

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; ²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.



GARTHERING 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.**

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Psalm 8

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

You have set your glory above the heavens.

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

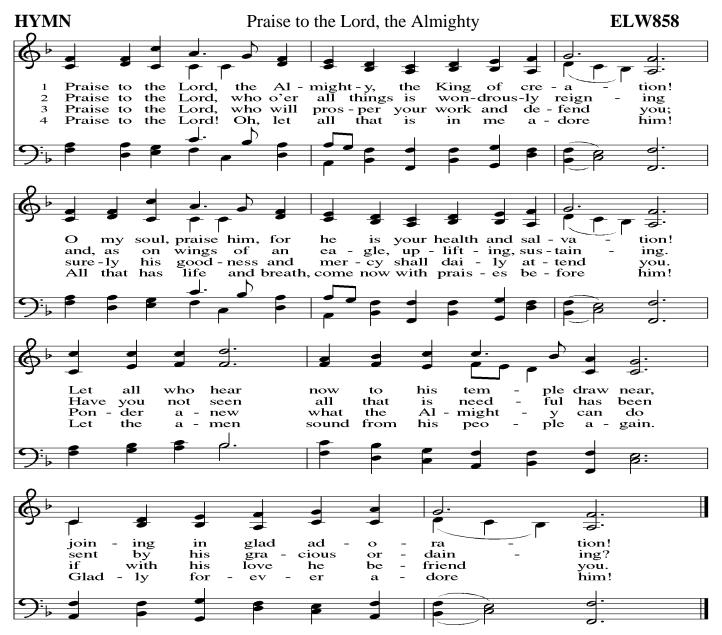
³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

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

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The 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.

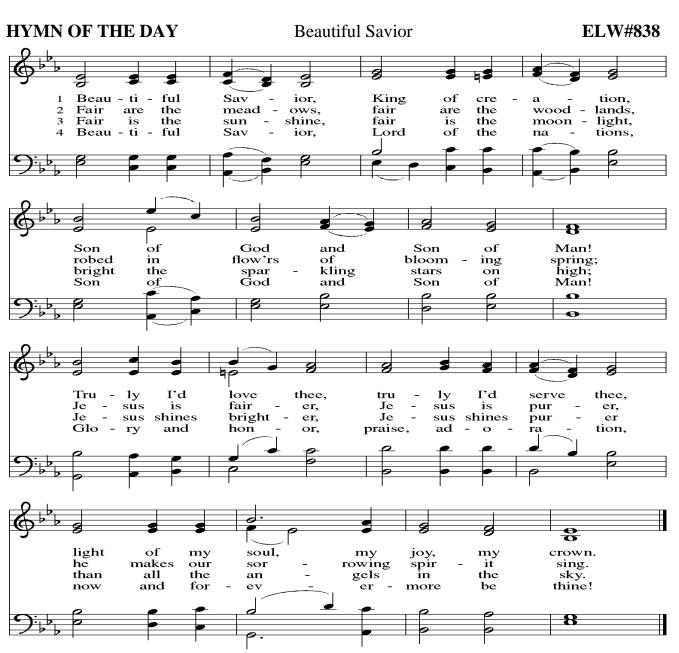
¹³⁻¹⁴ When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper." ¹⁷ "All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said. ¹⁸⁻²¹ 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



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.

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OFFERING 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.

²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

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

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰The 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

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

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.

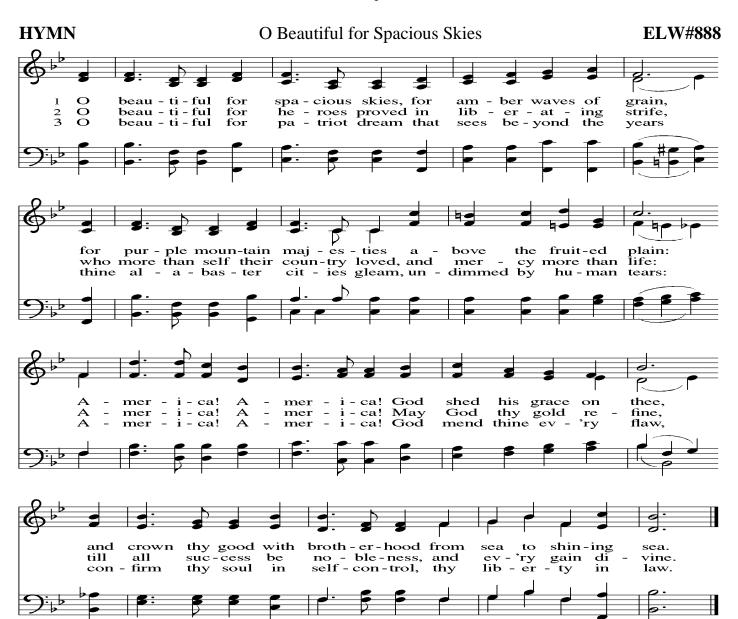
WA: Bring us at the last to that day when we will feast with your saints at the great wedding banquet prepared for us in your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

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.



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.**



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.

POSTLUDE

C: Thanks be to God. Karen Niemeier

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD		August 7 th thru August 14 th 2016
Today	Worship Service and Picnic in the Park	10:00am
	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
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am

Attendance July 31st was 87

Total Offering July 31st, 2016: \$5,522.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,964.46

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Art Stees	Secretary:	Darlene Barr		
Pianists:	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	Organist:	Karen Niemeier		
Missionaries to Tanzania:	Randy & Carol Stubbs Family				
Choir Dir. /accomp:	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr				
Lector	Brianna Andrews				
Acolyte:	Ashtyn Brinker				
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews				
Worship Assistant:	Brianna Andrews				
Sound System:	Wayne Kurth				
Ushers:	Bill and Jean Engel, Gary and Cy	nthia Boeke			

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

will meet Monday August 8th 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 9th at 9:45 am

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

will meet Thursday August 11th for a Potluck & Entertainment from "Ruter Ministers" at 12:00pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY AUGUST 28th!

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 <u>YOUR</u> 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."