
May 6th, 2018 at 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Graduate and Teacher Recognition Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 –
WOV Setting 6

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,
 so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
 Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
 for water to bathe in, water to drink,
 for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
 for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
 for water from our tap, for rain [and snow],

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

L: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
 for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
 for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
 for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
 for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
 for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

L: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
 and for all who gather here;
 for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
 for children and grandchildren,
 for our brothers and sisters in Christ
 whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

L: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
 for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
 for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
 for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW#389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

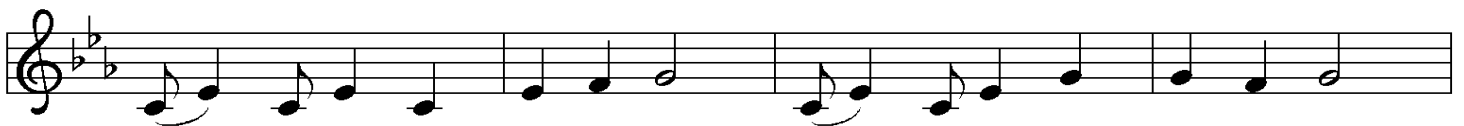
GREETING

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.**

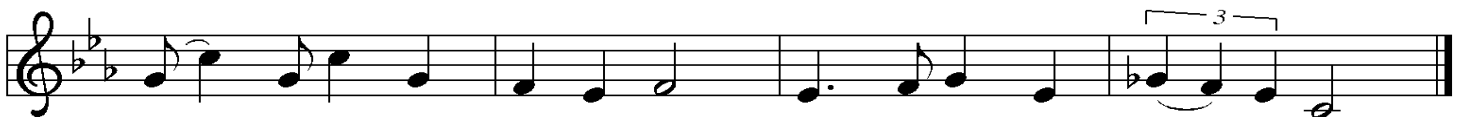
KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy (Verses 1 & 2)

WOV#602



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (verse 5)

WOV#671

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Savior

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 98 (*please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. **²With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.** ³The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. **⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.** ⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. **⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.** ⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD. **⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.** ⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. **¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.**

L: The 2nd READING is from 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

WOV#612

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 15:9-17 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and

bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Please be seated

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Marybeth Brinker

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES AND TEACHERS

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW#708

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

NICENE CREED

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.**

THE PRAYERS (Litany)

WA: God calls us to love one another because love is from God.

C: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

WA: Beloved, since God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another.

C: If we love one another, God lives in us.

WA: Jesus washed his disciples' feet to set an example,

C: for us to serve one another.

WA: We thank all volunteers who cared for the body of Christ at Good Shepherd.

C: They give of their time and talent.

WA: We thank Sunday school and vacation Bible school teachers, confirmation and youth leaders,
 mentors and nursery helpers.

**C: We thank musicians, lectors, assisting ministers, ushers, worship assistants, sound and slide
 teams,**

WA: communion assistants, acolytes, greeters, elevator operators, fellowship servers, communion
 set-up and clean-up teams,

C: custodians, office staffs, maintenance crews, altar guilds,

WA: choirs, ride givers, counters, committee members, church councils,

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

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

C: ministers of hospitality of every kind; we thank God for you!

WA: We lift up our sisters and brothers who need your healing touch, especially *Bob Lyvers, Dick
 and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Gene Hesselbacher, Kayla Runkle, Carol
 Wybourn, Verl Price, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jean,
 Jon Forsythe, Meghan, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye, Jean, Nick, Pam, Bruce, Jeff, Diane, Darren, Jerilyn
 Strohecker, Sylvia, Sandy Groezinger, Lois Paulson and Laura Derr. Pray for comfort and
 resurrection hope for family and friends of Millie Anderson, Lucille Nolan.*

C: You give them strength and courage.

WA: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God.

C: Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

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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: 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.**

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 and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV#616



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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

ELW#195

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.



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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: Let us pray. 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**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Graduates and family members are invited to come forward for the blessing.

C: Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.**



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr Lector: Karen Niemeier Acolyte: Jacob Runkle

Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews Worship Assistant: Janis Kurth

Greeters: Willie Kayser, Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene

Communion Usher: Virgil and Joanne Martin Communion Set-up: Jay and Michelle Andrews

Communion Asst: Beth Martin and Cora Hudik Sound System: Dennis Luke and Ashtyn Brinker

Elevator Operator: Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens

Ushers: Jerry and Karen Cross, Virgil and Joanne Martin

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

May 6th thru May 12th 2018

Today	Worship Service – Graduate & Teacher Recognition	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School (Games)	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Learning Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing, Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Pr. Miho at NW Conference Meeting, Prince of Peace, Freeport	9:30am-11:30 am
Thursday	Friendship Club/Potluck “Mary Berryhill & Company	12:00 pm
	Baccalaureate Service at Salem UCC	7:30pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service—with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am

Attendance April 29th 61

Total Offering 04/29/2018 - \$1596.50 Amount needed \$2815.00

Blessing of Graduates

We are delighted to honor this year’s graduates from high school and college: Anna Patterson, Brianna Andrews, Taylor Bastian, Danica Balbach. We are proud of you!

Blessing of Teachers

We thank God for these Christian Education teachers, helpers, and staff who have nurtured our children and youth of Good Shepherd. Thank you to: Sue Diddens, Tena Rackow, Sheila Keene, Kelly Geiseman, Darla Cornwell, Krista Keene, Karen Niemeier, Coralyn Hudik, Marybeth Brinker, Pastor Miho, Taylor Bastian, Kristy Patterson, and Michelle Andrews. We, also, would like to recognize and thank all those volunteers who have stepped in to help with various programs: Mike Geiseman, Chris Brinker, Heather Fye, Angie Brinker, Beth Martin, Billie Jo Runkle, Kelsey Albrecht, Jean Engle, Troy Doubler, Donna Gullickson, Dale Gullickson, Rene Johnson, Ryan Fye, Linda Heidenreich, Wayne Kurth, and Troy Keene.

Thank you all Good Shepherd family for your prayers and support.

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

Children’s bulletin follows Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.

They are available at the both entrances.

Updates on the Stubbs Family

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs’ family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>

Baccalaureate Service

Will be on May 10th 7:30pm at Salem United Church of Christ (8491 W Salem Road Lena, Illinois 61048).

All are welcome to celebrate high school graduates.

Youth OWL Night May 18th 5:30pm-19th 10am

All 5th grade and older are invited to come, play games, do service projects, watching movies, snacking all night, and have fun evening at the church. Door is open all night.

If you have any questions, please talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho.

We also need adult volunteers to come in for 2 hour shifts. Thanks.

Vacation Bible School

Theme: All Aboard! Gospel Express

This year's VBS will be June 18th-21st 5pm-8pm at Lena UMC. Registration forms and volunteer forms are available at the church office. If you have any questions, talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho

Good Shepherd Window Cling-on

Stewardship committee is working on making Good Shepherd Lutheran Church window cling-ons. These cling-ons will be a way to share the love of Christ with the community. We will have the blessings of the GSLC cling-ons on May 20th during the service. Bring your car and bring your friends. There will be a potluck luncheon

New Church Secretary

Please welcome our new church secretary Betty Allen. She has been training with Darlene who has given seven years of service with us. If you get a chance, please stop by the office and welcome Betty.

Let Us Know

If youth or adults in Good Shepherd family are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide a schedule to the church office by Tuesday morning so that we can include in the following Sunday's bulletin.

Sign up your slot for the Pictorial Church Directory

Get your smiles ready for the new Pictorial Directory. We will start to pick out times to come to the church and get your photos taken. Pictures will be taken on June 21st 2pm-9pm, 22nd 2pm-9pm, and 23rd 10am-5pm. Every family will receive a new directory and an 8"x10" photo. Sign up your slot today! Any questions please contact Denny Luke at church or call him at 815-985-5552.