

September 22nd, 2019 at 9:30 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

118 E. Mason, Lena, IL 61048

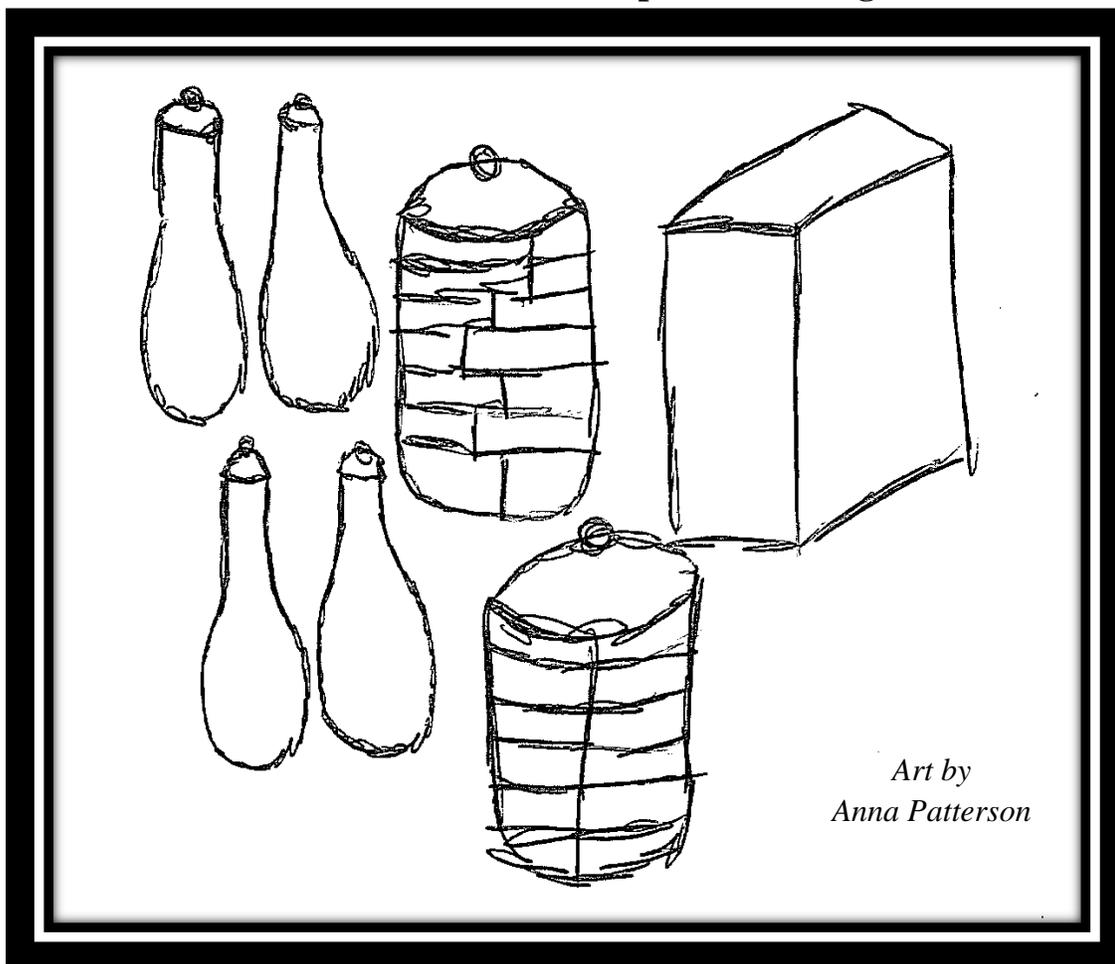
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

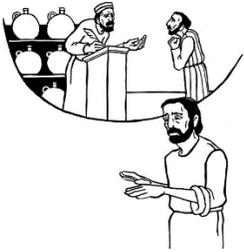
Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

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.*



As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Tena Rackow

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C: Amen.

P: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our helper,

C: we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

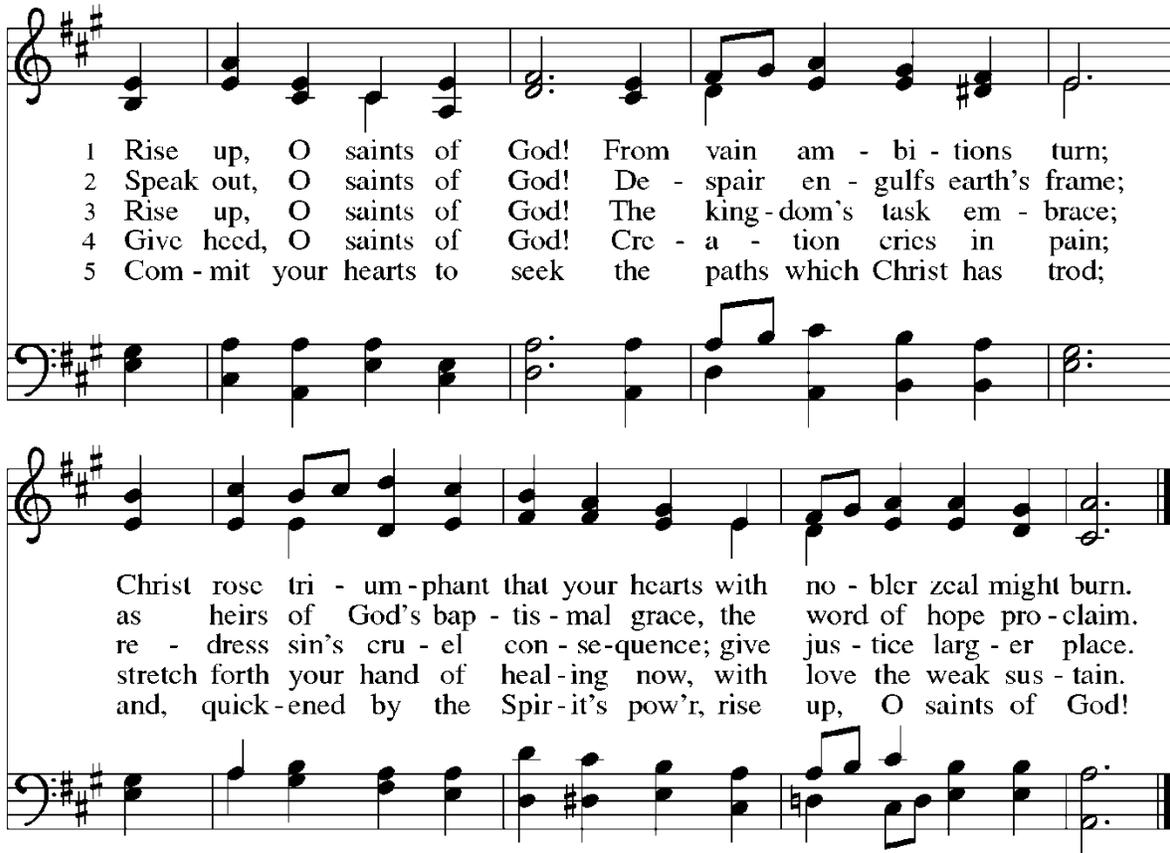
C: Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

"RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!"

ELW#669



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

GREETING

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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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, 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: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

L: A reading from Amos.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

PSALM: Psalm 113 (read responsively)

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes.

A: ¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: ²Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

A: ³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised

C: ⁴The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

A: ⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

C: ⁶but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?.

A: ⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

C: ⁸enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people

A: ⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children Hallelujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"ALLELUIA!"

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GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

Assembly may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, surc.
an - ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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

WA: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Faithful God, you call your church to serve you. Free your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Creating God, you have made all kinds of creatures. Protect animals in the midst of seasonal migration, whether by water, through the air, or over land. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Wise God, you rule the nations. When the powerful trample on the needy and take advantage of the poor, turn them from their selfish ways. Show us your ways of truth that lead to justice. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Healing God, you raise up those who have been brought low, and you remember the forgotten. We lift up to you all who are in need *especially Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Lois Paulsen, Jerry, Charmaine Magee, Sheridan Brinker, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, , Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Kayla Gobeli, Brenda Larson, Lori, J.T., Joyce Scholl, Kris Sanders, Dan and Sue White, and our friends in Pine Ridge community, those who are affected by gun violence, and those who are impacted by natural disaster.* Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish**. Grant them joy and comfort in your presence. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Mothering God, you give us life. Give strength to families experiencing infertility or challenging pregnancies, to foster parents, parents of adopted children, single parents, and families of all varieties Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA Eternal God, you hold us close even in death. We lift to you our thanks for those who have recently died and are now at rest with you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We give thanks for the beloved sheep of your fold who have died and who now find life in your eternal glory. Embrace us as we hope and rejoice in your unfailing redemption. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

P: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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!

CHOIR ANTHEM**"DON'T BE WORRIED"**

Assembly may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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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P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

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”

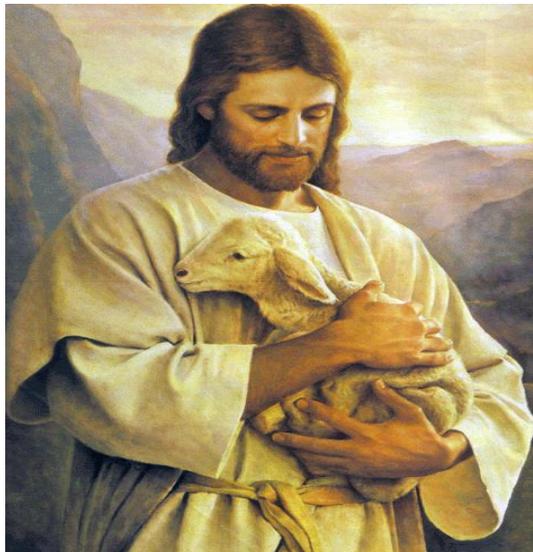
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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



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 HYMN "TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE" ELW#685

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

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.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received:

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Assembly may stand.

BLESSING

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Tena Rackow

Lector: Michelle Andrews

Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews

Acolyte: Ethan Fye

Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle

Communion Set-up: Sheila Keene

Communion Asst: Marybeth Brinker and Beth Martin Communion Usher: Chris and Angie Brinker

Sound System: Wayne Kurth and open

Greeters: Jerry and Beth Martin, Sheila Keene, Krista Keene

Ushers: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Bill and Jean Engel

Elevator Operator: Troy Keene

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**September 22nd through September 29th, 2019**

Today: Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30am

Fellowship

10:30am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Confirmation Class

11:00am

Choir Practice

11:00am

Chime Practice

5:00pm

Tuesday: Go & Cheer! Jr. High Football game @ Lena

5:30pm

Wednesday: “Piece Corps” Quilting Group

8:00am-11:30am

Next Sunday: GRACE Worship

Fellowship

10:30am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Choir Practice

11:00am

Chime Practice

5:00pm

Attendance: September 15th-57

Total Offering 09/15/2019 - \$1505.00; amount needed -\$3045.95

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.

How Agrace Can Help

On September 27th, 2019, Harmony United Methodist Church will host, “How Agrace Can Help” from 10 am-noon. At 10am the speaker will explain differences between hospice and palliative care, what makes a person eligible for services and how Agrace can help. At 11am, there are two sessions to choose from, A: Advance Care Planning: Making decisions about the kind of care you would want if you could not speak for yourself, or, B: Caregiver burnout; how to balance caregiving and your own personal/emotional care. Harmony United Methodist Church is located at 2600 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL.

Chop Chop!: Lumberjack Day at LOMC

If you have experience with a wood splitter or chainsaw, LOMC can use your help on Saturday, September 28. Non-cutting projects available too! The Event starts at 9am. For more information and to register: <http://lomc.org/lumberjack-day/>

Next Sunday: GRACE Worship

Our next GRACE Worship will be Sunday, September 29th. Service will have contemporary Christian songs. This is a good opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to the worship service

Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest

Good Shepherd Family outing will be Saturday October 12th. We will go to LOMC Autumn Fest and Quilt Auction. There will be 5k Fun Run/Walk, Apple Cider Pressing, Pumpkin Carving, Hiking, Fishing, Lunch, silent auction, and more. We will meet at church at 9am for carpool. Cost is Free. If you have questions, talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho. Hope to see you all.



Go and Cheer!

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

September 24th (Tuesday) Jr. High Football game @ Lena, 5:30pm

October 3rd (Thursday) 5th and 6th grade Volleyball game @ Lena, 6:00pm

October 10th (Thursday) Flag Football games @ Lena, 6:30pm

Pick up the cheering gear at church.

If you know upcoming games/meet/concert/etc., please let the church office know.

Postponed: Hawks Mill Winery outing

Originally Hawks Mill Winery outing was scheduled on September 28th, but it is postponed till later date. Please watch October Newsletter and bulletins for the new date.

NIS 2019 Fall Gatherings

Bishop Jeffrey Clements invites you to one of three gatherings around the synod this fall to join in a continuing conversation together about the synod's new mission statement and corresponding synod goals. Your input is vital as we discern how we will best walk together and live out this mission and these goals at the synod level and in your congregations.

- Sunday, October 6, 2019, at St Mark Lutheran Church, Rockford, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3, 2019, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock Island, 2:00-3:30 pm.
- Sunday, November 17, 2019, at New Life Lutheran Church, Bolingbrook, 2:00-3:30 pm

September and October are Food Pantry Months

Bring your donation to the food pantry boxes (located at each entrance) or the table in the Sanctuary.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. (Please mark on the envelope FOOD PANTRY and place it in the offering plate.) Current needs are: **laundry soap, dish soap (smaller sized), and personal hygiene products: toothpaste, bar soap, shaving needs, toilet paper.**