September 17th 2017 9:30 am

Confirmation Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 10

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: oceans and seas, lakes and rivers, streams and ponds, nourishing our land, watering the plants, giving life to us.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: nourishing the Israelites in the desert, offering healing at the pools of Bethesda and Siloam, proclaiming Jesus beloved in the waters of the Jordan.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: drowning us in baptism, washing away our death, calling us to the work of reconciliation.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: soothing our thirst for justice and peace at home, in our community, and around the globe; carrying us forward to our thirsting neighbors in need.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

P: Continue to fill us with your love that our lives may proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

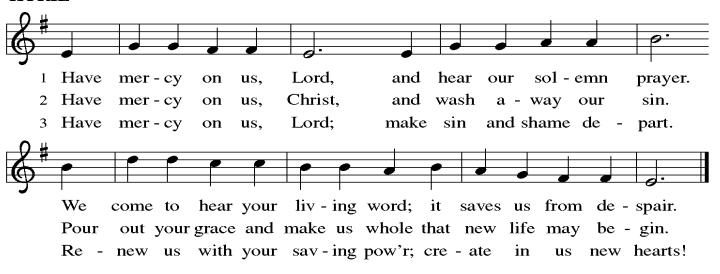
C: Amen.



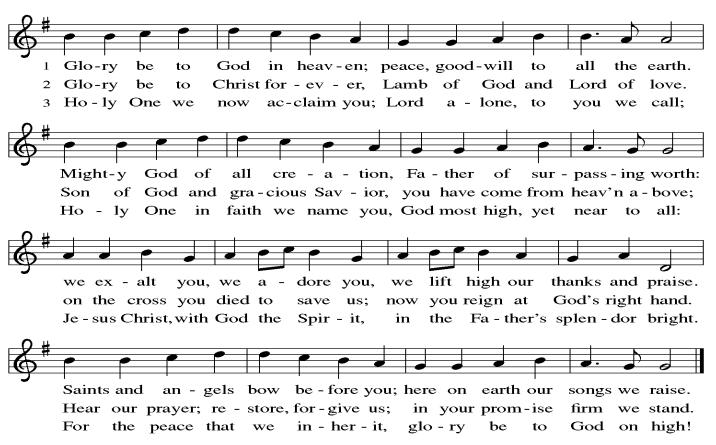
GREETING

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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Genesis 50:15-21

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15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#103 ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; ⁹you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

L: The 2nd READING is from Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 18:21-35 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

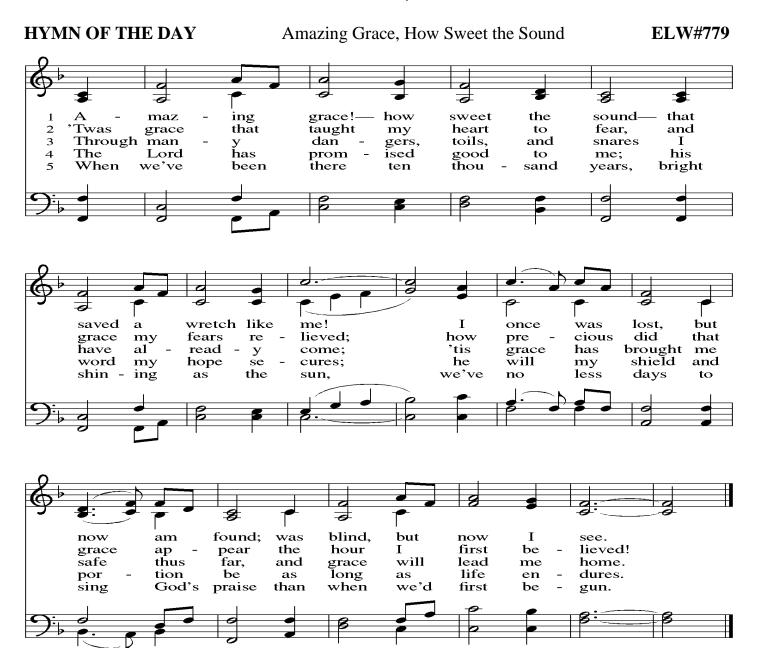
²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." 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



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW pages 234-236

For Ashtyn Gladys Elizabeth Brinker, Hanna Janice Elaine Brinker

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

WA: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations in our community. Unite us in the proclamation of your life-giving gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Creator God, you spoke light into being, you separated the waters, you formed the dry land. Protect and enliven the creation you so love, and make us willing partners in its care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: God of the nations, you love all tribes, peoples, and languages. We pray for all who govern. Give them wise and generous hearts for those they serve. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Divine Healer, calm the anxiety of those who are wrongly accused, who suffer under crushing debt, or who are in prison. Reassure those who are lonely, impatient, brokenhearted, homebound, hospitalized, or ill especially **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Lee Wenzel, Verl Price, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Steve, Joseph Bastian, Elsie Meier, Dale and Connie. Strengthen and encourage Fern Harnish and Carol Wybourn.** Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: We pray for this assembly; for our guests and visitors, for newcomers to this community, for those who are certain and those who doubt, and for all who seek you in this place. We give thanks for Ashtyn and Hanna for affirming their baptisms. We ask that you nurture their faith in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: We pray for our sisters and brothers who are affected by hurricanes, wild fires or earthquakes.

Your protection and care be with them. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: We remember and give thanks for the faithful of every age who did not live to themselves but lived to you. Raise us with them on the last day. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING "Write Your Blessed Name" **Choir Anthem**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: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

DIALOGUE

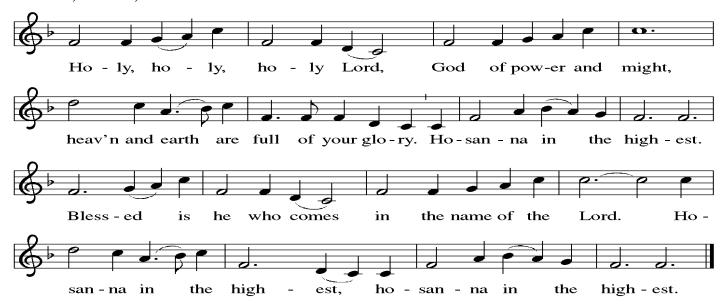
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

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

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. Please 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, and returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



LAMB OF GOD





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: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: The Creator who forms you anew, The Christ who sets you free The Spirit who draws you one to another, One God, Bless you in your service to others, Bless you in your rest and renewal, Bless you today, tomorrow, and forever. **C: Amen**.



DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: In Christ there is a new creation! See, everything has become new! Go forth to love and serve in Christ's name. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Karen Niemeier

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

<u>Lector:</u> Marybeth Brinker <u>Acolyte:</u> Kayla Runkle <u>Assisting Minister:</u> Austin Andrews <u>Worship Assistant:</u> Wayne Kurth <u>Communion Usher:</u> Dennis Luke, Donna Gullickson

Communion Set-up: Dennis Luke Communion Asst: Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker

<u>Elevator Operator:</u> Jean Engel <u>Sound System:</u> Troy Doubler, Braden Diddens

Greeters: Tena Rackow, Gary and Cynthia Boeke

Ushers: Dennis Luke, Donna Gullickson, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher

THIS WEEK	AT GOOD SHEPHERD	September 17 th thru September 24 th 2017
Today	Worship Service- Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Confirmation Sunday	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Mon-Wed	Pastor Miho will be at Professional Leaders Conference	ee
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th Graders at the Hangor	at 3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm-8:00pm
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center	12:30 pm
Saturday	Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry	
	Men's Group	8:30 am
Next Sunday	Worship Service—"God's Work. Our Hands" Sund	ay 9:30 am
	Divide into Serving Teams	10:30 am
	Arrive at Service Sites	11:00 am
	Lunch at Lena Living Center	12:00 pm
	Worship Service	2:30 pm
	Dessert, Prayer, and Sharing	3:00 pm
Attendance September 19 th was 44		
Total Offering 9/10/2017 - \$1,067.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$1,892.39		

Confirmation Sunday

We join in prayer, celebration and worship today with Ashtyn Brinker and Hanna Brinker in affirming their baptisms.

Today's hymns were chosen by the Confirmation class.

September & October are Food Pantry months

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.

Get ready to serve! "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2017 Save the date to join brothers and sisters in Christ in serving our neighbor's on September 24th. We will have service opportunities for all ages and abilities. Make sure to sign up!

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions on "God's work. Our hands" Sunday contact Troy Doubler or Wayne Kurth

Sunday October 1st Rally Day and Teacher Installment

The first day of **Sunday School!** Meet your new Sunday School leaders! Gather in the Sanctuary at 10:45am for the start of Sunday School and meeting your new teachers. At 11:00am we will have a family carnival with games, music, and treats! We will gather for a meal together with volunteers and families at 11:45am.

Bible Sunday October 1st

If your child is in the 3rd grade or older and does not have a Bible, contact the church office at 815-369-5552.

Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group

HEAL Grief and Education group offers sessions 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. Our six-week series will begin Wednesday evening September 6th through October 11th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm (9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11). We will meet 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 or (800) 367-8406. Registration can also be done online at www.monroeclinic.org.

There is no charge for these sessions.

Lutheran Disaster Response HURRICANE HARVEY

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, and was one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper response, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response-United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and more like it.

Lutheran Disaster Response Forms are available at both entrances