May 21st, 2017 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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. We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

-ORDER OF WORSHIP – God Give Us Life

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

INVOCATION (Please stand as you are able)



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The body of Christ is made up of many members.

C: Not all have the same function.

L: We are blessed with many members who care for the functioning of the body of Christ at Good Shepherd.

C: We thank God for them.

L: They give of their time and talents.

C: Without their efforts and gifts we could not be all God calls us to be.

L: Paul writes of the Macedonian Christians who wanted to share in ministry: "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." (2 Cor. 8:5)

C: Ministry flows from a commitment to serve the Lord.

L: By the will of God our volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us.

C: We thank God for them.

L; Our volunteers put flesh and bone on our call to be the body of Christ in the world.

C: They add muscle to our calling to be Christ to one another.

L: Sunday school and vacation Bible school teachers, confirmation and youth leaders, mentors and nursery helpers;

C: musicians, readers, assisting ministers, ushers, leaders of prayer, communion assistants, and acolytes;

L: mission-project organizers, stewardship coordinators, offering counters, special event planners;

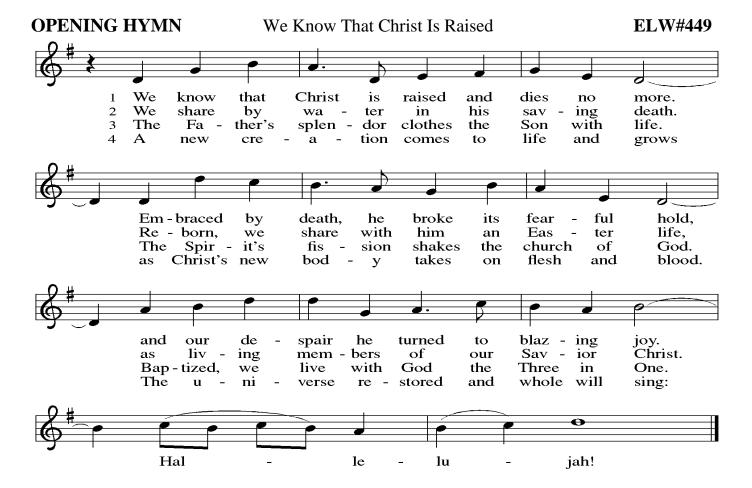
C: quilters, gardeners, artists, bakers, cooks;

L: prayer chain participants, visitors to the hospitalized and homebound, those who prepare funeral lunches;

C: ministers of hospitality of every kind;

L: cleaners, bulletin assemblers, envelope stuffers, office helpers, and so many more:

C: We thank God for you!



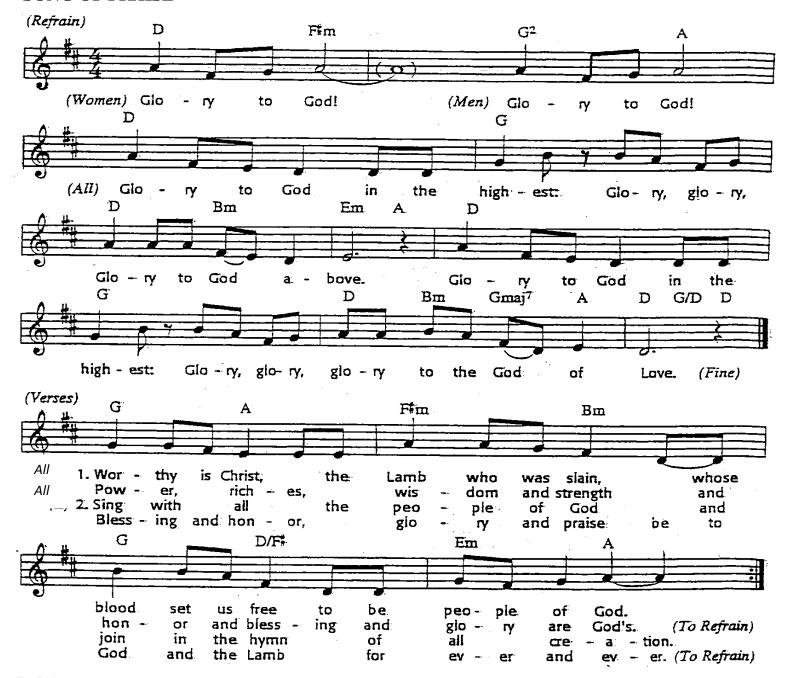
GREETING

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 (Assisting Minister: regular print **C: bold**)



SONG OF PRAISE



SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." L: The word of the Lord.

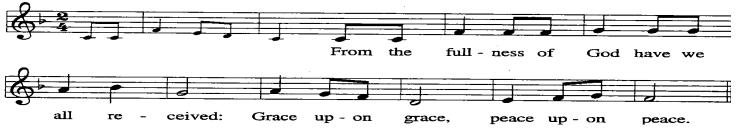
C: Thanks be to God.

L: The 2nd READING is from 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as you are able)



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 14:15-21 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HISTORY OF CHURCH

Bill Engel

SERMON Pastor Miho Yasukawa



NICENE CREED Please Stand

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

WA: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*

WA: We pray for the church. Draw your whole church together as one. Bring an end to division. Send your Spirit into your people and rouse God's children to greater love and mission. We especially pray for Trinity Lutheran Church in Lanark who are installing Pastor Wendy today. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: For the earth. For scientists, photographers, and explorers. For scholars, poets, musicians, artists, and all who lead us to greater knowledge and appreciation of beauty. For lakes and rivers, watersheds and wetlands, ponds and oceans. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the nations. Give wisdom to those who govern. Strengthen all who work for peace. Protect those who have been displaced or have left their homes in search of safety and freedom. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

WA: For those in need. For mothers and babies yet to be born. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who suffer post-traumatic stress. For those who struggle with addiction. For those who grieve and all who are ill *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Vivian Hesselbacher, Lee Wenzel, Mark Fulfs, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Sandra Leroy, Lewey. We pray for love, comfort and hope of Resurrection for the family and friends of Ray Stamm. Strengthen and encourage <i>Steve Fahr.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For this assembly. Bless those preparing for baptism and affirmation of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of evangelism, outreach, and pastoral care. Deepen our faith and knowledge of you. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: **hear our prayer.**

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness to your love. Bring us into your eternal presence to live with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** Pastor: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Please stand

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS This hymn is sung during presentation of gifts:



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray, C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

- P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.
- C: We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world. We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.
- P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

C: Amen

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

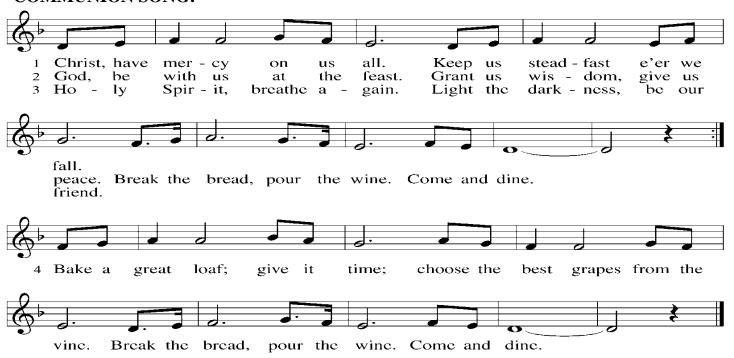
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION SONG:



COMMUNION SONG

Morning Has Broken

ELW#556

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

MISSION TRIP BLESSING

BLESSING P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



DISMISSAL (from the back)

- A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- **A:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Karen Niemeier

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>Pastor</u>: Pastor Miho Yasukawa <u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u> Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker

Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

LectorJanis KurthAcolyte:Braden DiddensAssisting MinisterDennis LukeWorship Assistant:Tena Rackow

<u>Communion Usher</u> Mike and Kelly Geiseman <u>Communion Set-up</u> Jay and Michelle Andrews

Communion Asst: Wayne Kurth, Beth Martin Elevator Operator Jean Engel

Sound System: Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker

<u>Greeters:</u> Chris and Angie Brinker, Curt and Sue Diddens
<u>Ushers:</u> Troy and Cindy Doubler, Mike and Kelly Geiseman

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD		May 21 st thru May 28 th
Today	Worship Service- Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Congregational Meeting	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Tuesday	Good Shepherd members leaving for Mission Trip	
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Pastor Miho at First Call Theological Education Synod Office Rockford	d 10:00am – 12:00 pm
Thursday	Ascension of Our Lord	
Saturday	Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry	
	Men's Group	4:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service- Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Monday	Office Closed "Memorial Day"	
Attendance May 14 was 53		
Total Offering 5/14/2017 \$1,604.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,453.76		

Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Good Shepherd members Angie Brinker, Colton Brinker, Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker, Anna Patterson, Sheila Keene, Krista Keene, Wayne Kurth, and Janis Kurth are leaving for Mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on Tuesday May 23rd and returning May 28th. Please remember them in your prayers this week

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly 2017 In-Kind Offering

Are collecting Gift Cards and Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors for foster care services in Illinois. Please bring your donations of a new smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and/or gift cards to the church to help LSSI Care for the children of the Northern IL Synod by June 4th 2017. See Bulletin Board for suggested gift cards and gift card items.

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)

Called Forward Together in Christ

Lutheran Youth Organization

Northern Illinois Synod Youth Assembly June 15 and 16, 2017 at Augustana College Erickson Residence Center, Rock Island, IL

Join the LYO in learning about discipleship and vocation! This year the youth will gather the night before synod assembly to have fun and learn how God calls us to share the Good News. Music and worship leadership will be provided by the Glocal Musician-Educators of the ELCA.

Registration is due by June 1st, 2017

If interested in attending talk to Pastor Miho or call the church office at 815-369-5552

Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:00am at church in the Fellowship Hall. Rene; Johnson (815) 369-2818 is hostess and bible Study leader.

We begin a new summer Bible Study: "All Anew, Ready or Not" by Kelly Fryer in the June issue of "Gather Magazine". In Session One – "Say Goodbye to Nice" we look at how "Niceness" can sometimes get in the way of "doing good" in our lives and within our faith community.

All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend <u>all</u> circle functions.

This is a perfect time to check us out. There is no age requirement or expertise test in all things Bible or Lutheran. We read scripture and look at how our life and experiences relate to God's Word. We take that walk with Jesus and tell Him what's on our mind and in our hearts – our hopes, fears, and concerns – and then listen for Him to show us the way. Come and see what goes on in a women's bible study; the thought that comes to mind is: "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry..." (WOV– song 770). As the say, "Try It, You Might Like It."

Would that be so horrible?