September 4th 2016 at 9:30 am

Sixteenth 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

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.

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

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Just and gracious God,

C: we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you.
Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you.
Show us your mercy, O God.
Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: The apostle Paul assures us:

"When we were dead in our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ,
nailing the record of our sins to the cross."

Jesus says to you, # "Your sins are forgiven."

Be at peace, and tell everyone
how much God has done for you.

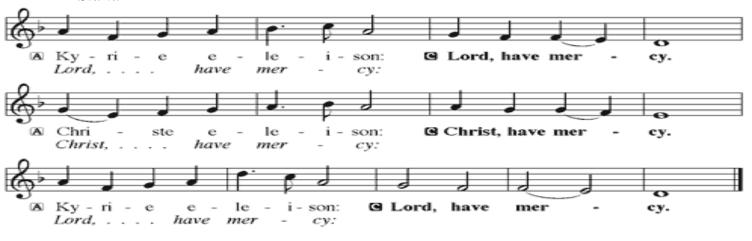
C: Amen.



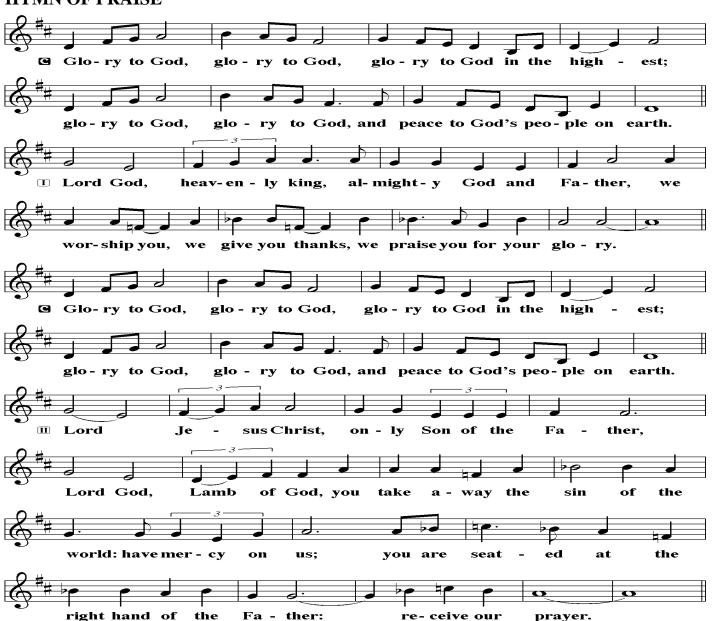
GREETING

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.**

KYRIE Stand



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) ELW#1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

L: The 2nd READING is from Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and coworker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: Luke 14:25-33 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!** *Please be seated*

CHILDREN 'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Miho Yasukawa



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: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. A brief silence

WA: Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments, that they be strengthened in their discipleship through these means of grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Let us pray for the creation, that it thrives and flourishes. Make us good stewards of the land with all its vegetation, mammals, birds, and creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

WA: Let us pray for all who lead and direct us: for elected officials, school boards, pastors, bishops, trustees, councils, ministry teams, business owners, judges, and community organizers. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Let us pray for refugees, immigrants, prisoners, and all who seek new life. Show life and prosperity to those who struggle with injury or illness especially *Bob Lyvers*, *Dick Johnson*, *Ellen Kyles*, *Bruce*, *Beverly*, *Donna Euler*, *Katy Lartz*, *Kelli Huneke*, *Jane Parks*, *Sean*, *Lyle Fulfs*, *Norma and Natalie*. Strengthen and encourage *Verl Price and Steve Fahr*. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Let us pray for our congregation and community, that they be safe places for all, especially the young and mature. Revive and refresh our hearts as we receive the forgiveness of Christ. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Let us remember with thanksgiving the dearly departed who rest from their labors. Instruct us by their witness and bring us, with them, into the promised land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

"Special Music"

Wayne Kurth & Dan Kurth

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 Please stand



Offering Prayer (after acolyte presents offering at altar)

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

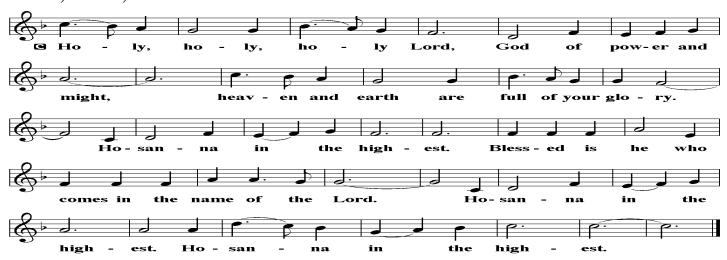
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THE LORD'S We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who *** SUPPER 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: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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



DISMISSAL (from the back)

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 28 th thru September 4 th 2016
Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Labor Day "Office Closed"	_
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
-	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hango	out 3:30 pm-5:00pm
Thursday	Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment	12:00 pm
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Attendance August 28th was 73

Total Offering August 28th, 2016: \$1,942.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,203.11

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS				
<u>Pastor</u> :	Pastor Miho Yasukawa	Missionaries to Tanz	zania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family	
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	Organist:	Karen Niemeier	
Choir Dir. /accomp:	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	Secretary:	Darlene Barr	
Lector	Sheila Keene	Acolyte:	Krista Keene	
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene	Worship Assistant:	Sue Diddens	
Communion Usher	Jerimy and Cara Schriner	Welcome Visitor:	Sharon Schlachter	
Communion Set-up	Dennis Luke	Communion Asst :	Shirley Fox, Taylor Bastian	
Elevator Operator	Anna Patterson, Kristy Patterson			
Sound System:	Wayne Kurth, Austin Andrews			
Greeters:	Tony and Jackie Jordan, Denny Luke			
<u>Ushers:</u>	Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Jerimy and Cara Schriner			

THANK YOU! Wayne and Dan for your special music this morning

Thursday September 8th The Friendship Club

will meet at 12:00pm in the fellowship hall for a Potluck dinner and entertainment from "Dean Werkheiser."

Lena Fall Festival September 9th & 10th 2016

Sign-up sheet for the Hospitality Tent will be posted on the board in the hall. Sign up for Friday night or Saturday after the parade. One hour at a time. Set up will begin Friday afternoon.

A float will be put together for the parade also, and we are looking for volunteers to walk the parade route and ride on the float as we represent Good Shepherd in the community. Join us by meeting on Mason Street at 11:30 am on Saturday September 10th to help with the parade

Float building will be done September 5, 6, 7 & 8 evenings 5:00-8:00 pm., at the Gullickson home. All church members are invited to help with the float project.

September 17, 2016- Northern Illinois Synodical Women's Organization annual Convention

at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Yorkville IL.

Theme: "Morning Has Broken" - Coffee & Registration at 8:00 am.

Opening Worship & Morning Message at 9:00 am -

Registration Fee: \$35.00/person;

See WELCA bulletin board for information and registration forms.

A Physical Offering will be collected for the Salvation Army "Stop It Program.

<u>Items Requested:</u> Gift Cards for: groceries, clothing, shoes, meals during appointments; public transportation passes; International pre-paid phone cards; bedding; kitchen supplies; towels, etc.

Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders and Older will be Sunday September 18th

If you are in 3rd grade and older and do not have a Bible, contact the church office at 815-369-5552

September 25 is Quilt Sunday.

This year Piece Corps made over 615 quilts for distribution here in our community and by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) overseas. Quilts were also taken to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by the Mission Trip Team.

Get ready to serve! "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Sept. 25th, 2016

This fall, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. Save the date to join brothers and sisters in Christ in serving our neighbor on September 25th. We will seek to have service opportunities for all ages and abilities. Make sure to sign up!

The Men's Group

will meet on Saturday September 24th 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.

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

Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group

HEAL grief and education group offers session open to anyone 18 yrs and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supportive setting. Wednesday evening (9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12) we will meet from 6:00-7:30pm at the St. Camillus Center 2101 6th Street, Monroe WI 53566. To register or obtain more information please call Monroe Clinic Hospice at (608) 324-1230. Registration can also be done on line at www/monroeclinic.org. There is no charge for these sessions.

Volunteers Needed for Custodian Work

Good Shepherd is in need of a custodian or a custodial service. Until there is a new custodian or custodial service hired there is a need for volunteers to sign up to do the cleaning. Those who sign up can choose to sign up for half a month or for the full month. If you are interested in signing up the chart will be in the fellowship hall or you can call or email the church office (815) 369-5552

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