
August 11th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.

*This service will use a liturgy **ELW setting 10** (cranberry hymnal) in your pew.*

GATHERING*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***PRELUDE****Karen Niemeier****WELCOME****CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us ☩ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.



GATHERING HYMN "GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND" ELW#400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

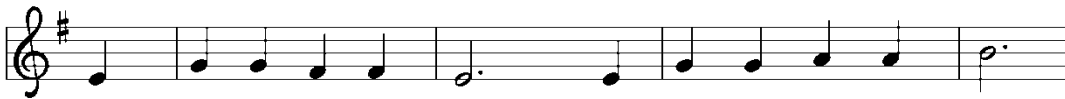
GREETING

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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

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

L: A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**“ALLELUIA!”****ELW p. 205**

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

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

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY**“HOW GREAT THOU ART” ***

ELW# 856



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow`r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

**our member's favorite hymn*

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

THE PRAYERS

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

WA: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

A brief silence

WA: Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ.

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

WA; Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA; Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes, food for those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to the sick *especially Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Lois Paulsen, Jerry, Charmaine Magee, Nina Mueller, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessoroff, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Jean, Cathy Stouffer, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Kayla Gobeli, Brenda Larson, Lori, J.T., Joyce Scholl, and our friends in Pine Ridge community, southern California, El Paso, TX, and Dayton, OH.* Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish.** We pray for peace, love, comfort, and resurrection hope for family and friends of Betty Koehn. Be their help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer..**

WA: Bless and sustain our Good Shepherd family, especially Katie Richardson, Casey, Leesa, Gavyn and Beau Daniel Kurth, Christ Fahr, Jerry and Karen Cross.

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

WA: Keep in your care the faithful loved ones who have died in Christ, until we join them in the everlasting city, whose architect and builder is God. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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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

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC**TENA RACKOW AND TERRY HART****OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

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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

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P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready

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.

**COMMUNION SONG****“LAMB OF GOD”****ELW p. 208**

- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



COMMUNION HYMN

"BLESSED ASSURANCE"

ELW#638



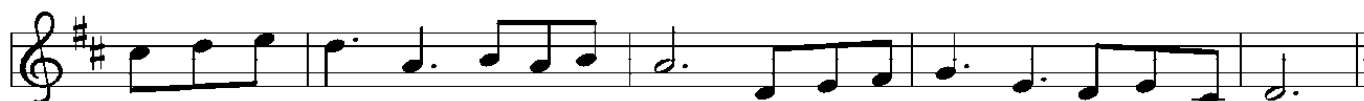
- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove cch-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN “GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS”
ELW#771



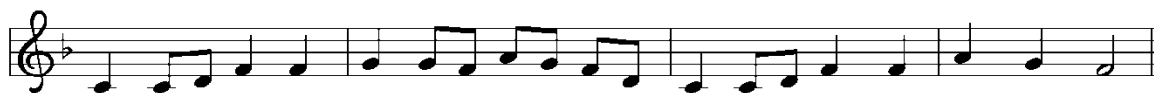
1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you. **C:** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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Greeters: Wayne and Janis Kurth, Jerry and Beth Martin

Ushers: Jim Swain, Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon and Bari Raymer

Elevator Operator: Troy Keene and Krista Keene

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERDAugust 11th through August 18th, 2019

Today:	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
Monday:	Parkinson Support Group	1:30pm
Tuesday:	Hymn Sing Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Mobile Food Pantry at Le-Win Food Pantry parking lot	4:00 pm- 6:00 pm
	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday:	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotion and Desserts	1:00pm
Friday:	Dog Days of Summer at Route 20 Bar and Grill	6:30pm
Next Sunday:	Worship Service, “Sundae Fun Day”	9:30am
	Blessings of Backpacks	
	Fellowship	10:30am

Attendance: August 4th - 41

Total Offering 08/04/2019 - \$2707.00; amount needed -\$2867.93

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.

We would like to thank Tena Rackow and Terry Hart for their special music this morning.

Today's Hymn of the day “How Great Thou Art” is our member's favorite hymn.

Parkinson Support Group

Join us tomorrow for Parkinson Support group. We will have speakers from Senior Resource Center. Come and learn about their services. Anyone is welcome.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry will come back to Lena on Tuesday, August 13th from 4pm-6pm at the parking lot of the Le-Win Food Pantry (130 ½ Main Street, Lena). It is open to everyone. Please bring your bags or boxes.

This Friday-Dog Days of Summer Dinner at Rout 20 Bar and Grill

Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and great food **this Friday, August 16th at 6:30pm** at Route 20 Bar and Grill. Meet at the church if you wish to car pool by 6:15pm or meet us at the restaurant by 6:30pm. Please sign up by tomorrow so that we can make reservations.

Sundae Fun Day

Invite your friends to Sundae Fun Day on Sunday, August 18th. Worship is at 9:30am at the Fellowship Hall. There will be games, foods, and ice cream! Bring your favorite toppings or fruit and enjoy. Everyone is welcome.

**Go and Cheer: August 30th**

We, as the Good Shepherd family, will go and cheer our members!
Our first Go and Cheer will be August 30th Le-Win vs. EPC football game.
We'll have more details soon.

Pine Ridge Retreat Center

Check out their new video and cover photo on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/PineRidgeRetreatCenter>.