
November 17th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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.

*This service will use a liturgy **ELW setting 10** (cranberry hymnal) in your pew.*



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Karen Niemeier

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.

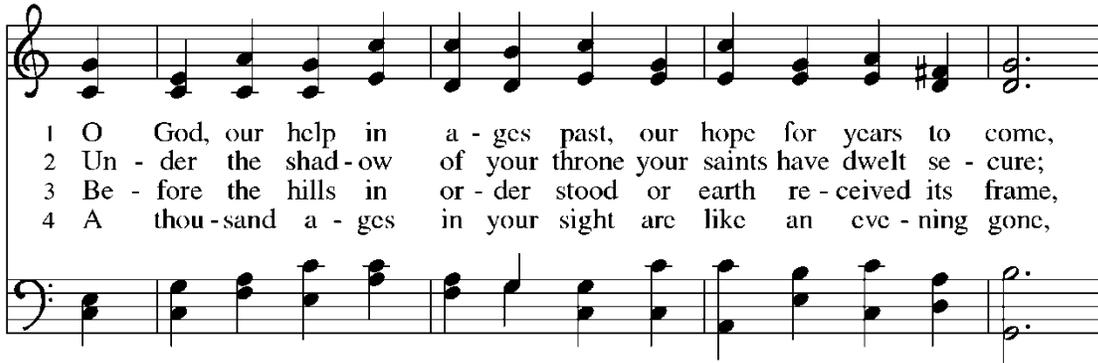
P: At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are † forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

C: Amen.

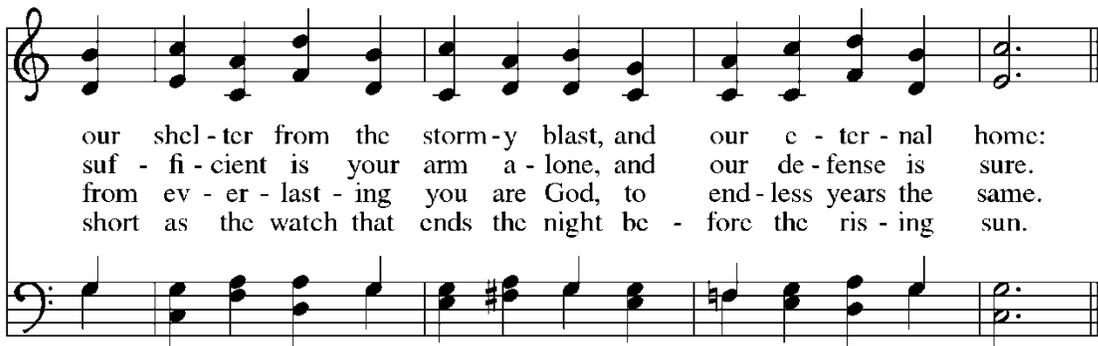


GATHERING HYMN "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"
(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)

ELW#632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

GREETING

ELW p.203

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

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through 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**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 4:1-2a**

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who fear God.

L: A reading from Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98 *(read responsively)*

A: ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: ²O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

A: ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: ⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

A: ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

C: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

A: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

A: ⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“ALLELUIA!”

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**GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19**

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Assembly may be seated.

SERMON**Pastor Miho Yasukawa**

HYMN OF THE DAY "CANTICLE OF THE TURNING" ELW#723

(Verse 1-All, verse 2-Men, verse 3-Women, verse 4-All)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Assembly may stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words 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: United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

WA: Faithful God, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as your beloved children. Strengthen us in time of uncertainty. Give us the wisdom to rely on your words. Encourage us to stand firm to proclaim your abounding love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God our joy, we give you thanks for newly installed pastors in our conference, Pastor Lisa and Pastor Bruce in Lord of Love in Galena, and Pastor Jim in Shepherds of the Hills in Scales Mound. Empower them with your Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God our ruler, you judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity. Grant perseverance to world leaders and elected officials, so that they never grow weary in doing what is right. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Gracious God, you offer peace to fearful hearts. Heal the hurts of all those who suffer injustice and persecution, those who spend months and years in prisons and in hospitals, and for anyone in need today *We pray especially for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Kris Sanders, Dan and Sue White, Irene, Pr. Charles Steinke, Jeff and Deb, and Paul Nelson.*** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish.** Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God our song, thank you for worship leaders, artists, and musicians who create works of praise and prayer, especially Anna, Karen, Tena, and Janis. We thank you for their leadership in worship, and empower them to lift up new voices and works of art among the assembly. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God our refuse, hear our cries, frustrations, and daily struggles. Show us your hope in times of despair and give us courage to live out in your love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Everlasting God, as we await the dawn of the new heaven and the new earth, we give thanks for your beloved who have died in Christ. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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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.

Assembly may be seated.

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!

CHIMES

"Give Thanks"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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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.

PREFACE

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

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****“LAMB OF GOD”**

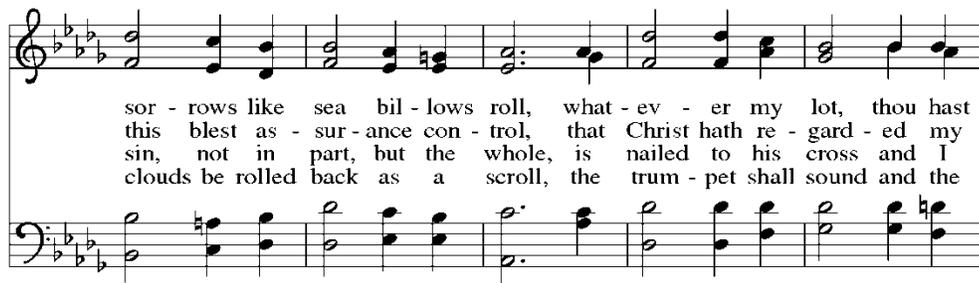
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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG “WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER: IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”
ELW#785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

Assembly may remain seated.

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: Let us pray.

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Assembly may stand.

BLESSING

P: Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, † comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"SOON AND VERY SOON"*

ELW#439

(*Our member's favorite hymn)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Karen Niemeier**

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Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow
Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Marybeth Brinker
Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant: Sheila Keene
Acolyte: Lucas Fye
Greeters: Jerry and Beth Martin,
Gary and Cynthia Boeke
Ushers: Denny Luke, Virgil Gordon,
Bari Raymer, and Tim Gordon

Communion Set-up: Bill and Jean Engel
Communion Assistant: Marybeth Brinker and Shirley Fox
Communion Ushers: Jerry and Beth Martin
Sound System: Troy Doubler and open
Elevator Operator: Anna Patterson

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**November 17th through November 24th, 2019**

Today:	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Confirmation Class	11:00am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Monday:	Property Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Pr Miho at Monroe Clinic advisory meeting, St. John’s, Lena	12:00pm-1:30pm
Thursday:	GS at Friendship Center Devotion & Desserts	1:00pm
Next Sunday:	Worship Service-Christ the King HAT Sunday	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	No Sunday School	
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: November 10th - 48

Total Offering 11/10/2019 - \$2316.00; amount needed -\$2278.03

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.

Today’s Sending Hymn “Soon And Very Soon” is our member’s favorite hymn.



Go and Cheer!

We, as the Good Shepherd family, will go and cheer our members! Here is upcoming schedule.

November 25 (Monday) Jr. High Boys Basketball game @ Lena, 5:30pm/6:30pm

December 2 (Monday) Jr. High Boys Basketball game @ Pearl City, 5:30pm

December 8 (Sunday) HCC Choral & Youth Holiday Concert @ Highland, 2pm

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

Reminder: The Lena Area Church Cooperative is accepting monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets in the fellowship hall. The last Sunday for donations is November 24th.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Fox or Mary Lloyd.

Thank you!

Mark 6:37 But Jesus said, "You feed them."

Wear Your HAT to the Church next Sunday

Next Sunday is Christ the King HAT Sunday. Put on your favorite hat to the church! We'll talk about Jesus and hats during service.

Poinsettia Order

Each year our chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas services. You may order poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Order must be placed by December 8th, and cost is \$12. Fill out the order form and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

Collection for the Veterans

In the month of November Lena Lions is collecting gloves, socks, stocking caps, and scarves for the veterans in our area. Collection box is in the Washington Street entrance. Your support will be appreciated. Please help our veterans those who have served.

The American Passion Play

Prince of Peace is planning a trip to see the "Passion Play" at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts, Bloomington, Illinois, on Saturday, 21 March 2020. We will be taking a bus, so seats will be limited to 40 – first come, first served. The cost is \$85.00 per person, which includes the bus with gratuity for the driver, ticket for the performance, and a buffet lunch. Reservations were due October 31st. If you are still interested in attending contact Prince of Peace at 815-232-2411 to check if there are seats still available on the bus. Friends are welcome.