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September 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 9:30 am "God's Work Our Hands." Sunday

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***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.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –  
ELW SETTING 10**

**PRELUDE***(A time for prayer and reflection)***Tena Rackow****Announcements & Community Concerns****CHIME CHOIR***“Here I Am, Lord”***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: oceans and seas, lakes and rivers, streams and ponds, nourishing our land, watering the plants, giving life to us. **C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.**

P: Your waters are a gift to us: nourishing the Israelites in the desert, offering healing at the pools of Bethesda and Siloam, proclaiming Jesus beloved in the waters of the Jordan.

**C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.**

P: Your waters are a gift to us: drowning us in baptism, washing away our death, calling us to the work of reconciliation.

**C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.**

P: Your waters are a gift to us: soothing our thirst for justice and peace at home, in our community, and around the globe; carrying us forward to our thirsting neighbors in need.

**C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.**

P: Continue to fill us with your love that our lives may proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## Lord of Light (Verses 1 &amp; 2)

ELW#688

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

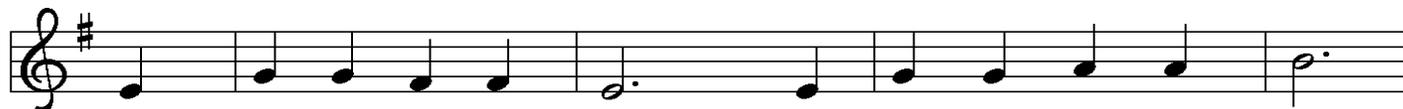
*Refrain*

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

## 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



- 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.

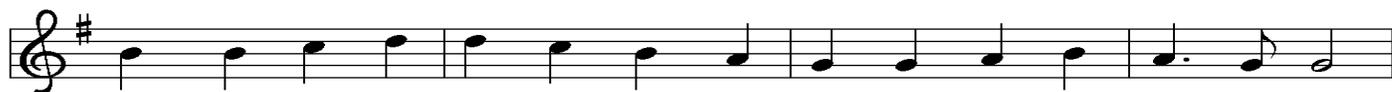


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray. **C:** Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Jonah 3:10--4:11

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.<sup>4:1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die."<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:1-8** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#145

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

**<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

**<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

**<sup>6</sup>They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as

well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand as you are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 20:1-16C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**God Work. Our Hands Video**

**LSSI PRESENTATION**

Robert Coffey

## HYMN OF THE DAY

As Saints of Old

ELW#695

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;  
 3 In grat-i-tude and humble trust we bring our best to-day

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of-fer-ing to God, that all may live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

so we to-day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God, who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 teach us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

**APOSTLES' CREED** *Please Stand*

**A:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence*

WA: Let us pray for the church and its ministry. Unite us in one Spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God who stretched the spangled heavens, we thank and praise you for the gift of the sun, moon, stars, mountains, valleys, grasslands, and deserts. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of great mercy and love, you show faithfulness and kindness to the world every day. Guard those who suffer because of dishonest policies, corrupt government, or unfair labor practices. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God, you provide for all our needs. We pray for those who are homeless, jobless, or hopeless. We pray for those who are forgotten, ignored, or isolated. We pray for all in any need *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Lee Wenzel, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Steve, Elsie Meier, Linda and Dale.* Strengthen and encourage **Steve Fahr and Verl Price.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for our congregation and our neighborhood. Accompany us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Give us joy in the present and hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of humble service, strengthen the outreach and social justice work of our congregation, synod, and church wide ministries especially ministries of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Bless our hands as we use them to care for others in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of endings and beginnings, we remember before you all the faithful departed. Comfort those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

**OFFERING**

**Tena Rackow**

*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.

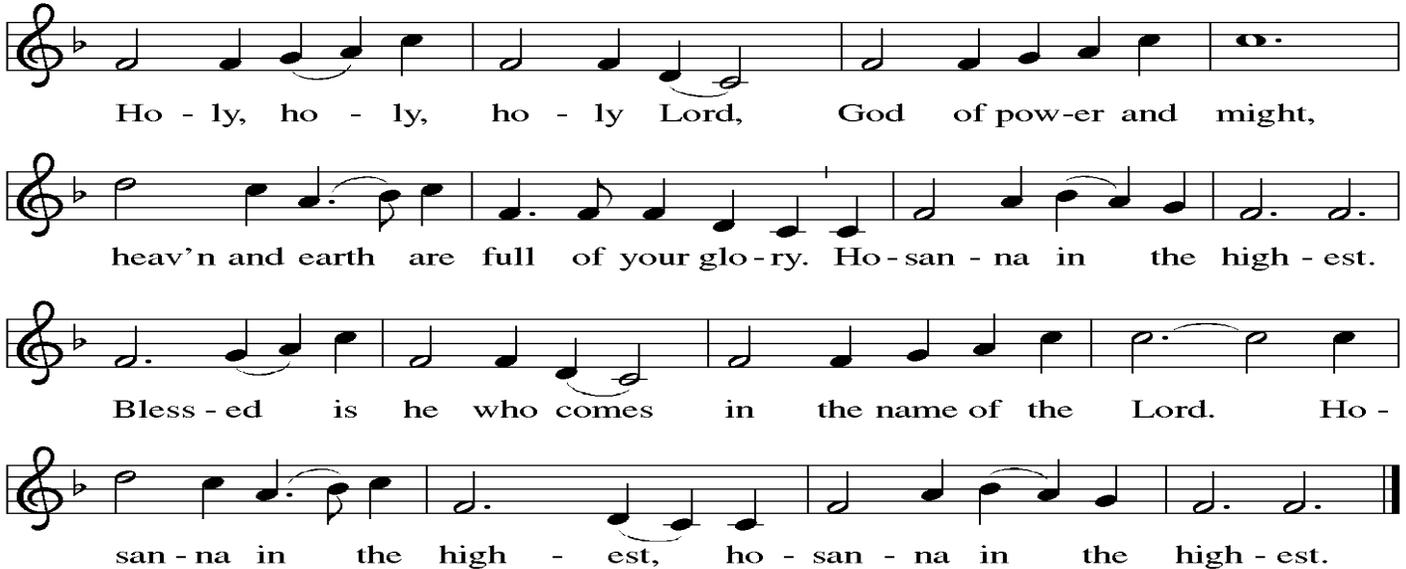
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
 As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion —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. Please 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 returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*



**LAMB OF GOD**

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 Morning Gilds the Skies **ELW#853**

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| <p>1 When morning gilds the skies,<br/>         my heart awaking cries:<br/>         may Jesus Christ be praised!<br/>         When evening shadows fall,<br/>         this rings my curfew call:<br/>         may Jesus Christ be praised!</p> <p>2 When mirth for music longs,<br/>         this is my song of songs:<br/>         may Jesus Christ be praised!<br/>         God's holy house of prayer<br/>         has none that can compare<br/>         with "Jesus Christ be praised!"</p> <p>3 No lovelier antiphon<br/>         in all high heav'n is known<br/>         than "Jesus Christ be praised!"<br/>         There to the eternal Word<br/>         the eternal psalm is heard:<br/>         oh, Jesus Christ be praised!</p> | <p>4 Let all of humankind<br/>         in this their concord find:<br/>         may Jesus Christ be praised!<br/>         Let all the earth around<br/>         ring joyous with the sound:<br/>         may Jesus Christ be praised!</p> <p>5 Sing, sun and stars of space,<br/>         sing, all who see his face,<br/>         sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"<br/>         God's whole creation o'er,<br/>         today and evermore</p> |
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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:** Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING P:** The Creator who forms you anew, The Christ who sets you free The Spirit who draws you one to another, One God, Bless you in your service to others, Bless you in your rest and renewal, Bless you today, tomorrow, and forever. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING 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.

**DISMISSAL** (*from the back*)

**A:** In Christ there is a new creation! See, everything has become new! Go forth to love and serve in Christ's name. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****Tena Rackow**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Pastor:** Pastor Miho Yasukawa **Missionaries to Tanzania:** Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

**Pianists:** Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker **Organist:** Karen Niemeier **Choir Dir. /accomp:** Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

**Lector:** Kristy Patterson **Acolyte:** Ethan Fye **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Kurth

**Worship Assistant:** Sue Diddens **Communion Usher:** Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon

**Communion Set-up:** Kristy Patterson **Communion Asst:** Marybeth Brinker, Beth Martin

**Elevator Operator:** Donna Gullickson **Sound System:** Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews

**Greeters:** Chris and Angie Brinker, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker

**Ushers:** Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon, Larry Fulfs, Jim Swain

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****September 24<sup>th</sup> thru October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday</b>	
	Divide into Serving Teams	10:30 am
	Arrive at Service Sites	11:00 am
	Lunch at Lena Living Center	12:00 pm
	Worship Service	2:30 pm
	Dessert, Prayer, and Sharing	3:00 pm
Monday	Property Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service–Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Rally Day/Bible Sunday &amp; Teacher Installation</b>	
	Gather in the Sanctuary	10:45am
	Family Carnival	11:00am
	Meal together with volunteers and families	11:45am

Attendance September 17<sup>th</sup> was 63

Total Offering 9/17/2017 - \$1,098.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$1,949.41

*Thank you to Robert Coffery from Lutheran Social Services of Illinois for their message this morning*

**September & October are Food Pantry months**

The Lena Food Pantry serves residents in the Le-Win and Orangeville School Districts. Donations of food, hygiene products, and paper products can be placed in the Food Pantry boxes and on the table in the sanctuary. Donations will be bagged and delivered to the Food Pantry by our Confirmation Students.

**Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> Rally Day and Teacher Installment**

The first day of **Sunday School!** Meet your new Sunday School leaders! Gather in the Sanctuary at 10:45am for the start of Sunday School and meeting your new teachers. At 11:00am we will have a family carnival with games, music, and treats! We will gather for a meal together with volunteers and families at 11:45am. Sunday School Registration forms are available in Newsletter and also under bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

If your child is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older and does not have a Bible, contact the church office at 815-369-5552.

**Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group**

HEAL Grief and Education group offers sessions open to anyone 18 yrs and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supportive setting. Our six-week series will begin Wednesday evening September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm (9/27, 10/4, 10/11). We will meet at the St. Camillus Center 2101 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe WI 53566.

To register or obtain more information please call Monroe Clinic Hospice at (608) 324-1230 or (800) 367-8406. Registration can also be done online at [www.monroeclinic.org](http://www.monroeclinic.org).

There is no charge for these sessions.

**Lutheran Disaster Response HURRICANE HARVEY**

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, and was one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper response, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response-United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and more like it.

Lutheran Disaster Response Forms are available at both entrances.

**Singers needed for Synod-wide Reformation Ordination Worship and Celebration**

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, and we as Lutherans will honor this important occasion on Sunday, October 29 with a special synod-wide Reformation Ordination Worship and Celebration (<http://nisynod.org/nis-reformation-ordination-worship-and-celebration-october-29/>). This service will take place at 4:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church (607-10<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in Mendota, IL.

All singers are invited and encouraged to sing in the festival choir. The rehearsal will begin at 2:30pm in the sanctuary. Please let me know if you plan to participate.

Martin Luther had a profound impact on our worship, and being a musician himself, he knew the value and importance of music in worship. I am looking forward to directing the choir, and I hope that you will consider singing in the festival choir for this exciting event.

Additional information for this event is on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in singing for this event or need more information please contact:

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**Cookies needed for the After School Program**

Good Shepherd is providing 10 dozen cookies for After School Program on October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, please sign up the sign-up sheet at the ramp. Thank you for your support.