

July 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:30 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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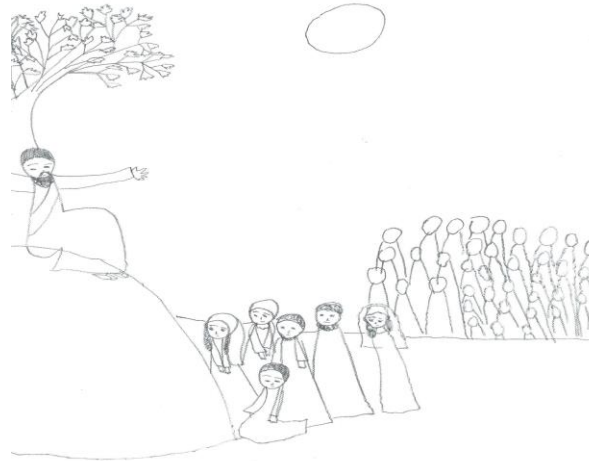
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Art by  
Anna Patterson

*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>	Michelle Andrews
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Krista Keene	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Jay Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sue Diddens	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Sharon Schlachter	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Troy and Sheila Keene
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Bill and Jean Engel Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker, Darlene Aurand		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Jim Swain, Willie Kayser		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Eugene Hesselbacher, Sheila Keene		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Bob Lyvers		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**July 26<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Summer Bible Study	11:00 am
	Supper at Lena United Methodist Church	5:00 pm
	Vacation Bible School "Live It Up! Luau! At Good Shepherd	6:00 pm
Monday	VBS Supper at Lena United Methodist Church	5:00 pm
	Vacation Bible School "Live It Up! Luau! At Good Shepherd	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Office Closed	
	VBS Supper at Lena United Methodist Church	5:00 pm
	Vacation Bible School "Live It Up! Luau! At Good Shepherd	6:00 pm
Wednesday	VBS Supper at Lena United Methodist Church	5:00 pm
	Vacation Bible School "Live It Up! Luau! At Good Shepherd	6:00 pm
Thursday	VBS Supper at Lena United Methodist Church	5:00 pm
	Vacation Bible School "Live It Up! Luau! At Good Shepherd	6:00 pm
	Vacation Bible School Pool Party at Splashland	8:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service at Dodd's Park</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	Special Music - VBS	
	Potluck - After Potluck: games for all ages	11:15am

Worship Attendance July 19<sup>th</sup> was 62

Total Offering for July 19, 2015: \$2,044.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,005.43

**Request for Prayer List:** Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793

**Good Shepherd Prayer List**

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, Debbie Hesselbacher, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Sue, Kim and homebound member Evelyn Hutmacher.*

*Thank You to Brianna Andrews for her special music this morning.*

**Order of Worship**

***The Work of the People: Dakota Road Music***

**PRELUDE:**

**Tena Rackow**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**INVOCATION:** (congregation stands)

A: We welcome each other to worship in the name of God our creator, and our redeemer, who walks with us and promises to be with us every step of our lives.

**CONFESSION:** *L=congregation left or pulpit side led by Assisting Minister  
R=congregation right or font side led by Pastor*

- L: We have not loved you with all of our hearts.
- R: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- All: **We have not responded to your promise.**
- L: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.
- R: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.
- All: **We have not responded to your promise.**
- L: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.
- R: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.
- All: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We abuse the gifts of your creation.  
R: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.  
**All: We have not responded to your promise.**  
L: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.  
R: We seek only comfort for ourselves.  
**All: We have not responded to your promise.**

**THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS** A: We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** Lord, I Lift Your Name on High **ELW #857**

Lord, I lift your name on high.  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

**GATHERING HYMN:** **Amazing Grace Alleluia**

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found;  
was blind but now I see.

***Chorus:***

Alleluia, allelu  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, allelu  
Alleluia, allelu, Alleluia

2. Jesus loves me this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak but he is strong. ***Chorus***

3. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found;  
was blind but now I see. ***Chorus***

**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.**

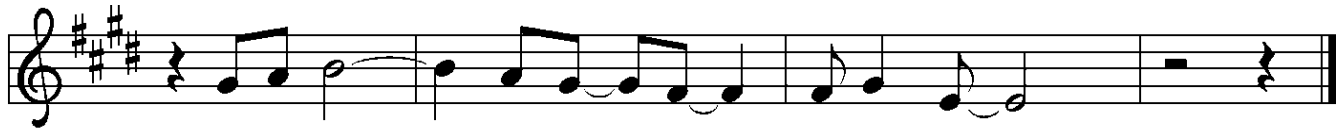
SONG OF MERCY:

“Kyrie Eleison”

*Refrain*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

“We are Called”



We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved  
We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name We are healed (we are healed) We are whole  
(God is here) Calls us each by name We are here (we are here) To give praise



(we are whole) the Sav - ior ran - somed our souls\_\_ and we're singing  
(to give praise) The love of God will not change\_\_ and we're singing



Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a



Oh ----- Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. C: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### Your Love is Deep

Your love is deep, Your love is high,  
Your love is long, Your love is wide  
Your love is deep, Your love is high  
Your love is long, Your love is wide

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from 2 Samuel 11:1–15

*King David takes Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, then eventually has her husband murdered. The king, who should be at the battle but stays home, is contrasted in this story with the loyal and upright soldier Uriah.*

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." <sup>6</sup>So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." <sup>12</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup>David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. <sup>14</sup>In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM 25 (TO YOU O LORD)

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In You I trust, oh Lord  
To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In You I trust, oh Lord  
Higher than the mountains, deeper than the sea,  
Wider than the ocean, is your love for me.  
You're with me on the mountains and in the valleys below. Whoa-oh!  
You are right here beside me everywhere that I go.  
To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In You I trust, oh Lord  
To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In You I trust, oh Lord  
*Words and Music by Krista Wiger © 1995 Krista Wiger*

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Ephesians 3:14–21

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened & empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

“Help Us O Lord” *congregation sings through two times*

Help us O Lord to hear your word

O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Give us the strength to live your word each day

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 6:1–21 C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

<sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

<sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to

them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Miranda Klosterboer**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Jesus Loves Me (*Favorite Hymn*)

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Congregation:** After piano introduction, sing "The Spirit intercedes for us" with repeat.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). Chords are indicated above: Asus2 above the first measure, E/A above the eighth measure. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). Chords are indicated above: G above the first measure, D above the eighth measure, Asus2 above the final measure. The lyrics are: "The Spir-it in-ter-ces for us with sighs too deep for words to ex-press oh oh oh".

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

WA: Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *brief silence.*

WA: God our provider, awaken hunger for your truth in the church around the world. Guide the church in making disciples, especially we pray for the week of Vacation Bible School ahead. Gather the children, youth, and adults together that you want to hear the message of your love and the full life that you offer. May it be a fun and safe week. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Care for those who tend crops that provide our food. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.



WA: Raise up leaders who love truth and seek justice. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**  
WA: Comfort those who fear that they will not be able to feed their children. Send them healthy food and surround them with people who care. With your Spirit, strengthen those who are unsatisfied, lonely, rejected, or ill especially, *Ellen Kyles, Ray Stamm, Debbie Hesselbacher, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Sue, Kim.* Strengthen and encourage *Evelyn Hutmacher*, Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Strengthen this congregation in its service to food pantries and community meal programs. Open our eyes to your abundance when we see only scarcity. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: With all the saints, root and ground us in your love, until we know how wide, long, high, and deep is your love in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**Congregation:** After piano introduction, sing "The Spirit intercedes for us" with repeat.

**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**

*Special Music*

**Brianna Andrews**

*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.*

**OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**ELW#884**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**OFFERING PRAYER** (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray. **C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

**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 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 (sung by all) "Lamb of God"**

*♩ = 100*

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world, have  
 Mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God you  
 Take a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the  
 world, Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

**COMMUNION SONG**

**Amazing Grace** (*Favorite Hymn*)

**ELW#779**

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (assisting minister)

A: Let us pray, Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, ...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

**C: Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. **C: Amen.**

P: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always. **C: Amen**

Let's Go Out

SENDING SONG

Let's go out in - to the world and make it a lov - ing place  
 to live Let's go out in - to the world and tell ev' - ry one the Sav -  
 ior lives Let's go out (Let's go out) Let's go out (Let's go out) and  
 make it a lov - ing place to live Let's go out (Let's go out) Let's go out  
 (Let's go out) and tell ev' - ry one the Sav - ior lives! Let's go out!

*chorus*  
 Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a  
 Oh \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

DIMISSAL (from back)

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

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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**Worship Service and Picnic In The Park August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am with VBS Special Music**

Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck will be  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 10am at Dodd's Park in Lena.

Games for all ages following the potluck! Invite friends and neighbors to join you! Please bring a dish to share as you are able. Rain location will be at Good Shepherd.

**Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**

**Dates: August 7th to August 15th**

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry.

The Mission Trip is collecting bicycles, tools, diapers, pillar candles, quilts, and gift cards (Walmart, Family Dollar, Shell, and Sinclair) to take to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

**Vacation Bible School Summer 2015**

**LIVE IT UP LUAU!**

*"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full!" - John 10:10*

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Good Shepherd - (5:00 PM Dinner Served @ Lena UMC)**

Join your friends for Fun, Food, Learning, and Music

A Family Pool Party will be held on the last night at 8pm

Youth and Adult Volunteers, Prayer, and Donations of "Luau" decoration items will be needed!

Contact 815-369-5552

**Afternoon Coffee Break Lena Mercantile Eatery**

Wed. August 5 at 2:00 Sponsored by Lena Living Center

Come listen to an educational speaker while you enjoy a complimentary dessert and beverage.

**MEN'S GROUP fundraising cookout**

Come and have some good food at AJ'S Meats.

August 1<sup>st</sup> 11am-1pm

**Wild Wednesday Outing! August 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Fun! Mini-Golf & Movie (9am-2pm)**

for completed K-8th graders & high school mentors

At Wild Wednesday we will play mini golf, share a picnic together, sing some songs, learn more about Jesus, watch a movie and have a great time!

**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.

**FREEPORT CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER POPS**

Sunday, August 2, 2015 – Krapes Park Koeing Amphitheater

Rain Place – St. John U.C.C. 7:00PM

Sponsored by Walker Mortuary-Admission Free-Offering taken

*Today's favorite hymns are listed below with members' name and reasons for choosing them;*

*Jesus Loves Me- Betty Koehn*

*Amazing Grace – Alexis Martin*

*Taylor Bastian- "I got to sing it a play ("The Hallaua girls") and at my Grandpa's funeral*