
May 19th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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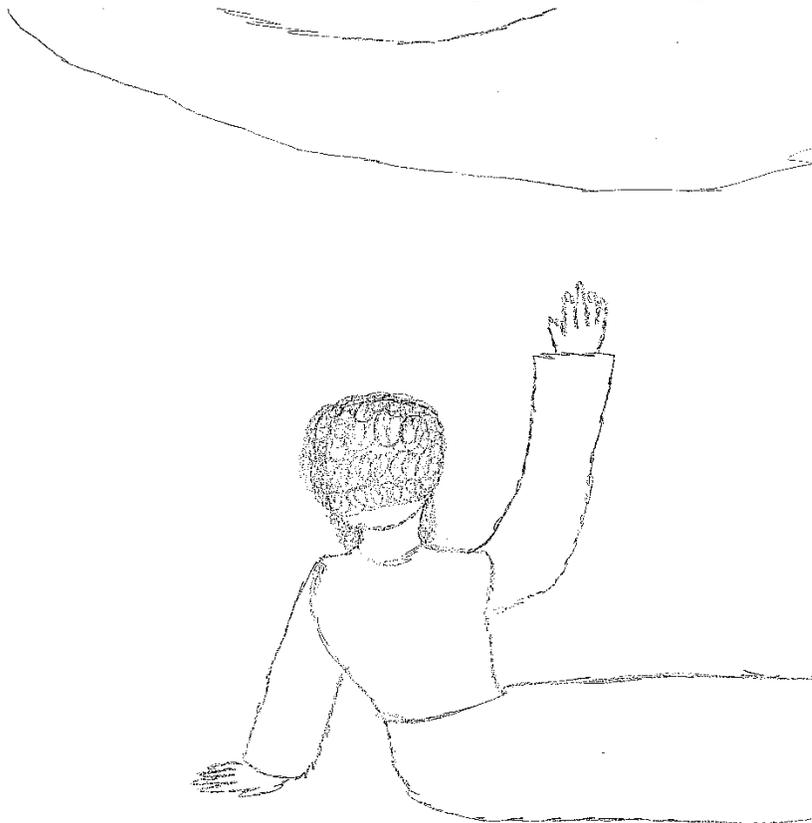
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Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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 **Bread of Life in With One Voice** (blue hymnal) in your pew.*

PRELUDE**KAREN NEIMEIER****WELCOME****CHIMES****“GOSPEL MEMORIES”****THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

A: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism

L1: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

L2: All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

L3: Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

L4: Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

L5: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

P: Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.**GATHERING HYMN****“WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL”****ELW#359**

- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

WOV p. 29-30



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



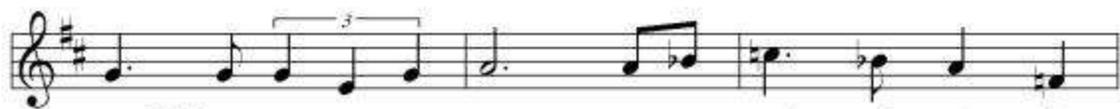
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 ☐ 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.
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RECOGNIZING TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS

We would like to recognize all who participated in our children's ministry for this school year. When we name the activities and if you involved in them, we ask you to stand up or raise your hand so that we can recognize you. Then, we will celebrate together with litany.

Volunteer Recognition Litany

L: The body of Christ is made up of many members.

C: Not all have the same function.

L: We are blessed with many members who care for the functioning of the body of Christ at Good Shepherd.

C: We thank God for them.

L: They give of their time and talents.

C: Without their efforts and gifts we could not be all God calls us to be.

L: Paul writes of the Macedonian Christians who wanted to share in ministry: “They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.” (2 Cor. 8:5)

C: Ministry flows from a commitment to serve the Lord.

L: By the will of God our volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us.

C: We thank God for them.

L: Our volunteers put flesh and bone on our call to be the body of Christ in the world.

C: They add muscle to our calling to be Christ to one another.

L: Sunday school and vacation Bible school teachers, confirmation and youth leaders, mentors and nursery helpers;

C: musicians, lectors, assisting ministers, ushers, worship assistant, sound and slide helpers, communion assistants, acolytes, offering counters;

L: Men’s group, Hannah Circle, stewardship, learning, property, service, scholarship, and mutual ministry committees, and council members;

C: quilters, artists, bakers, cooks, card makers;

L: prayer chain participants, visitors to the hospitalized and homebound, those who prepare funeral lunches;

C: ministers of hospitality of every kind;

L: cleaners, newsletter assemblers, Hymn sing volunteers, office helpers, and so many more:

C: We thank God for you!

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

L: A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 148 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created.

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever; giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV p.31

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

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

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY "ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!"

ELW#377

(verses; 1-All, 2-Women, 3-Men, 4 & 5-All)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

NICENE CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
 buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
 have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great**

WA: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

WA: Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer, *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Delbert Scheider, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, Fred, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Aleta Broge, Richard Gordon, Shriley, Steven DeHaven, Jean, Cathy Stouffer, Jim Watson, Terry, Dave and our friends in Pine Ridge community.* Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen**. Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We give you thanks for the graduates, Alex, Katelyn, Olivia, Celeste, and Le-Win, Pearl City, Warren, Freeport high school graduates. We give thanks for their milestones that they have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. Bless the parents, family members, teachers, and those who have raised and nourished them. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: You promise new life for all the faithful departed. Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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

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**“SMOKEY MOUNTAIN GOSPEL MEDLEY”****OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

C: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, feeding your sheep by using our gifts to tend the weary and feed the hungry, and all for your love's sake. 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WOV p. 37

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

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 HYMN

"LAMB OF GOD"

WOV p.39

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES"

ELW#379

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,
 wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,
 love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
 love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING”

ELW#881

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE**KAREN NEIMEIER**

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Today:	Worship Service– Teacher Recognition Sunday	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Last Day of Sunday School Fun	10:45am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:30pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am

Attendance: May 12th - 43

Total Offering 05/12/2019 - \$1623.48; amount needed - \$2637.48

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.

Thank you

Big Thank you to all who participated in helping grow our children’s ministry. We appreciate our Good Shepherd family for your love and continued support.

TODAY-LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN

Come down to the Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies after the service. We have fun activities for children and young at heart. Stay and join the fun!

Thank you

We give thanks to Chimes and Choir members for their leadership in worship for this year.

Congratulations to the Graduates

Alex Gullickson, grandson of Donna Gullickson, will be graduating from Freeport High School, he will be continuing his education at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois for Associates degree in culinary.

Celeste Munda, granddaughter of Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher will be graduating from Freeport High School.

Katelyn Nelson, niece of Donna Gullickson, will be graduating from University of Illinois.

Olivia Brinker, granddaughter of Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker will be graduating from Winnebago High School. She will continue her education at the University of Minnesota, Duluth majoring in education. As Olivia graduates high school she will also be graduating from Rock Valley with her Associates Degree.

Congratulations to all our area graduates, best of luck with all your future endeavors.

Update on Flooding Relief Effort in Pine Ridge

Please check their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PineRidgeRetreatCenter>) and continue to pray for our siblings in Pine Ridge.

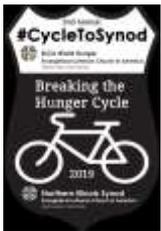
LOMC Memorial Day Work Weekend-May 24(Friday) to May 27 (Monday)

Who's ready for Memorial Day Work Weekend?

We sure are! So give LOMC a call and bring out your friends and family! This is a great chance to come out and have some fun while working to help

Youth OWL Night: May 31st-June 1st

Attention! Spring Youth OWL Night will be Friday May 31st to Saturday June 1st. We need your help with spreading the words out. Post the flyers, share with social media, and tell your friends and families!!! We are also looking for adult helpers. If you can come and be present (you do not need to play games) any time during the OWL night, please let Kristy or Pr. Miho know. Any help is greatly appreciated.



Cycle to Synod is a Three-Day bicycle ride from Princeton to Rock Island leading into the Annual Synod Assembly. This Three-Day ride will bring awareness and raise funds for ELCA World Hunger. Congregations are encouraged to enlist Financial Sponsors and Prayer Sponsors. Anyone who enjoys riding their bike may join the ride for a portion of a day, a full day, or the entire three-day event. To sign up as a cyclist, please go to nisynod.org.

Are you going somewhere in Summer?

Send your pictures and/or postcards to the church office. We will include in our newsletters and/or facebook page. Have a wonderful summer!