
February 26th, 2017 at 9:30 am Transfiguration Sunday
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you here***

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. Thank 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 3

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

Announcements & Community Concerns

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand as you are able)*

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 creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty and loving God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

We seek our own way.

We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths,

the thoughts of our hearts,

and everything that we do

be filled with faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Beautiful Savior

ELW#838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

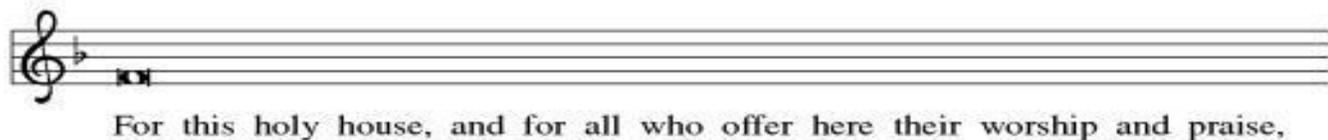
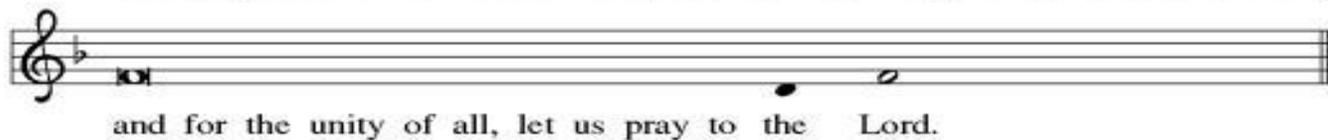
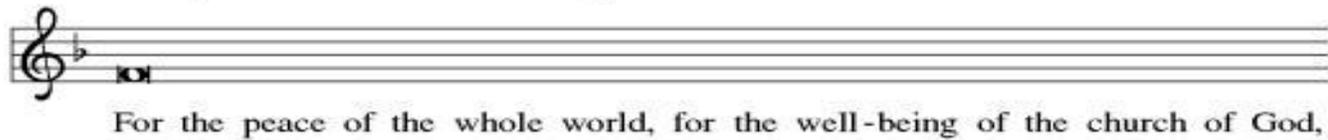
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#2**

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s anointed?**

³“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶**“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

L: The 2nd READING is from 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 17:1-9 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine Jesus Shine

ELW#671

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

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: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. *A brief silence*

WA: God of Moses, you revealed your glory on Mount Sinai. Reveal your glory through missionaries and campus ministries. Shine your light through their acts of caring, justice, and mercy.

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

WA: God of Eve, you create humankind in your image. Cultivate in us a passion for your good creation. Transform our daily routines so that our stewardship reveals your image. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of David, you equip shepherds to care for your people. Where leaders rule by fear, transform their hearts with compassion and mercy. Send advocates for peace. We pray for your justice in every land. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of Naomi, you care for the widow. Be with all who mourn. Connect children in foster care with loving families. Protect refugees. Heal the sick and strengthen caretakers *especially, Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Sheridan Brinker, Marybeth Brinker, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Dave Offermann, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron. Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman.*

Strengthen and encourage *Fern Harnish and Steve Fahr.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of Zechariah, you invite us to worship. Teach us to sing your praise in all places and in all circumstances. Embolden us to proclaim the joy of your faithfulness with our whole being.

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

WA: God of Lazarus, you resurrect the dead. Deepen our trust in the resurrection promise. Grant us peace as we grapple with what it means to die and live in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

"Dawn to Light"

Choir Anthem

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 SONG

As the Grains of Wheat (*Verse 1*)

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, when
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.

Offering Prayer (*after acolyte presents offering at altar*)

A: Let us pray, C: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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'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.

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 you will 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 (sung by all) Lamb of God**

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

How Great Thou Art

ELW#856**TABLE 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: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW#834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Tena Rackow**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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| <u>Pastor:</u> | Pastor Miho Yasukawa | <u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u> | Randy & Carol Stubbs Family |
| <u>Pianists:</u> | Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker | <u>Organist:</u> | Karen Niemeier |
| <u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u> | Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr | <u>Secretary:</u> | Darlene Barr |
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| <u>Assisting Minister</u> | Jay Andrews | <u>Worship Assistant:</u> | Kayla Runkle |
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| <u>Communion Asst:</u> | Dennis Luke, Beth Martin | <u>Elevator Operator</u> | Braden Diddens |
| <u>Sound System:</u> | Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian | | |
| <u>Greeters:</u> | Darlene Aurand, Bill and Jean Engel | | |
| <u>Ushers:</u> | Donna Gullickson, Dennis Luke, Virgil and Joanne Martin | | |

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**February 26th thru March 5th 2017**

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| Today | Worship Service –Holy Communion | 9:30 am |
| | Fellowship | 10:30 am |
| | Sunday School | 10:45 am |
| | Choir Practice | 11:00 pm |
| | Chime Practice | 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday | “Piece Corps” Quilting Group | 8:00 am-11:30 am |
| | After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hangout | 3:30 pm-5:00 pm |
| | Lenten Lunch Methodist church from McConnell at UMC. Lena | 12:00 pm |
| | Ash Wednesday Service | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday | Hannah Circle “Potluck”- Bible Study in Fellowship Hall | 9:00 am |
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Attendance February 19 was 49

Total Offering 2/19/2017 \$1,071.20 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,500.94

Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be March 1, 7pm. By imposing ashes we come before God to confess our sins and to remind of our need of repentance and return to God.

Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 9:00am at church in Fellowship Hall. This is “Potluck” we will not have a hostess. Rene’ Johnson is the Bible Study leader.

WELCA Northwest Conference Spring Assembly

Will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton on **March 11, 2017**, beginning at 9:00 am to noon. Program: Brunch with Martin (Renewer of the Church) and Katie Luther. Cost is \$8.00person. Free will offering will be taken. Reservations due by Friday, March 3, 2017. See Flyer and reservation form on Bulletin Board.

Mid-week Lenten Evening Services

This year’s theme is Luther’s Small Catechism, and our youth will lead the service. Each Wednesday evening will begin with a light supper starts at 5:30pm followed by worship at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join.

Reformation Bookstore at Good Shepherd:

During March, Good Shepherd is hosting the Reformation Bookstore. All the books are 50% off and shipping is free. We will display sample copies of some of the books in the Fellowship Hall, and you can fill out order forms there. Payments will be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will collect orders until March 31.

Books will come in April. Please check it out!

The Thankful Quilt

During lent the youth and the congregation will be participating in creating a THANKFUL QUILT. There will be cloth squares and fabric paints at the church entrances for thoughts of thankfulness to be placed upon the squares. (Thankful for parents)(Thankful to be able to worship) to give as examples. The squares can be taken home to do and then brought back and placed in the offering plate or in the bulletin baskets.

The squares will be placed on a poster to start with as a hanging from the banister above the East entrance steps. Later these squares will be sewn to form a quilt that will be displayed from that banister. ** Everyone is encouraged to participate. All have something to be thankful for.

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the envelopes provided in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office. Orders must be in by April 2nd.

Lilies may be picked up after 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

2017 Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2017 is now posted by the north entryway to the sanctuary. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice. If you are providing flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please indicate note that on the calendar or call the church office the week prior to the occasion so that information can be noted in the bulletin.

Congregational Resourcing Event

Will be March 11 at Kishwaukee College in Malta, IL. Workshop topics include Administration/Council/Treasures, Education, Evangelism/Outreach/Hospitality, Global/Interfaith, Leadership, Social Justice, Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness, Stewardship, and Youth/Young Adult/ Family Ministry. If you are interested in going, please contact the church office for registration.

Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group-6 Week Sessions

Heal grief and education group offers sessions that are open to anyone 18 years 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. Sessions continue Wednesday morning (3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22) through March 22nd. We will meet from 9:00am to 10:30am at St. Camillus Center 2106 6th Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information, please call Monroe Clinic Hospice at (608) 324-1230. Also registration can be done online at www.monroeclicin.org. There is no charge for Heal grief Group and it is open to the public.

Winter Time Pastoral Visits

The winter season makes it difficult for some of us to come to Sunday worship service if you or someone you know would like Pr. Miho to visit and to share communion, please contact the church office (815-369-5552) and/or Pr. Miho at (815-821-9570) or email her at gslpastor@aeroinc.net to arrange a time for a visit.