

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.

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Time for reflection in silence

Karen Niemeier

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Stand*)

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

P: Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW#520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

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:

ELW p.138

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8 (Read responsibly)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels,

now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142

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 25:1-46

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Are Welcome

ELW #641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe-ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa-ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi-sions

live, a place where saints and chil-dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil-dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for-give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a-new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus-tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out-cast and the
 words with-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit-ness and as sym-bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je-sus, is re-vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im-age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-

Refrain
 Christ shall end di-vi-sions:
 claim the faith of Je-sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel-come,
 end to fear and dan-ger:
 claim from floor to raf-ter:

all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of 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: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

WA: Holy God, you pour out abundant grace to us. Fill your church with the awe and gratitude that is proper to your generosity, and lead us to praise you every day to give thanks for your glorious love. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Loving God, you are the source of life. Look with mercy on people in North and South Carolinas who are affected by Hurricane Florence, and our Indonesian sisters and brother who were hit by tsunami and are still experiencing aftershocks. Give them your strength to meet the days ahead. May they know your love and encourage us to be your hands and hearts on earth. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Rule the nations of this world with the same grace you employ to align planets, stars, and moons. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Deliver your care to your children who feel unworthy of care. Bend down low to lift up people who struggle to find others who will embrace them in time of need. We pray especially for. We pray especially for, **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Steve Fahr, Verl Price, Sheridan Brinker, Laura Derr, Lois Paulsen Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jean, Jon Forsythe Meghan, Tom Pye, Pam, Bruce, Diane, Darren, Bruce Johnson, Myron Coaty, Scott Bonnet, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson.** Surround them with your steadfast love and lighten their pains and burdens. Give strength and courage to **Fern Harnish** this week. We lift our prayers of peace, love, comfort and resurrection hope for family and friends of Eric Gustason. May you surround them with your compassionate arm.
Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Bring reconciliation among this community, our nation, and in our hearts. Bring healing to broken relationships. Help us to forgive each other as you have forgiven us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your unbreakable covenant. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

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: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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.

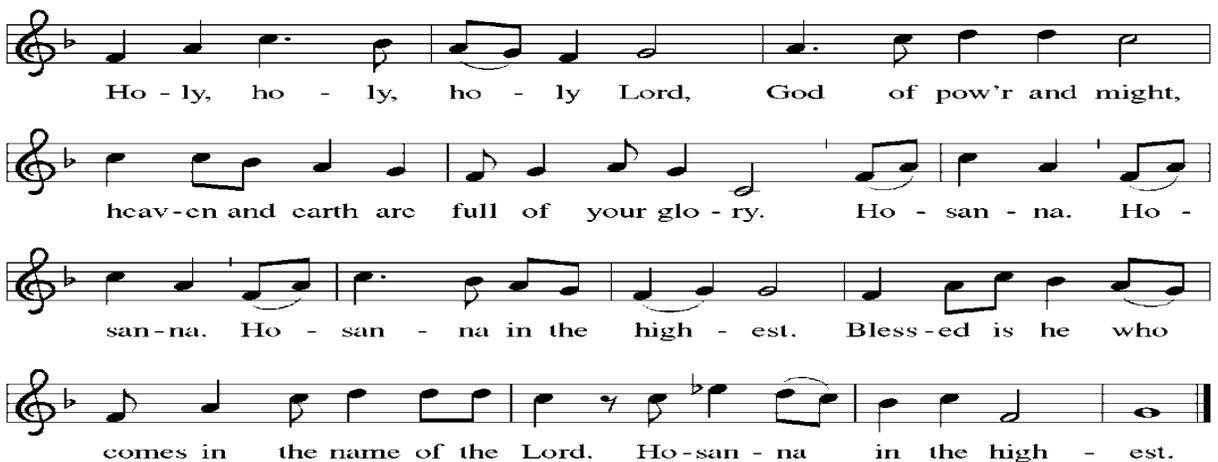
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p.144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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****ELW p. 146**

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**Blest Be the Tie That Binds****ELW #656**

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG**Now Thank We All Our God****ELW#840**

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es;
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en.

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next,
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE****Karen Niemeier**

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Today	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center Worship Service	2:30 pm
Monday	FHN Flu Shots	12:00pm-3:00pm
	Parkinson Support Group	1:30 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday	Friendship Club potluck luncheon/entertainment by Red Bird Country	12:00pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service-with Holy Communion	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest	11:00am-4:00pm
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance September 30 - 56

Total Offering 09/30/18 - \$2613.00 amount needed \$3845.87

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

The Children’s bulletin follows the Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle. They are available at both entrances

Photo Directory is HERE!

New photo directory is available for pick up. Contact the church office if you would like one to be mailed to you. Thank you.

FHN Flu Shots

On Monday, October 8th, from 12:00pm (noon) until 3:00pm, FHN will offer flu shots at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the High Dose shot this year will be \$62.00 for persons over 65 if not covered by Medicare Part B or Medicare Replacement Plan accepted by FHN. Persons under 65 will be given the Quadrivalent vaccine with an out of pocket cost of \$28.00. No insurance plan claims can be processed other than Medicare Part B or Medicare Replacement Plan.

Because so many participants are confused by the Medicare Replacement Cards versus Medicare Card, our Central Business office has requested that we make a copy of all available medical cards so that the appropriated charges can be made and third party payer identified at all locations possible. A picture ID will also be requested and copied. Medicaid restrictions preclude our acceptance of Medicaid at your location

Parkinson Support Group

The Parkinson Support Group will meet Monday, October 8th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

My Friend's Closet Thrift Store

We are dependent on volunteers. We are always in the position of looking for more willing hands. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping us at the store, please call Fawn Nolan at 815-369-4035 during the day. We are open 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday with extended hours on Wednesday evening until 8 p.m. We offer servant hours to students also. Check us out!

**September and October are Food Pantry Months**

The Hunger issue is complex. It is not simply an issue of lack of food. According to Church World Services (CWS) website, if women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million. It is important to raise awareness of hunger issues. Freeport is having a community-wide event called **CROP Hunger Walk on this Saturday, October 13** to raise funds and awareness of hunger in our world. It is free and open to anyone who would like to build a hunger-free world. Registration starts at 8am at Debate Square, and opening ceremony begins at 9am. If you cannot participate in walk, remember the walkers in your prayer. Together we work for Ending Hunger One Step at a time.

Devotion Books

The October issue of Pockets and the October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful ways to growing our faith. Take one home today!

NEXT Sunday: Save the Date: Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest

Next Sunday, October 14th, is family outing to LOMC. We will leave after Sunday worship to go to LOMC. We'll have lunch, wagon ride, pumpkin carving and fun at LOMC. Event is free, and travel permission form and schedules are available. Please talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho.

Ladies Day Out

Ladies Day Out will be on November 17th from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Lena Elementary School. 9:00am-12:00pm will be breakfast with Santa. Free admission, door prizes.

Friendship Club This Thursday

Friendship Club is an ecumenical group meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall for potluck luncheon and entertainment. This month's entertainment is by Red Bird Country. Potluck luncheon starts at 12pm. All are welcome.

Let Us Know

If youth or adults in the Good Shepherd family are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide a schedule to the church office by Tuesday morning so that we can include it in the following Sunday's bulletin.