
October 20th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

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

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.

*This service will use a liturgy **ELW setting 10** (cranberry hymnal) in your pew.*



Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Karen Niemeier

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our helper,

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

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

C: Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

"LEAD ME, GUIDE ME"

ELW#768

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for ³ if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me
walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

GREETING

ELW p.203

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

ELW p.203

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHIMES**“EARTH AND ALL STARS”****CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 32:22-31**

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother’s birthright and his father’s blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to “Israel,” a name that means “he wrestles with God.”

L: A reading from Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”

³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM: Psalm 121 (*read responsively*)

A: ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: ²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

A: ³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C: ⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

A: ⁵the LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C: ⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

A: ⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C: ⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“ALLELUIA!”

ELW p. 205



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.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

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

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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



Assembly may be seated.

SERMON

“A Persistent Widow”

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

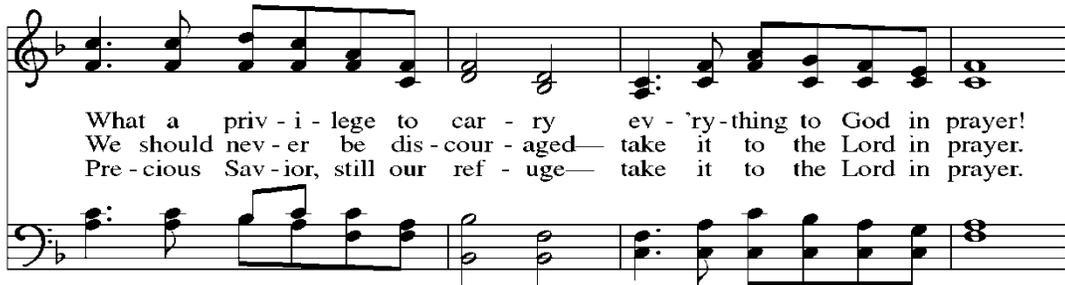
HYMN OF THE DAY

"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

ELW#742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Assembly may stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

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

THE PRAYERS

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

WA: Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

WA: Faithful partner, you will not leave us without a blessing. Wrestle with your church and renew it for the sake of the world. Preserve our life in you, so that we faithfully name you before the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Mercifully extend your ancient promises to all people. Keep and defend the nations from all evil, and be their shade and protection. Held in your steadfast love, guide the human family in ways of mercy and justice. We pray for your people who are living under conflict. Guide the leaders to bring peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Our help comes from you, maker of heaven and earth. Hear the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. *We pray especially for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Kayla Gobeli, Lori, J.T., Kris Sanders, Dan and Sue White, Irene, Pr. Charles Steinke, and Jeff and Deb.*** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish** and help us not to lose heart, so that your healing love prevails in our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We give thanks to you with our sisters and brothers in Trinity Lutheran church in Durand who are celebrating 175th anniversary today. Thank you for their faithful witness to the gospel, and we ask your continuous presence with them. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We thank you for your grace made manifest in the saints who have gone before us. Living in hope, bring us all to the joyful feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Assured Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE**ELW p. 206**

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

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Assembly may be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

MEN'S CHOIR

"WE WILL REMEMBER"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION SONG

"LAMB OF GOD"

ELW p. 208



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

“JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA” *

ELW#592

(*Our member's favorite hymn)

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Assembly may remain seated.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Assembly may stand.

BLESSING

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"NOW WE THANK ALL OUR GOD"

ELW#840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es;
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

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

POSTLUDE**Karen Niemeier**

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERDOctober 20th through October 27th, 2019

Today:	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Confirmation Class	11:00am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Go and Cheer! Fall Choir Concert @ Le-Win	3:00pm
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Worship Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday:	Men’s Group Steak Fry	4:30pm
	Good Shepherd at Le-Win Food Pantry	8:30am-11:30am
Next Sunday:	Worship Service-Reformation Sunday	
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10: 45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Go and Cheer! Fall Concert @ Highland Community College	3:00pm

Attendance: October 13th - 59

Total Offering 10/13/2019 - \$1603.00; amount needed -\$3605.11

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.

Today’s communion hymn “Just As I Am Without One Plea” is our member’s favorite hymn.

**Go and Cheer!**

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

October 20th, (Sunday) Fall Choir Concert @ Le-Win, 3pm

October 27th (Sunday) Fall Concert from Stage and Screen @ Highland Community College, 3pm

November 8th (Friday) Band & Orchestra Concert @ Highland Community College, 7pm

November 8th (Friday) and (Saturday) November 9th, Fall Play “A Suessified Pride and Prejudice” @ Le-Win, 7:30pm.

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

Men’s Group Steak Fry

Will be on Saturday, October 26th at 4:30pm. Cost of the meal will be \$13.00. Sign-up sheet at the ramp.

Beloved Church 2019 Harvest Fest

Beloved Church, 216 W. Mason Street, would like to invite everyone to their 2019 Harvest Fest on October 31st. from 5pm-8pm. There will be free events plus food, rides, prizes and candy.

NIS 2019 Fall Gatherings

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

- Sunday, November 3, 2019, at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Rock Island, 2:00-3:30 pm.
- Sunday, November 17, 2019, at New Life Lutheran Church, Bolingbrook, 2:00-3:30 pm

September and October are Food Pantry Months

Bring your donation to the food pantry boxes (located at each entrance) or the table in the Sanctuary. Monetary donations are also appreciated. (Please mark on the envelope FOOD PANTRY and place it in the offering plate.) Current needs are: **laundry soap, dish soap (smaller sized), and personal hygiene products: toothpaste, bar soap, shaving needs, toilet paper.**

All Saints' Sunday

We will remember our loved ones who passed away since last November with a carnation on the altar and by lifting their names during prayer of the people. If you would like your loved ones who died past year to be included this year's All Saints' Sunday, please contact the church office **by October 29th**.

Time/Talent/Pledge Form for 2020

Please fill out and return your Time/Talent/Pledge form for 2020 by **November 10th**. Please return the form back to the church office or place it in the offering plate or fill it out during fellowship hour! Stewardship committee will help you fill them out. Your response will help tremendously to plan next year's ministry. Thank you.

**You are invited**

Come and join us for the special 536th Birthday Party at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall

Date: November 10th (Sunday)

Time: after worship, around 10:45am-1:00pm

Ice cream and cupcakes!

No gifts please. Your presence is precious.

Thank you

Dear Good Shepherd Church Members,

We appreciate the personal items and food items that your church donated to the Lena-Winslow Food Pantry. Your support enables us to take care of our hungry neighbors. Thank you so much for supporting the pantry.

Larry and Judy Buchenau

Food Pantry Directors 

Submit your FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Do you feel that we do not sing enough Christmas carols? This is the year for you. We have 5 Christmas worship services (Dec. 24, 25, 29, and January 5) this year. We need your help to plan these services. Please submit your favorite Christmas carols to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Last day of submission will be Sunday November 3rd.

Favorite Christmas Carols

Hymn Title: _____

Hymn #: ELW or WOV (circle one) _____