

September 20th 2015 at 9:30 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***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>	Marybeth Brinker
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Braden Diddens	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Open
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Wayne Kurth	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Gary and Cynthia Boeke
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Engel	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Donna Gullickson, Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Larry Fulfs, Lee Wenzel		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Tena Rackow		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

September 20th thru September 27th 2015

Today	Worship with Holy Communion/ Bible Sunday	9:30 am
	Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children's message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Good Shepherd leads worship at Lena Living Center	2:30 pm
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
	FCA- First huddle of the new season at Hangout	5:30-7:00 pm
Mon. -Wed	Pastor Miranda at the NI Synod Professional Leader Conference	
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30pm-8:00pm
Saturday	Men's Group	8:30 am
	Good Shepherd staffs Food Pantry	
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	God's Work Our Hands Sunday	
	Quit Sunday	
	Divide into Serving teams and Sunday School serve onsite	10:30 am
	Lunch at service sites for all	12:30 pm
	Sharing & Prayer after day of service	3:00 pm
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance September 13th was 52

Total Offering for September 13, 2015: \$1,329.69 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,151.41

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, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Lana, Chris Tippett, Robert Heller & homebound members Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm.**

Bible Sunday

This morning in worship, we are excited to present Bibles to:

Shayleigh Albright, Bentley Euler, Treyton Pafford, Lillie Wilson, Raeger Sullivan, Alec Schlichting, Paige Hancock, Layla Green, Jacob Runkle, Jared Runkle.

If you know of any children or adults at Good Shepherd who are older than 3rd grade and who do not have a Bible; please contact the church office, so that we can give them a Bible as well. We want all members to have the joy of growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ through reading the Word of God.

– ORDER OF WORSHIP–

PRELUDE (*A time for prayer and reflection*)

Karen Niemeier

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. **C: Amen.**

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:

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW#522

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-ph-ant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly,

unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:} ¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 54 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#54**

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*



P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 9:30-37 C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;

³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not

understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and

when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they

were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down,

called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me

welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” P: The gospel of the Lord! C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW#659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

P: Receive this Bible. Hear God's word with us. Learn and tell its stories. Discover its mysteries. Honor its commandments. Rejoice in its good news. May God's life-giving word inspire you and make you wise

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: Gracious God, we pray for the church in its many expressions. Give it the gift of discernment to know what is needed and the humility to ask for what is necessary. Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

WA: We give thanks for another year of harvests, for farmers, gardeners, farmers markets, and community gardens. Teach us to share the earth's abundance with all who hunger. Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the leaders of all nations. Take away selfish ambition, conflicts, and disputes, and guide leaders to work for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for all those in any kind of need especially *Ellen Kyles, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Lana, Chris Tippett, and Robert Heller*. Strengthen and encourage *Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm*, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for children in this congregation and community. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. 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

Karen Niemeier

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

We Are An Offering

ELW#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours,
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you,
we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering,
we are an offering.

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

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

Refrain

COMMUNION SONG Come and Fill Our Hearts (*Confitemini Domino*) **ELW#528**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "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." The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "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 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve **ELW#551**

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| <p>V1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.</p> | <p>V3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.</p> |
| <p>V2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.</p> | <p>V4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empower'd us;
we go in Jesus' name.</p> |

DISMISSAL (*from back*)

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

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday Day of Service and Quilt Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2015

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!

Volunteers will need to fill out release forms. You work hard to help make your community a better place! Now lets do this work together!

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service with Quilt Blessing**
- 10:45 am** **Divide into Serving Teams**
- 11:00 am** **Arrive at Service Sites**
- 12:30 pm** **Lunch at Service Sites**
- 3:00 pm** **Dessert, Prayer, and Sharing**

Quilt Sunday September 27, 2015

Come celebrate “God’s work. Our hands.” This year the Piece Corps made over 575 quilts for distribution here in our communities and by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) overseas



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.

Items needed are *toilet paper, canned corn and beans.*

Donations will be bagged and delivered to the Food Pantry by our Confirmation Students

Northern Illinois Food Truck

Embury United Methodist will be hosting the Northern Illinois Food Truck in their parking lot on Pleasant St. on September 23rd. The truck arrives at 1 pm. Please bring an ID and a box or basket to carry your groceries. We will be able to help approximately 300 households

The MEN'S GROUP

will meet on Saturday September 26th at 8:30 am., with breakfast to start. Then we will do misc. projects, including some “God's Work Our Hands” things. 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.

125th Anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton, IL

is commemorating its 125th Anniversary with a celebration October 3 & 4, 2015 and would like to invite you to join us for the festivities. We would be honored to have you as our guests to remember the significant moments and remarkable people who have contributed to the history of the church and our church family. *Saturday October 3* events will be held in the Stockton Park across from the Church.

Bring lawn chairs for seating in the park. Lunch from 11:00-1:00 will be available for purchase from WELCA. Concert by ‘Modern’ Peace Seekers at 1:30, Resolution and Commemoration at 2:00, Historic Pageant of Christ Lutheran Church at 2:30.

Brianna Andrews is now back to college and would love to hear from you, her new address is.

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