May 8th 2016 at 9:30 am Seventh Sunday of Easter GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

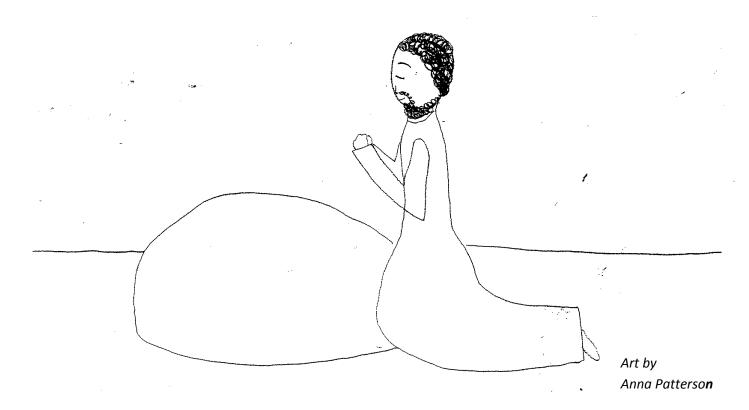
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and to know that we are delighted to have you here

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.

| Interim Pastor: | Pastor Art Stees | Custodian: | Taylor Bastian |
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| Secretary: | Darlene Barr | <u>Pianists:</u> | Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker |
| Organist: | Karen Niemeier | Missionaries to Tanzania: | Randy&Carol Stubbs Family |
| Choir Dir. /accomp: | Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr | Lector | Janis Kurth |
| Acolyte: | Coltin Coonts | Assisting Minister | Jay Andrews |
| Worship Assistant: | Sondra Winters | Communion Usher | Paul and Shirley Fox |
| Welcome Visitor: | Jean Engel | Communion Set-up | Jay and Michelle Andrews |
| Communion Asst: | Coralyn Hudik, Denny Luke <u>Elevator Operator</u> Donna Gullickson | | |
| Sound System: | Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian | | |
| Greeters: | Chris and Angie Brinker, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker | | |
| Ushers: | Claire and Helen Cross, Paul and Shirley Fox | | |

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -WOV SETTING 5- BREAD OF LIFE

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Sarah Baker

Chime Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

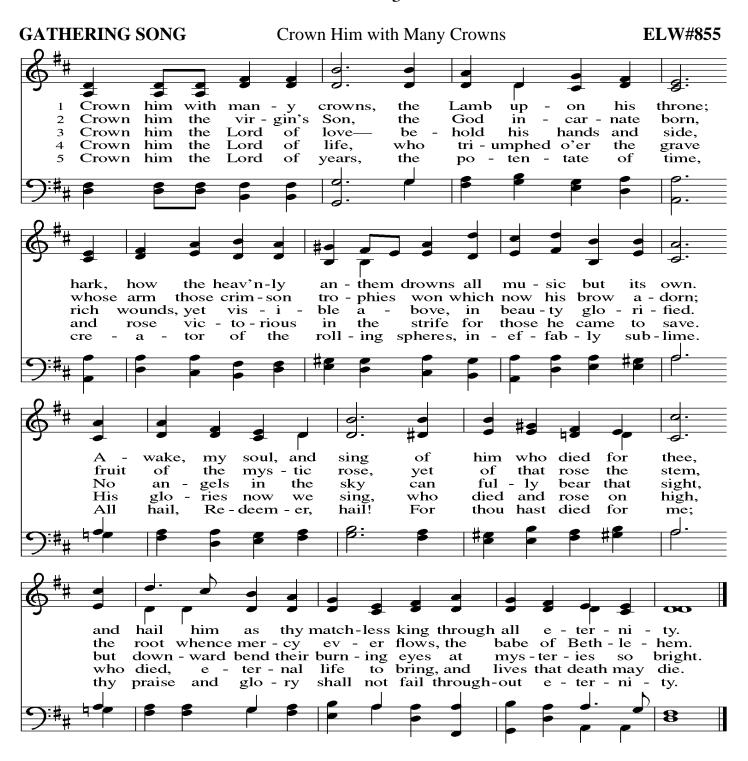
Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**



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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, **C: Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory.** Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had

them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#97** ¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

³Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

⁴Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

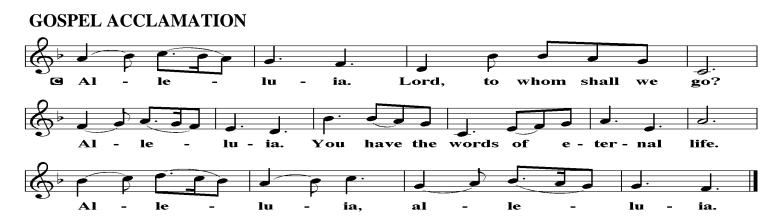
¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

L: The 2nd READING is from Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



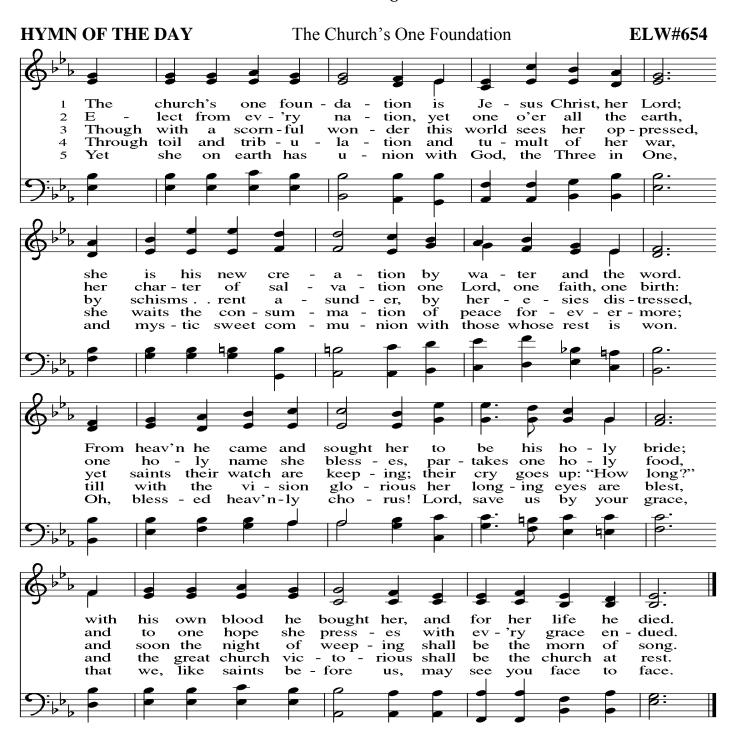
THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 17:20-26 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ**!

Please be seated CHILDREN'S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees



APOSTLES CREED Please Stand

- A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

WA ; Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence*

WA: God of renewal, fill us to overflowing with the grace we receive in word, in water, in the meal.

Draw others to join the life we share in your church. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Declare your righteousness through the blossoming of creation. By the wind's blowing and birds'

singing, inspire us to join in the hymn of all creation. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Be the source of all strength and peace for people who are imprisoned. Renew them with the overwhelming power of your salvation, and give them release for their spirits. Hear us, O God.

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C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Reveal yourself to those who feel isolated because of illness, grief, status, or the prejudice of others. especially *Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Bruce, Beverly, Hope Carlson, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Curtis, Larry Bonebright and Mike*. Strengthen and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer*. Comfort and welcome them into your Spirit-filled community. Hear us, O God C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Bless those who serve in a mothering role for others. Send your Spirit to those who mourn, who have not known their mothers, or who long to be a mother. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** WA: You draw all the saints into your presence. Draw us into the mystery and wonder of your presence until Christ comes again. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord. 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.**

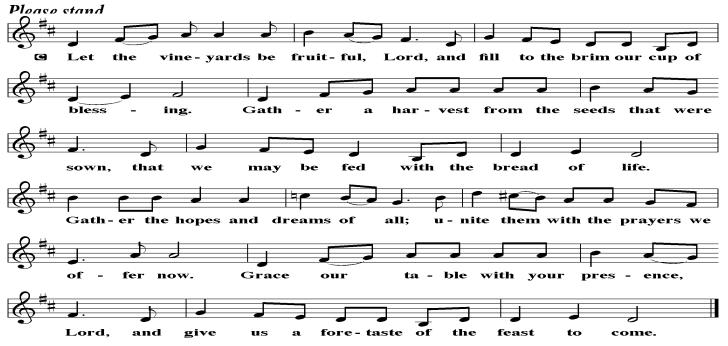
OFFERING

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

Choir Anthem

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. 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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Offering Prayer (after acolyte presents offering at altar)

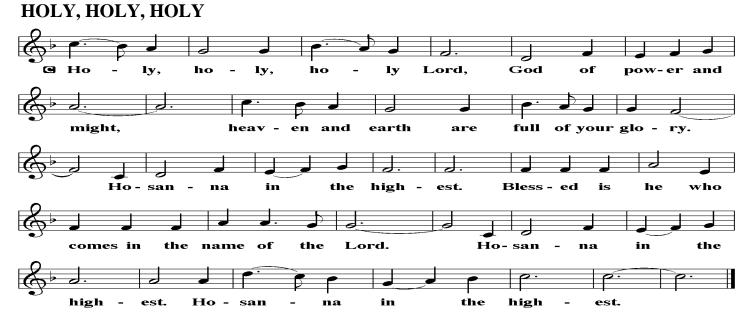
A: Let us pray, Blessed are you, C: O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

| P: The Lord be with you. | C: And also with you. |
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| P: Lift up your hearts. | C: We lift them to the Lord. |
| P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C: It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.



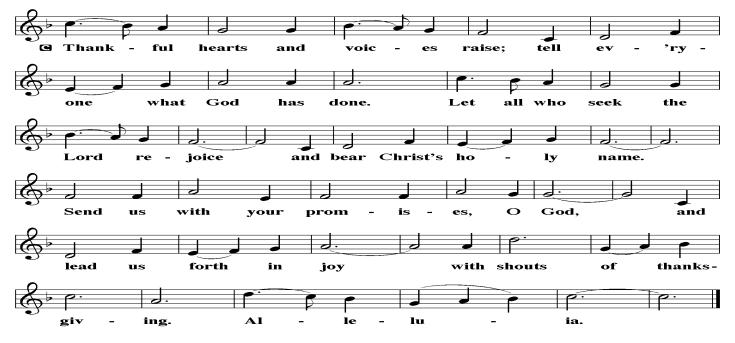


COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) Lamb of God

TABLE BLESSING:

P: The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

BLESSING P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit...bless you now and forever. C: Amen.



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| THIS WEEK | K AT GOOD SHEPHERD Ma | ay 8 th thru May 15 th 2016 |
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| Today | Worship Service with Holy Communion | 9:30 am |
| | Fellowship | 10:30 am |
| | Sunday School | 10:45 am |
| | Choir Practice | 11:00 am |
| Monday | Parkinson Support Group | 1:30 pm |
| Tuesday | Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center | 9:45 am |
| | Council Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | "Piece Corps" Quilting Group | 8:00 am-11:30 am |
| | After School Program at The Hangout | 3:30-5:00 pm |
| | Confirmation | 6:30-8:00pm |
| Next Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion/Teacher Appreciation Day | | tion Day 9:30 am |
| | Fellowship | 10:30 am |
| | Sunday School | 10:45 am |
| | Choir Practice | 11:00 am |

Attendance May 1st was 69

Total Offering May 1 2016: \$2,996.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,845.52

Prayer Requests

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, especially especially *Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Bruce, Beverly, Hope Carlson, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Curtis, Larry Bonebright and Mike* and homebound members *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.*

LOOKING FOR SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

If you or someone you know would like to share your talent, please call Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496) or Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

will meet May 9th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guess speaker FHN Family Counseling Center topic Depression & Anxiety in Parkinson's.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Will meet Thursday May 12th for a Potluck & Entertainment from "Glenda Linneman" at 12:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 15th at 9:30am Worship Service with a reception following in the fellowship hall.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BREADKFAST MEMORIAL DAY MAY 30, 2016

All are invited to a breakfast being held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2016 at the Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main St., Lena, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

It is being served from 7:00 am to 9:30 am—come eat breakfast and watch the parade at 10:00

Serving:

Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee \$4.00 under 10 and \$7.00 over 10

Carryouts available