
August 13th 2017 9:30 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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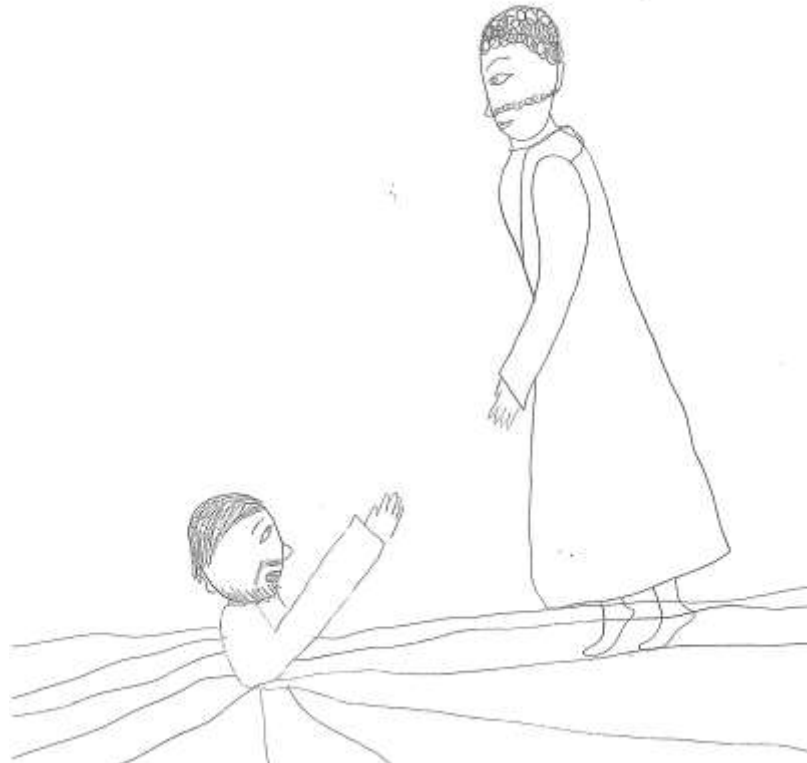
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Art by
Anna Patterson

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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 –
ELW SETTING 4**

PRELUDE*(A time for prayer and reflection)***Tena Rackow****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,
 full of compassion and mercy,
 abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
 let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being.**Look upon us, your children,****the work of your hands.****Forgive us all our offenses,****and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.****By your grace draw us near to you,****our refuge and our strength;****through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts
 through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

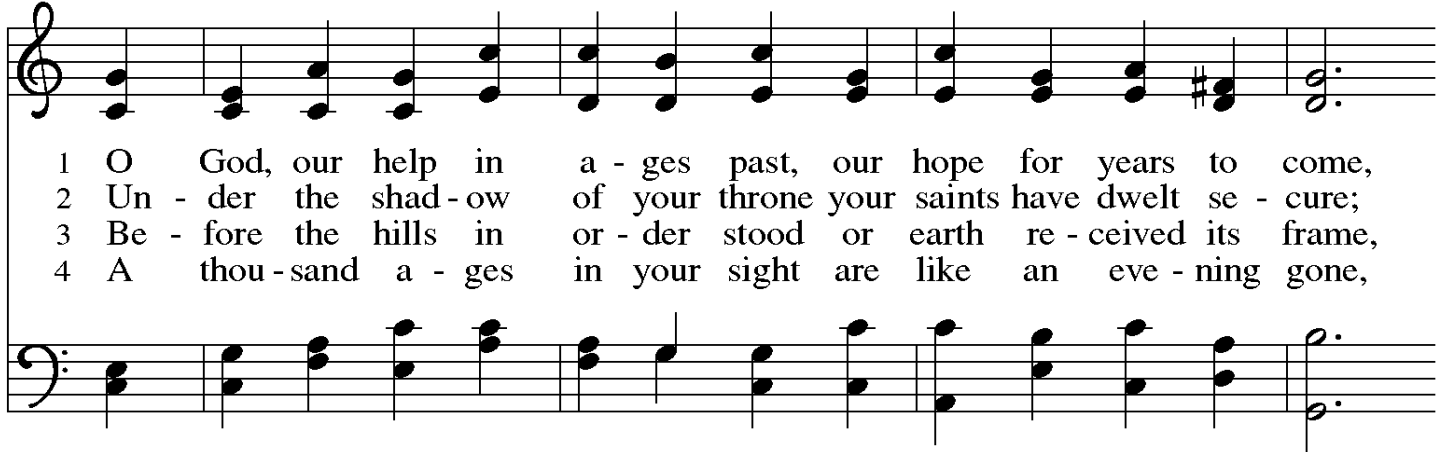
and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (*Verses 1-4*)

ELW#632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

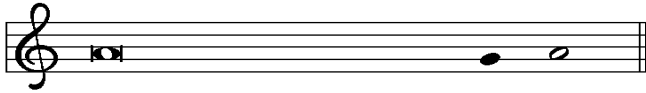


our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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**)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



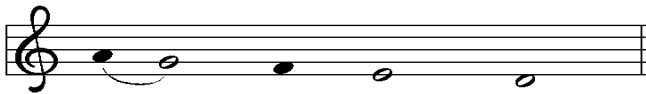
Lord, have mer - cy.



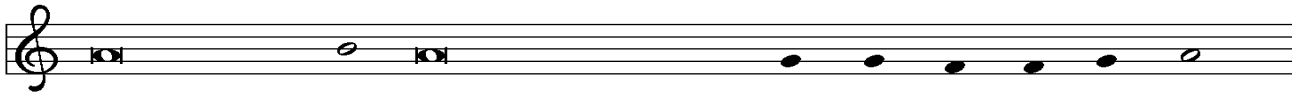
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

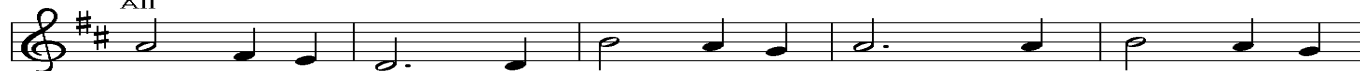
SONG OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

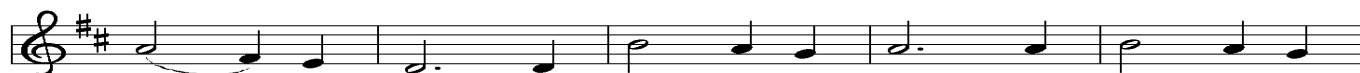


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to

take it away.”¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#85**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

L: The 2nd READING is from Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down)⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand as you are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 14:22-33 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW#756

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence*

WA: O God our ruler, continue to send out your church on earth to be light and salt to the world. Keep giving us the heart to do your work. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: O God our creator, you quiet the seas and silence the wind. Restore your creation to the perfection and beauty you spoke into being. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: O God our redeemer, inspire leaders with the righteousness that comes from faith, so that your justice thrives throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: O God our sustainer, comfort those who are lonely, fearful, or burdened by doubt. Give meaningful work to those who seek employment. Walk with those who face the last days of their life, grieving, or ill *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Lee Wenzel, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Scott Bonnet, Carol Stubbs, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Steve, Joseph Bastian, Elsie Meier* strengthen and encourage *Steve Fahr and Verl Price*. We pray for love, comfort and hope of the Resurrection for the family and friends of Javier Perez Jr. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: O God our encourager, empower this assembly to boldly proclaim and live out your love to all who long to hear a word of hope and kindness. Equip us to use our hands, feet, voices, and minds to share the bounty you have given us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: O God our savior, we rejoice in the example of the saints who have gone before us until we join them around your throne. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

“What a Friend We have in Jesus”

Tena Rackow

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

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray, **C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

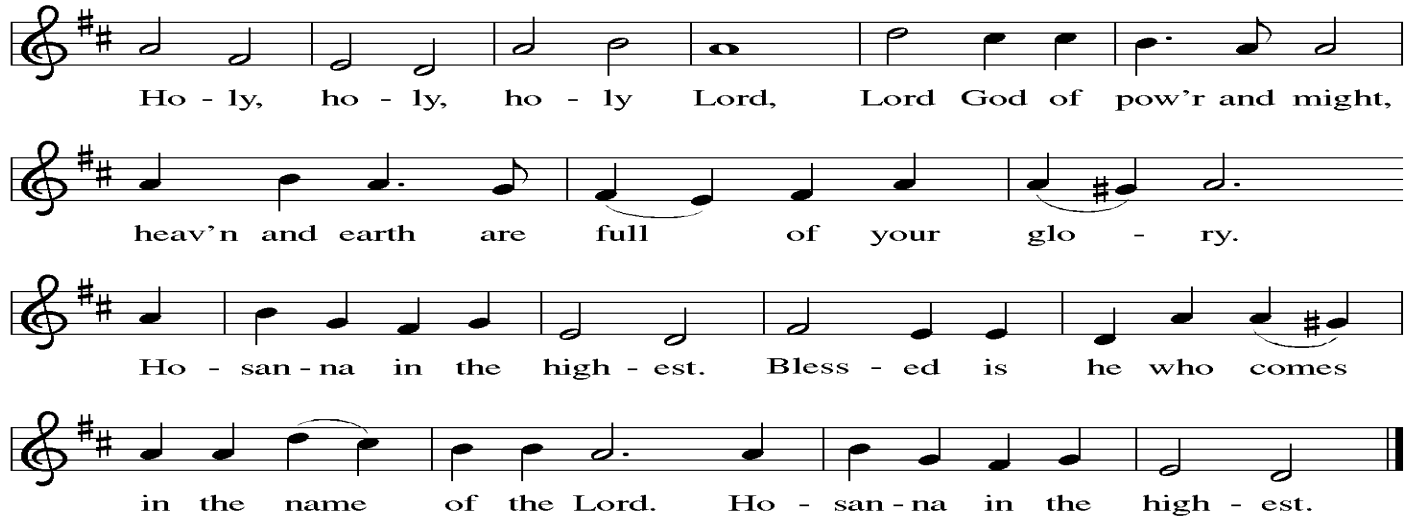
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

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;

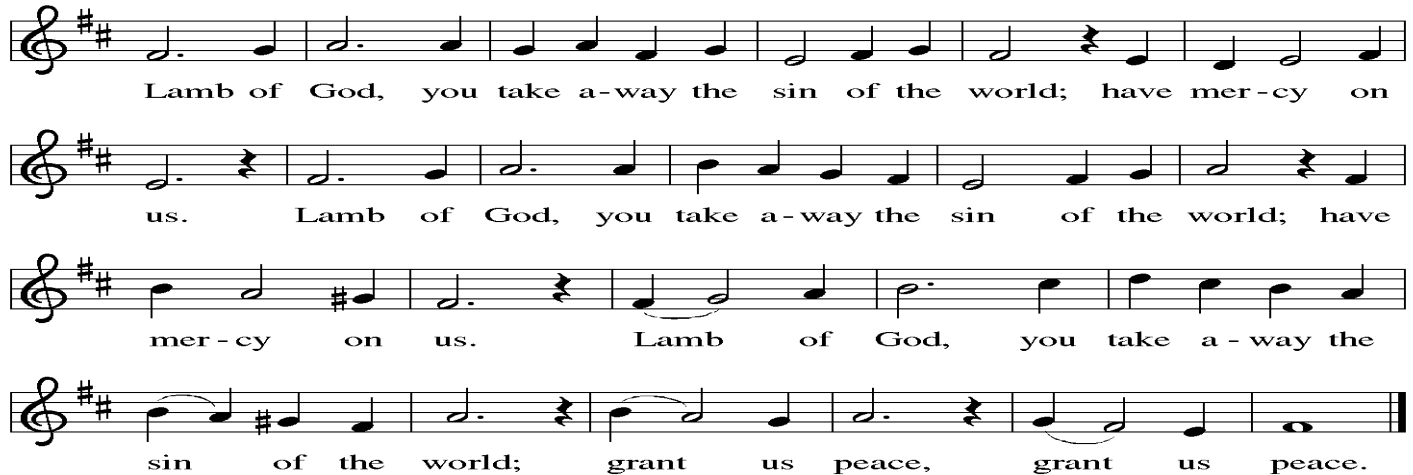
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion —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 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.

COMMUNION SONG

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW#773

V1 Precious Lord, take my hand,

lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,

lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me
home.

V3 When the darkness appears

and the night draws near,

and the day is past and gone,

at the river I stand,

guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

V2 When my way grows drear,

precious Lord, linger near,

when my life is almost gone,

hear my cry, hear my call,

hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant us the gifts of faith and hope in Christ. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Oh, Worship the King

ELW#842

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Tena Rackow**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Acolyte: Ashtyn Brinker **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Kurth **Worship Assistant:** Janis Kurth
Communion Usher: Jerry and Beth Martin **Communion Set-up:** Mary Lloyd
Communion Asst: Jay and Michelle Andrews **Elevator Operator:** Krista Keene, Troy Keene
Sound System: Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews **Greeters:** Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Willie Kayser
Ushers: Jerry and Beth Martin, Bob and Sharon Schlachter

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**August 13th thru August 20th 2017**

Today	Worship Service– Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Monday	Parkinson Support Group	1:30 pm
Tuesday	Web Site Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center-Devotions & Dessert	12:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service– Holy Communion	9:30 am

Attendance August 6th was 39 - Total Offering 8/02/2017 \$4,241.40 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$1,832.10

***THANK YOU!** Tena Rackow for your special music this morning*

Today’s Communion Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand was choose by: Darci Meier and Betty Koehn “Gives you faith, hope and love”

Parkinson Support Group

will meet Monday August 14th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall –everyone is welcome!

JILL HILLIGER—from Senior Resource Center for Stephenson & JoDavie counties.

Topic will be: “MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Any Questions ? ? ? Call: Carol Griffin 947-2208 or Marion Fahr 815-367-3961

Northwest Conference Summer Retreat for Women of the ELCA

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2700 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, IL

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017 --- Time 8:30am to 2:00pm

Registration & Coffee Time – 8:30 am, Bible Study 9:00am

Luncheon served at 12 noon—Program” “All Anew, Ready or Not”

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Mark Luepke (Bible Study from the June, July/August 2017 “Gather” magazine

Please bring your magazines, if you subscribe to it and a Bible) Cost: a Freewill Offering will be collected and given to NISWO. Please make your reservation with Judy Castle by calling 815-233-2425 or 815-201-1928.

Reservations needed by August 10, 2017. See Flyer on WELCA Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

Lena Fall Festival is Coming Soon September 8th & 9th 2017

A float will be put together for the parade if interested in helping to put this float together please contact

Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

“This is my body and blood which seals God’s promise, that your sins are forgiven.”

Matthew 26:27 - 29

Who: Any child whose parents feel she or he is ready to receive this Gift from God.

When: Sundays, October 8, 15, & 22 during the Sunday School Hour

Celebration on Sunday, October 29 during Worship. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Why: To learn about God’s promise of forgiveness for ALL!

How: Listening, sharing, drawing, and making a banner. Please bring your Bible, if you have one.

If interested, please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552 or Marybeth Brinker at 815-369-2501 BEFORE September 10th.