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August 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 9:30 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome to worship with 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 in our midst.*

– *ORDER OF WORSHIP* –  
**A SERVICE OF PSALMS, PRAISE AND TRUST**

**PRELUDE** *(A time for prayer and reflection)*  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**Karen Niemeier**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 24**

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

<sup>2</sup>**for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up,  
O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is the King of glory? The LORD,  
strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up,  
O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

## GATHERING SONG

## This Is My Father's World

ELW#824

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray: Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

**<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

**<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## HYMN

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will my help come?

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to: Matthew 14:13-21 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13-14</sup> When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.” <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.” <sup>17</sup> “All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said. <sup>18-21</sup> Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

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

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

The First Church Picnic

Pastor Art Stees

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Beautiful Savior

ELW#838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in the flow'rs of God and Son of Man!  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**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.

**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 PSALM - Psalm 111**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup>**They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

WA: Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

WA: Dwell in the hearts of your people and mold us in your likeness. With Christ as our head, live and move in us, that we may be your hands reaching out to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the wonders of your miraculous creation. Inspire in us an awe and appreciation for each tiny insect and every towering oak. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

WA Reconcile all warring tribes and nations, and tear down the walls that divide us, that the peace of Christ may bring harmony and accord. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Hold us together when we are shattered, bring healing when there is no cure, and heed our pleas for those in pain or trouble especially **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Carol Wybourn, Larry Huneke, Ellen Kyles, Mark Fulfs, Bruce, Beverly, Hope Carlson, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Sean, Thomas Lance, Troy Curtis, Chris Harbach, Connie Staderman and Marvin Kempel.** Strengthen and encourage **Verl Price, and Steve Fahr.** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Bring us at the last to that day when we will feast with your saints at the great wedding banquet prepared for us in your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

## 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!"

## A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Let us pray: Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. **Amen.**



## HYMN

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW#888

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

## 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**

## DIMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Karen Niemeier**

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****August 7<sup>th</sup> thru August 14<sup>th</sup> 2016**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service and Picnic in the Park</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	Potluck and Games	11:15am
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
Thursday	Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment “Ruter Ministers”	12:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am

Attendance July 31<sup>st</sup> was 87Total Offering July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016: \$5,522.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,964.46**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<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>	Brianna Andrews		
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Austin Andrews		
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Brianna Andrews		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bill and Jean Engel, Gary and Cynthia Boeke		

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP**

will meet Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guess speaker Brenda Dorsey from Resource Center topic “Service Available through the Senior Resource Center of Stephenson & JoDaviess counties.”

**HYMN SING**

at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

will meet Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck & Entertainment from “Ruter Ministers” at 12:00pm.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>!**

*Rally Day and Blessing of Backpacks*

*A Family Carnival style event with a light lunch will follow worship.*

*Invitations Including a puzzle piece will be sent to all prospective Sunday School attendees.*

**WATCH THE MAIL FOR YOUR PUZZLE PIECE**

***Today’s favorite hymn:***

*This Is My Father’s World – Audrey Stees-“It reminds me of the care we must take of the environment.”*