

September 13th 2015 at 9:30 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by
Anna Patterson

*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

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 Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Tena Rackow
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Coltin Coonts	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Denny Luke
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Janis Kurth	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Sharon Schlachter	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Paul and Shirley Fox, Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens, Willie Kayser		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Wayne Kurth, Richard Freitag		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Sue Diddens, Shirley Fox		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Donna Gullickson		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

September 13th thru September 20th 2015

Today	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Parkinson Support Group	6:30 pm
	Pastor Miranda at Grace Place Board Meeting	4:00pm-10:30pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miranda leads devotions at Friendship Center	1:30 pm
	Mutual Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Confirmation with youth and parents	6:30pm-8:00pm
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Good Shepherd leads worship service at Lena Living Center	2:30 pm
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance September 6th was 56

Total Offering for September 6, 2015: \$3,399.75 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,037.55

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *Ellen Kyles, Ray Stamm, Brian Albrecht, Bob Lyvers, Gerry Harnish, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Sue, Kim, Katy Lartz, Lana, Chris Tippett, Robert Heller & homebound members Verl Price and Steve Fahr.*

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –
ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE (*A time for prayer and reflection*)

Tena Rackow

Announcements & Community Concerns

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Please stand*)

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

Gather Us In

ELW#532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, C: bold print)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



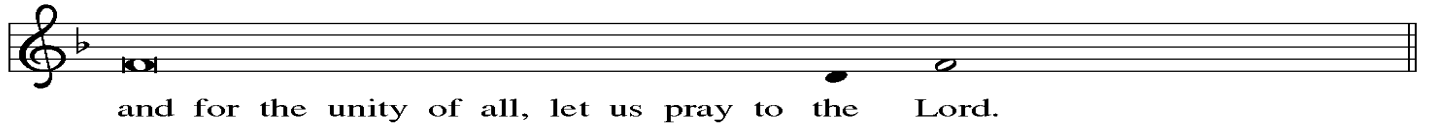
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



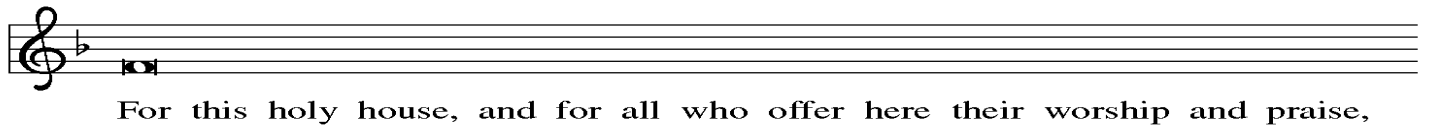
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



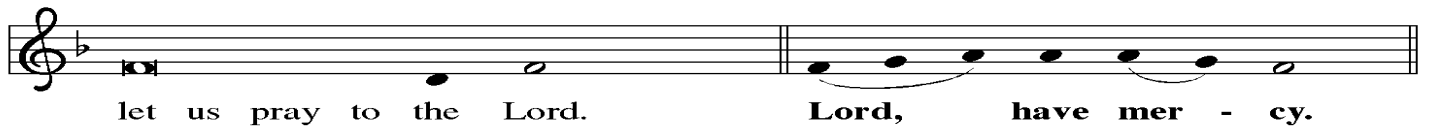
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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** (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from 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!**

Psalm 116:1-9 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#116**

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the Lord has given ear to me whenever 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 over 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.

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

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.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 8:27-38 **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

SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

ELW#581



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 “I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
all will know my name. *To refrain*
up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.” *To stanzas 3 and 4*

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

WA: With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *brief silence.*

WA: O God, we pray for the church throughout the world, that it not be found wanting or ashamed of its mission. Each day, inspire the church to continue to pick up the cross of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for places affected by storms, floods, and forest fires. Grant safety to those who rescue and repair, and hope to those whose families, homes, or livelihoods have been lost. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those who are victims of gossip, false accusations, or threats. Speak a word of healing to those who have been lashed by others' tongues. Heal and preserve those in any need especially, *Ellen Kyles, Ray Stamm, Brian Albrecht, Bob Lyvers, Gerry Harnish, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Sue, Kim, Katy Lartz, Lana, Chris Tippett, Robert Heller.* Strengthen and encourage *Verl Price and Steve Fahr*, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for ministries of teaching and learning in this congregation and community. Bless teachers and students, and use their words and actions to build up, not rip down. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of steadfastness, we remember with joy and thanksgiving all who have taught us to pick up the cross boldly. With them, may we bear the life of Christ to those around us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, ...trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

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. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERING HYMN Take My Life, That I May Be

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL

CÆSAR MALAN

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands, and
 2. Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice, and
 3. Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes-sa-ges for Thee; Take my sil-ver
 4. Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas-ure store; Take my-self and

let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 let me sing Al-ways, on - ly, for my King, Al-ways, on - ly, for my King.
 and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
 I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

OFFERING PRAYER (*congregation stands*)

A: Let Us Pray. C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

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 here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). 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 wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION SONG

As the Grain of Wheat

ELW#465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

COMMUNION SONG

Come and Fill Our Hearts (*Confitemini Domino*)

ELW#528

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (assisting minister)

A: Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, ...following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We Are Called

ELW#720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

DISMISSAL (*from back*)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! **C: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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Save the date for:

Confirmation Kick-Off with 7th & 8th Grade **Youth and Parents**
Wednesday **September 16th at 6:30 pm**

Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders and Older will be Sunday September 20th!

If you are in 3rd grade and older and do not have a Bible, contact the church office at 815-369-5552

Get ready to serve! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2015

This fall, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people. Save the date to join brothers and sisters in Christ in serving our neighbor on September 27th. We will seek to have service opportunities for all ages and abilities. Make sure to sign up!

Parkinson Support Group Meeting

will meet September 14th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Speaker will be Denise Seuring, RN at FHN topic will be “Latest News.”

Any Questions ? ? ? Call: Carol Griffin 815-947-2208 OR Marion Fahr 815-367-3961

Lena Living Center Community Supper

Wed. Sept. 16th from 5-6- pm No cost, no obligation. Just good food and good fellowship
Doll Memorial Apt. Community Room 1008 S Logan, Lena, Il.

The MEN'S GROUP is looking for projects for

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday on September 27th.

If you or someone you know *has a service* project/ need that we could help with as a church.

Please contact the church office for a project application.

MONROE CLINIC HOSPICE

HEAL GRIEF AND EDUCATION GROUP – 6 Week Sessions

Heal grief and education group offers session 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. A Six week series will begin on Wednesday evenings, starting September 2nd and continues to meet every week (9/16, 9/23, 9/30 & 10/7) from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information please call Monroe Clinic Hospice office at (608) 324-1230.

Registration can also be done online at www.monroeclinic.org. There is no charge for HEAL grief Group and it is open to the public.

VOLUNTEER HOSPICE of Northwest, Illinois, Inc.

New bereavements support group “New View” is a monthly meeting that meets on the last Monday night of the month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The purpose of New View is to help heal those wounded by grief and loss and is facilitated by Rev. Brent Riemer, non-denominational. It is open to anyone who is grieving from a loss, whether it is a death, divorce, job loss, etc. It is also a place to freely express one’s feelings in a confidential atmosphere. A Memorial Service is planned for September 28, 2015 at Horseshoe Mound Preserve located off Blackjack Road near Galena. If inclement weather service will be at Country Inn and Suites in Galena for more information call

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois -815-947-3260.

September is Food Pantry Month

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

