

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

Karen Niemeier

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

MEN'S CHOIR

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, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Lift High the Cross (Verses 1&2)

ELW#660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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: **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9 (Psalm will be chanted)

¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
²**for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.
⁴**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”
⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.
⁶**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;**
I was brought low, | and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.
⁸**For you have rescued my | life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;
⁹I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it

stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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.

GOSPEL: according to Mark 8:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW# 798

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence

WA: Gracious God, you call your church to embody the love you have shown us. Raise us up each day to bear witness against sin, death, and the grave.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Creative God, quarks and galaxies bear witness to your imagination. Inspire scientists, naturalists, and conservationists who work to conserve precious natural resources. Grant us the wisdom to be good keepers of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Sovereign God, you bless citizens with the gifts of reason and perseverance. Embolden people around the world to seek the common good, to serve their neighbors, and to delight in freedom. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Loving God, you bless us with an abundant world. When your children wander homeless, hungry, and naked, strengthen us to be your presence as we care for all those in need pray especially for, **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Laura Derr, Lois Paulsen, Steve Fahr, Verl Price, Sheridan Brinker, 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 and Roy Watson.**

Strengthen and encourage **Fern Harnish.**

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Welcoming God, thank you for this congregation where we have found a home. Make us restless as we seek new and creative ways to expand our loving invitation to all people who seek a community. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **C: Amen**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

“My God and I”

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: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

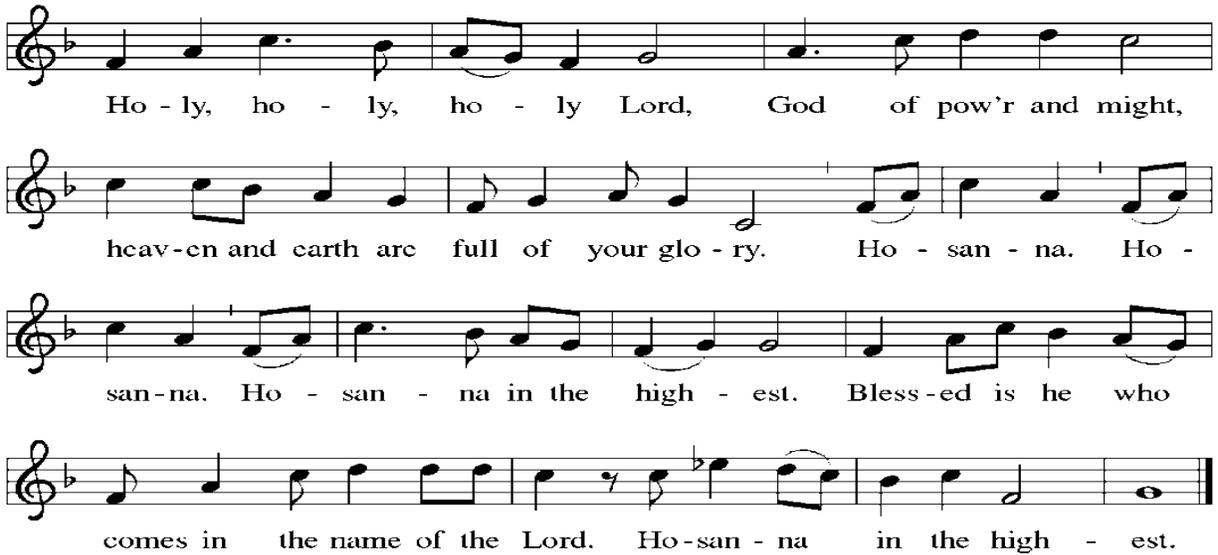
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...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**

ELW p.145

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 return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



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

Walk in the spirit of love □

1. Walk
 2. Live in the spir - it of love;
 3. Serve

Walk
 Live in the
 Serve

spir-it of love; love one an - oth-er as

Je-sus loves you, Walk
 Live in the spir-it of love.
 Serve

Words: Ed Seabough
 Music: Mark Blankenship
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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 God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

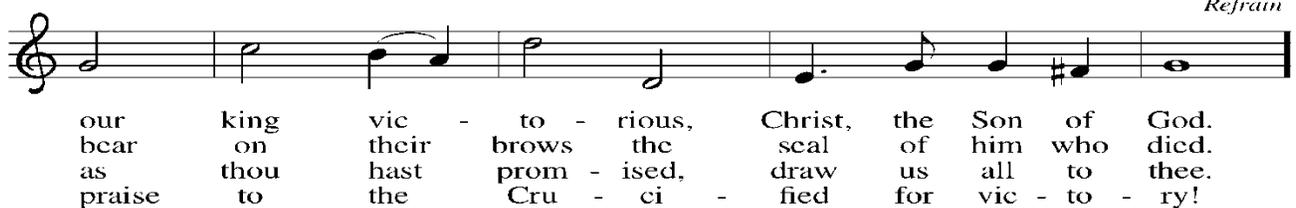
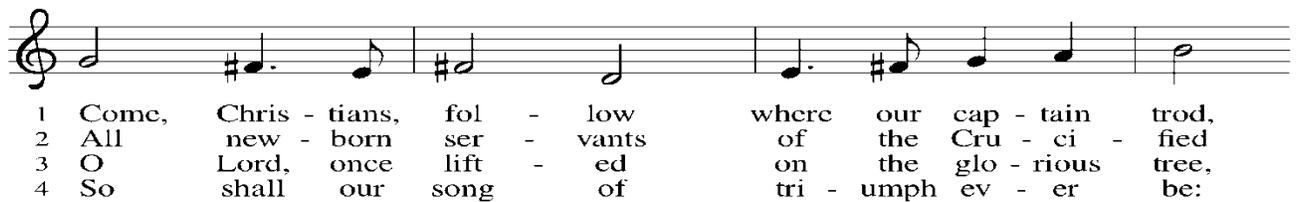
C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross (Verses 3 & 4)

ELW#660

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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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- Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30am
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions & Dessert	1:00pm
Saturday	Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry	
	Pre-Rally Day Fun	9:00am-11:00am
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Rally Day	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance September 9 - 51

Total Offering 09/09/18 - \$921.00, amount needed \$3473.52

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

Children’s bulletin follows Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.

They are available at the both entrances.

Stephen MinistryStephen Ministry is a half-day workshop on Saturday, September 22nd from 9:00am-1:00pm, check in begins at 8:00am. The workshop will have three sessions. Session one; Ministering to those experiencing grief,

Session two; Introduction to Stephen Ministry and Session three; How to care in a distinctively Christian Way. The workshop will be held at the Sugar River United Methodist Church, 415 Verona Ave. Verona, WI

53593 Cost will be \$15.00 per person or \$50.00 per congregation (four or more). To register visit

www.stephenministry.org/workshop of call Stephen Ministries at (314)428-2600

Pre-Rally Day Fun

Do you like bake cookies? Come to help bake cookies, cook taco meat, set up Giant Jenga for Rally Day. We will meet on this Saturday, September 22nd 9am-11am.

Chime Rehearsal Resumes TODAY

Chime choir rehearsals will resume on September 16th at 5pm.

Choir is back. If you would like to sing or make a joyful noise in harmony to praise God, come and join.

Mobile Food Pantry Tuesday

Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry will be returning to Lena on Tuesday, September 18th, from 4 pm-6 pm at the Le-Win Food Pantry at 130 ½ West Main Street. This is open to anyone who is an Illinois residence.

Bring bags, ID, and friends.



September and October are Food Pantry Months



Le-Win Food Pantry is partnered with Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide nutritious food to our community. The Northern Illinois Food Bank provides nearly 66 million meals every year, and they also raise awareness of hunger issues in our area. To learn more about hunger issues, consider coming to the Mobile Food Pantry on September 18th (Tuesday) from 4:00pm- 6:00pm at the Le-Win Food Pantry at 130 ½ West Main Street. You will see and experience how the Northern Illinois Food Bank provide food to every corner of Northern Illinois. Mobile Food Pantry is open to anyone who is an Illinois resident. Come, learn and take a part to feed people in our community.

Let Us Know

If youth or adults in 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 in the following Sunday's bulletin.