thru August 7th 2016**

Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Meet the Pastoral Candidate and Congregation Meeting	10:45 am
Monday	Learning Team Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
Next Sunday	Worship Service and Picnic in the Park	10:00am
	Potluck and Games	11:15am

Attendance July 24th was 52Total Offering July 24th, 2016: \$1,032.50 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,153.00**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<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>	Janis Kurth
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Taylor Patterson	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Denny Luke
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sheila Keene	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Wenzel	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Troy and Sheila Keene
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Austin Andrews, Eugene Hesselbacher		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Sue Diddens		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Willie Kayser, Donna Gullickson		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Darlene Aurand, Coralyn Hudik		

THANK YOU!** To Tyger Johnson for your special music this morningWORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK AUGUST 7th at 10am**Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck will be August 7th, 2016 at Dodd's Park in Lena.

Games for all ages following the potluck! Invite friends and neighbors to join you!

Please bring a dish to share as you are able. Rain location will be at Good Shepherd.

Today's favorite hymns are listed below with members' name for choosing them:*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God—Audrey Stees "It reminds me of Reformation."**Bind Us Together—Sue Diddens***Volunteers Needed for Custodian Work**

Good Shepherd is in need of a custodian or a custodial service. Until there is a new custodian or custodial service hired there is a need for volunteers to sign up to do the cleaning. Those who sign up can choose to sign up for half a month or for the full month. If you are interested in signing up the chart will be in the fellowship hall or you can call or email the office (815) 369-5552

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