GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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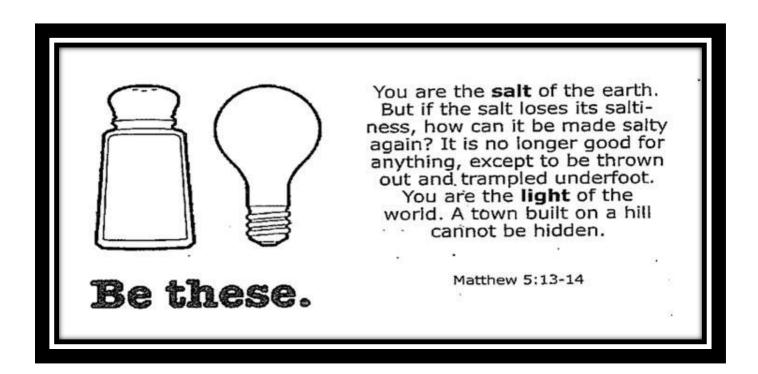
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

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 Tena Rackow

WELCOME

We welcome our guest speakers from LOMC and special musician Sue Koehn.

Time for reflection in silence.

Please stand for Call to Worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Rejoice Song Book)

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

C: let us worship and bow down.

Leader: let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving;

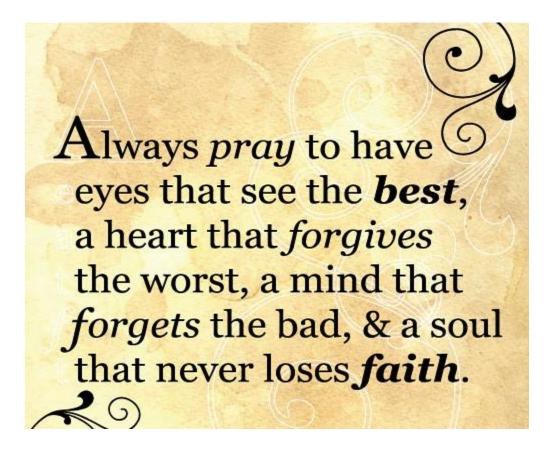
C: let us praise the Lord with music and song.

Leader: Show me your ways, O Lord;

C: teach me your path.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

C: for you are the God of my salvation; in you I have trusted all the day long.

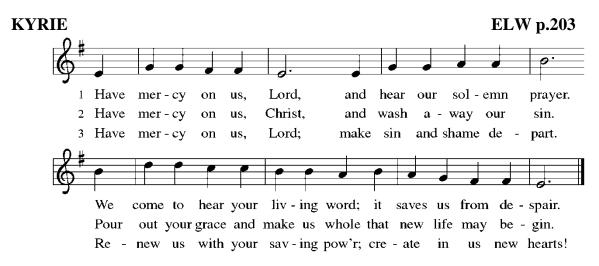


GATHERING HYMN "O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS" ELW#521



GREETING ELW p.203

A: 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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristy Patterson +



EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited

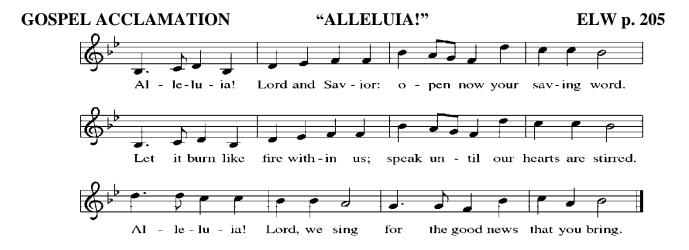
L: A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering. ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what

cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Assembly may stand



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-14

Guest Speaker: The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 5: 13-14.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

Guest speaker: The gospel of the Lord.

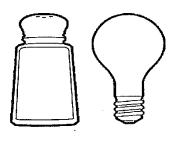
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly may be seated.

MESSAGE

LOMC Development Director LOMC Program Director

Adriana Plocinski Michelle Heinrich



Be these.

You are the **salt** of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the **light** of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:13-14



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: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

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 of mercy, we cry to you for help, trusting in your compassion for your whole creation. Free those in bondage to substances, gambling, or other forms of addiction. Release victims of human trafficking and bring them to safety. Raise up the baptized to offer Christ's healing and forgiveness to all in distress.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

WA: We rejoice in your creation: water that nourishes lands and creatures, gardens and fields with a diversity of plants. Bless scientists and artists who show us new ways of understanding the complex beauty around us. We give thanks to the camp ministries who nurture faith for young and old. We especially pray for the LOMC ministries in Oregon, IL. We ask your continuous blessings and guidance as they serve to be your hands and feet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

WA: We seek the kingdom that cannot be shaken. Come to the rescue of those who are displaced by war, famine, or other disasters. You know our needs in this community and heal the hurts of all bent over with sickness, aging, weary, or suffering especially Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Lois Paulsen, Jerry, Charmaine Magee, Nina Mueller, Sheridan Brinker, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, DebLindeman Harder, CindyTessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, 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. Accompany those who visit homebound members, the hospitalized, and those who are in prison. Hear us, O God. C. Your mercy is great.

WA: You call all your children by name. We ask your loving blessings to our Good Shepherd family, Aaron, Cali and Lydia Smith, Alexis Martin, Dana, Braden, Madi Diddens, Anna Andersen. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

WA: You raise up witnesses in every generation. As we remember those who have passed into your peace before us, comfort us in the sure hope of your Son's resurrection.

Hear us, O God. C. Your mercy is great.

WA: 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 ELW p. 206

A: 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 SUE KOEHN

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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.

SENDING

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Church Council

QUILT PRESENTATION AND BLESSING

Two quilts from the Piece Corps Quilting Group will be given to LOMC Autumn Fest and Quilt Auction on October 12th.

Litany of blessing

A: Let us give thanks to God together. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.

C: We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.

A: Bless these quilts with your warmth.

C: May they be your loving presence.

A: God of all grace, bless us now and forever.

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE" ELW#834



DISMISSAL (from the back)

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

We will collect a special offering to support LOMC ministry at the doors. Thank you for your support.

POSTLUDE Tena Rackow

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Tena Rackow

<u>Lector</u>: Beth Martin <u>Assisting Minister:</u> Jay Andrews <u>Acolyte</u>: Jared Runkle

Worship Assistant: Sheila Keene <u>Communion Set-up:</u> Kristy Patterson

Sound System: Wayne Kurth and open

Greeters: Troy and Cindy Doubler, Chris and Angie Brinker

<u>Ushers:</u> Jerry and Beth Martin, Paul and Shirley Fox Elevator Operator: Taylor Patterson and Kristy Patterson

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

August 25th through September 1st, 2019

Today: Worship Service 9:30 am

Guest Speaker from Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center

Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School Kick off 10:45 am

Wednesday: "Piece Corps" Quilting Group 8:00am-11:30am

Friday: Go and Cheer-Le-Win Panthers vs EPC Wildcat football game @ Lena 7:00 pm Next Sunday: Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30am

Guest preacher Rev. Kenn Stork

Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 10: 45 am

Next Monday: Office Closed (Labor Day)

*Pr. Miho is out of office this week.

Attendance: August 18th - 60

Total Offering 08/18/2019 - \$1676.00; amount needed -\$2757.48

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 Sue Koehn for the special music, and Adriana Plocinski and Michelle Heinrich for the message this morning.



Go and Cheer: This Friday

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 starts 7pm at Lena. Pick up the cheering gear at church.

Fish Boil and Quilt Raffle

St. Joseph Church annual fish boil and quilt raffle will be on this Friday,

August 30th at Apple River Event Center (446 East Hickory Street, Apple River) from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Cost: Advance ticket \$10 (available until August 29th), at the door \$11, Children under 12 \$5. Carry outs are also available. For more information, call St. Joseph at 815-745-2312.

Fall Rummage Sale

Harmony United Methodist Church (2600 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport) is having fall rummage sale on September 4th-6th, 8am-5pm and 7th from 8am till 12pm. Something for everyone! Come and enjoy. There will be lunch stand, too. See flyer for detail.



Monroe Clinic Grief Support 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. Six weeks session begins Wednesday, September 4th and will continue every Wednesday morning through October 9th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Meetings will take place at St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI, there is no cost to attend, and space is limited. To register or express interest in attending please call 608-324-1230 or 1-800-367-8406

The 69th Lena Fall Festival
Will be held September 6th & 7th this year's theme is, "Lena, A Place Called Home".

If interested in helping with the float, talk to Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147.

Good Shepherd will also have a hospitality tent set up Friday evening and Saturday after the parade. Signup sheet is at the ramp. Please consider helping our ministry with your smile and friendliness. Each shift is 1 hour. Thank you for your support.

Lena Fall Festival 5K Run/Walk

A group of members has decided to participate in the Fall Festival 5K Run/Walk on September 7th. In preparation, we will be gathering from 5:30pm-6:30pm, Sunday through Thursday at Good Shepherd to walk. Everyone is welcome! Just show up.

Pine Ridge Retreat Center

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

Ouilt Sunday

Mark your calendar. Our Quilt Sunday Worship will be September 8th. Rene Johnson will share the message. We will bless the quilts and the hands that create them.