GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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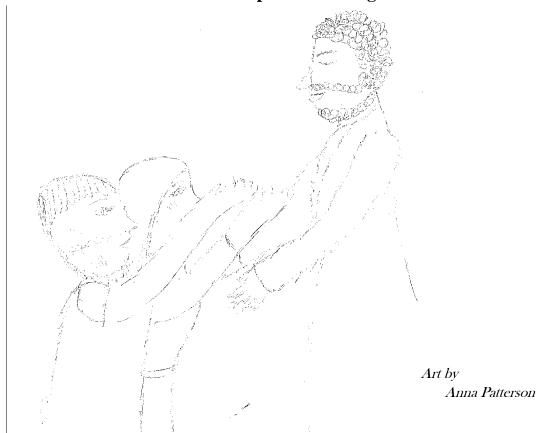
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Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

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.

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

We are delighted to have you.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Time for reflection in silence

Karen Niemeier

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

- P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.
- P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

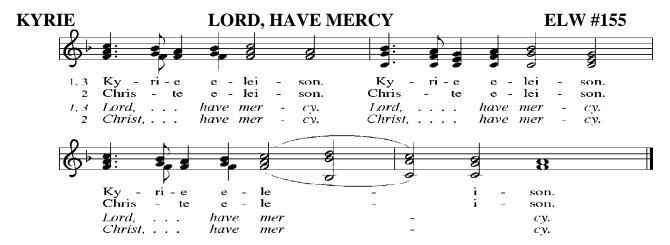
C: Amen.





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.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1 (Read responsively.)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172



GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who

weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY "IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU" ELW#769



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM for Kenlee Rene Price ELW page 227

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor: I present <u>Kenlee Rene Price</u> for baptism.

To the parents:

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Kenlee* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring *Kenlee* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,

bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture her in faith and prayer,

so that Kenlee may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Kenlee* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

To the sponsor:

P: Sponsor, do you promise to nurture <u>Kenlee</u> in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

To the congregation:

P: People of God, do you promise to support <u>Kenlee</u> and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

Profession of Faith

Congregation stands and joins in the profession of faith.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C; I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water is poured to the baptismal font.

P: Blessed are you, Holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *The assembly may be seated.*

BAPTISM

P: Kenlee Rene Price, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

P: and of the Son.

P: and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

A: People of God, join me with an acclamation.

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Kenlee* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

P: <u>Kenlee</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to the sponsor.

A: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

WELCOME SONG "JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

THE PRAYERS

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

WA: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

WA: We pray for the church. We pray for First Lutheran in Chadwick and Trinity in Milledgeville. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the earth. Thank you Lord for the plenty of snow we received last week. We ask your blessings to seeds and bulbs, trees and bushes, wild animals and birds flying in the sky. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For those in need. For those who do not have enough food; for those who lack money; for those who are estranged from their families; for those who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Steve Fahr, Fern Harnish*, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Lucille Diddens, Randy, Brian, and Tammy. Give strength and courage this week to Lois Paulsen. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: For our family at Good Shepherd. We give you thanks for Kenlee, our new family in Christ. Shower your blessing upon her, and guide us to learn from each other so that the whole world witnesses your faithfulness.

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

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Encourage us by their example and lead us in faith until we are united at your unending feast. Lord, in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including the care of those in need. Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. 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.

CHIMES

"I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

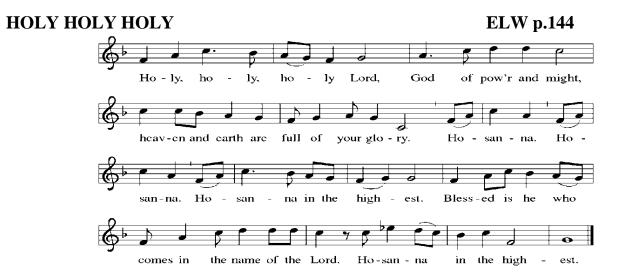
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

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.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

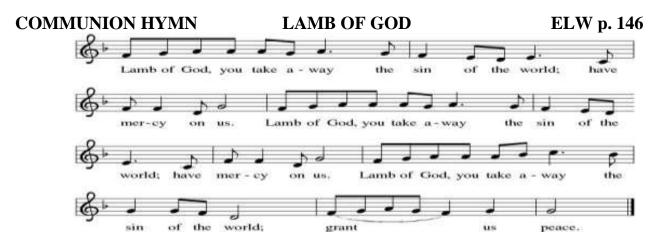
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

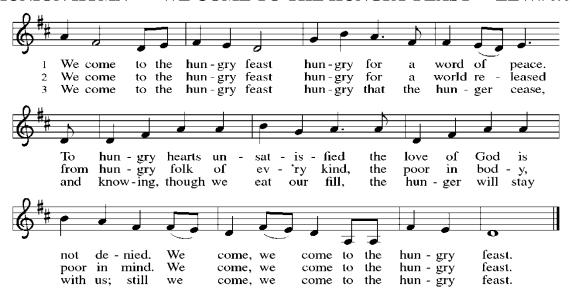
Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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

THE LORD'S
SUPPER



COMMUNION HYMN "WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST" ELW#479



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: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

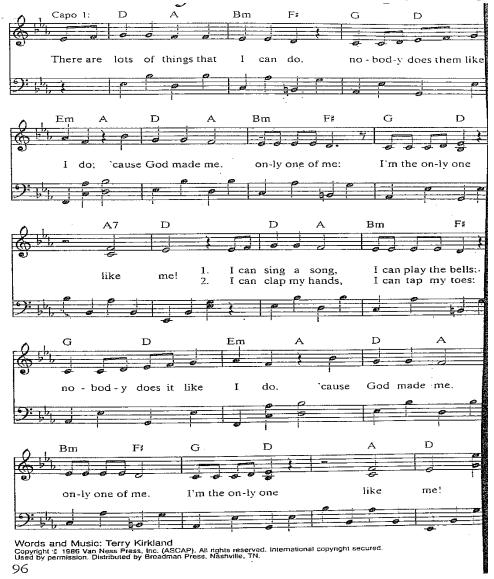
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**.

SENDING HYMN "I AM THE ONLY ONE LIKE ME" Rejoice Song Book, p96



DISMISSAL (from the back)

POSTLUDE Karen Niemeier

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Communion Set-up: Vivian Hesselbacher

Sound System: Denny Luke and Ashtyn Brinker

<u>Greeters</u>: Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Chris and Angie Brinker <u>Ushers</u>: Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher

Elevator Operator: Tena Rackow

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD February 17 th through February 24 th		
Today	Worship Service with Baptism and Holy Communion	9:30 am
-	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Monday	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Pr. Miho at NW conference meeting Synod office, Rockford	10:00am-12:00pm
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions and Dessert	1:00pm
	Pr. Miho at FCTE, Synod Office, Rockford	2:00pm-3:00pm
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Attendance February 10th – 54 Total Offering 02/10/2019 - \$1741.00 amount needed - \$2505.76

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.

Today We Baptize

Kenlee Rene Price was born on December 31st, 2015 to parents Adam and Dena Price to grandparents Curt and Sue Diddens and Gary and Nancy Price. Kenlee's sponsor is Lukas Price. We rejoice with you Kenlee. Welcome to God's family.

Children's Worship Bulletin is Available

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

They are available at both entrances

Today: Hymn Sing at First Lutheran

First Lutheran Church of Freeport (303 South Galena Avenue) is hosting, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", a hymn sing giving thanks and praise for God's abiding presence in our lives today, February 17th at 2:00pm. Chris Parkinson will be the organist/pianist for the hymn sing. There will be a congregational singing, a variety of instrumental accompaniments, and a combined choir anthem. Please join us as we sing our praises and give thanks to God.

Lenten Devotion Books

There are two Lenten devotion books this year. One is <u>Lasting Hope: Devotion for Lent 2019</u> which contains daily readings which is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey. The other is <u>Lenten Study Guide: ELCA World Hunger's 40 days of Giving</u> which contains short weekly readings with questions for reflection of conversation. Each sessions draw on stories from projects supported by ELCA World Hunger and each questions help deepen our Lenten journey by reflecting on what the Lenten practice of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works love means for us today. Both are available at the rack.

Chili & Filled Noodle Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church, 8393 South Derinda Road, Elizabeth, IL will be hosting a Chili and Filled Noodle Supper, on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 from 4:00pm-7:30pm. Menu includes; chili, filled noodles, ham sandwiches, salad, dessert and beverage. Price for the meal is \$8.00 for adults, children 5-12 \$5.00, children 4 and under eat free. This years proceeds will go to the church improvement fund and project funds. Cake Walk provided, all evening proceeds going to support the Trinity Lutheran Sunday School.

Monroe Clinic Heal Grief and Education Group

Heal grief and education group offers sessions to anyone 18 yrs. and older who have experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and supportive setting. Group session begins Wednesday February 27th and will continue every Wednesday morning through April 3rd from 10:00am-11:30am. Meetings will take place at St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI, there is no cost to attend, space is limited. To register or express interest in attending please call 608-324-1230 or 1-800-367-8406

Thank You



ThThank You so much for the wonderful donation of socks, gloves and the hat. Socks are an often over looked, yet necessary item that our students need. Your donation is much appreciated.

Sincerely, Ann DeZell, Elementary Principal