

September 18th 2016 at 9:30 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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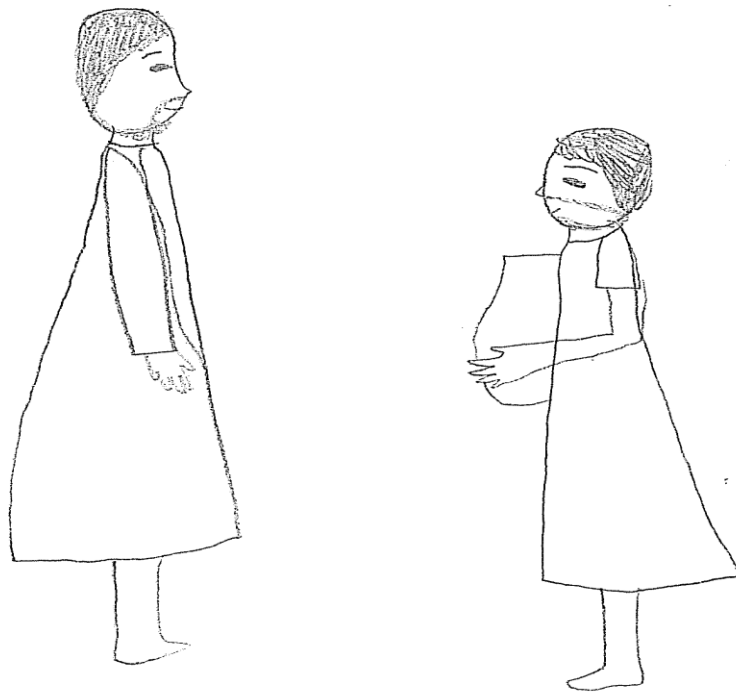
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Art by
Anna Patterson

***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***

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, † 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.

GATHERING SONG

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW#655

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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*

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓑ Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Ⓑ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: O Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#113**

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

L: The 2nd READING is from 1Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: Luke 16:1-13 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Pastor: Will you model a love for God's Word before your child?

Parents: We will

Pastor: Will you accept responsibility as your child's primary faith influencer to impress the truth and love of God on him or her as you live life together?

Parents: We will

Pastor: Will you partner with these parents by praying for them as they lead their children spiritually?

Congregation: We will

Pastor: Will you partner with these parents by teaching their children at church and modeling a Christ-like life in support of what the parents are teaching and modeling?

Congregation: We will

Pastor: Hear God's word with us. Learn and tell its stories. Discover its mysteries. Honor its commandments. Rejoice in its good news. May God's life-giving word inspire you and make you wise. Amen.

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW#717

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

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: Giver of the feast, bless your church and all who hunger and thirst. Nourish us richly with your word and meal, and send us as signs of your living presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Ruler of the earth, bring forth an abundant harvest from fields, orchards, and gardens. Renew fields that will soon lie fallow. Feed and protect all wild creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: God of the nations, we pray for places in the world affected by conflict, war, and turmoil. We pray that your perfect peace and order be restored. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of our weary years, we remember before you those among us who are sick or who are recovering from illness or surgery especially **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Ellen Kyles, Fern Harnish, Steve Fahr, Roger Shamburger, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Sean, Norma, Natalie and The Decker Family.** Strengthen and encourage **Carol Wybourn and Ray Stamm.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA God our beginning and ending, we thank you for hope even in the midst of despair. Visit this assembly with your light and truth. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of our silent tears, we remember the faithful departed who make up the great cloud of witnesses. Gather us all in praise around your throne. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

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

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *Please stand*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

© Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING:

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

SENDING HYMN

We Are Called

ELW#720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**September 18th thru September 25th 2016**

Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion/Bible Sunday	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Mon-Wed.	Pastor Miho at Sinsinawa Mound Center for Professional Leadership Conference	
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm-8:00pm
Saturday	Men’s Group	8:30 am
	Installation of new Bishop at First Lutheran Church Rockford, IL	10:00 am
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	“Gods work Our Hands”/Quilt Sunday	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	“God’s work Our Hands “	
	Divide into Serving Teams	10:30 am
	Arrive at Service Sites	11:00 am
	Lunch at Service Sites	12:30 pm
	Sharing about your day	3:00 pm

Attendance September 11th was 84Total Offering September 11th, 2016: \$2,644.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,339.26**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miho Yasukawa	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr
<u>Lector</u>	Marybeth Brinker	<u>Acolyte:</u>	Coltin Coonts
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Wayne Kurth	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker	<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Engel
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Sheila Keene, Taylor Bastian	<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Jerry and Beth Martin, Virgil and Joanne Martin		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker, Troy Keene, Krista Keene		

Bible Sunday

This morning in worship, we are excited to present Bibles to the following 3rd Graders:
 Khayne Albright, Nakoah Cornwell, Alonah Sutter, Brady White.

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

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.

Northern Illinois Synod

Invites all to share in the Service of Holy Communion and the Installation for our Bishop-elect, the Reverend Jeffrey Clements. This celebration will provide an opportunity for all members of the Synod to share in the beginning of a new era in the life of the church in Northern Illinois. It will also offer the People of God a context in which to pray for our new bishop and the ministry we share with him as our leader.

This celebration will be held at 10:00 o'clock in the morning of September 24 at First Lutheran Church, 225 South 3rd Street, Rockford, Illinois.

If you are interested in attending please contact Wayne Kurth (Council President) at 815-291-3508 as parking spaces are limited and we are ask to car pool as much as possible.

Confirmation Sunday

We join in prayer, celebration, and worship on October 9th Confirmation Sunday with *Braden Diddens, Coltin Coonts, Krista Keene, Kayla Runkle, Taylor Patterson* in professing our faith.

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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