# 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.

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.



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE Tena Rackow

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \(\psi\) one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy. **C: Amen.**
- P: Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.

P: At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are 

forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

C: Amen.



### GATHERING HYMN "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

ELW#855



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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.** 



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

### **WORD**

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

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

### L: A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 46** (read responsively)

A: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

A: 3though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

A: <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

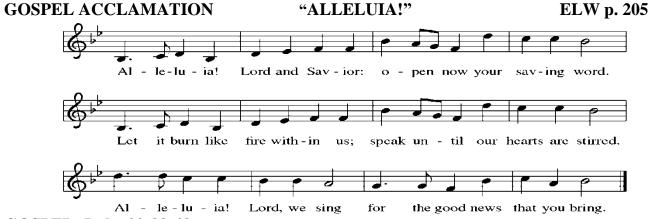
A: <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

A: <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: <sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

A: <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.



### **GOSPEL: Luke 22:33-43**

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

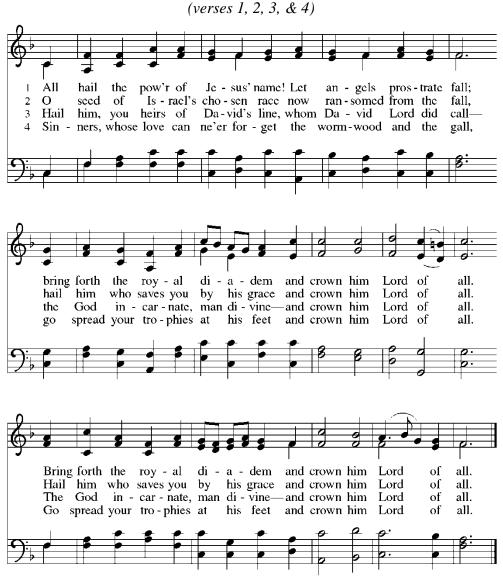
P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly may be seated.

#### **SERMON**

### conversation on hat/crown and Jesus

# HYMN OF THE DAY "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!" ELW#634



Assembly may stand.

### **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:** United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

## A brief silence

**WA:** God, you are our righteousness. Fill us with the hope of steadfast love and shine light on places that were invisible to us, so that we see your kingdom made visible on earth. Hear us, O God. **C:** Your mercy is great.

WA: God, your reign extends from the black holes of the universe to a single grain of sand. Guide us to sustain and restore all of your creation, and to live in peace with this planet. Strengthen farmers in our area and around the world. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great. WA: God, you are exalted among nations. Protect the people in countries ravaged by violence, warfare, and hatred, and raise up wise and generous leaders to find their strength in you. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: God, you are our help in times of trouble. Like a shepherd who guards the sheep, watch over your flock: those who are sick and hurting in body, mind, or spirit, those who are mocked, and those who are lonely. We pray especially for Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Kris Sanders, Dan and Sue White, Irene, Pr. Charles Steinke, Jeff and Deb, and Paul Nelson. Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to Lois Paulsen. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

**WA:** God, you call us forth from this place to lives of service. We give thanks for ministries of Lena Area Church Cooperative who is delivering Thanksgiving basket this week. Bless their hands and feet to share Christ's love with neighbors in need, and bless those who receive your loving care. Hear us, O God. **C:** Your mercy is great.

**WA:** Almighty God, the beginning and the end, we rejoice that one day we will share in the inheritance of the saints. In thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us, we

especially pray for Eva Perra. Renew our trust in you that nothing can separate us from you love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

P: Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care. **C: Amen.** 

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

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Assembly may be seated.

#### **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!

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### "NOW WE OFFER"

#### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

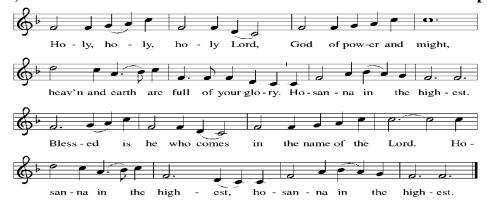
C: It is right to give our thanks and

praise.

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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### 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.

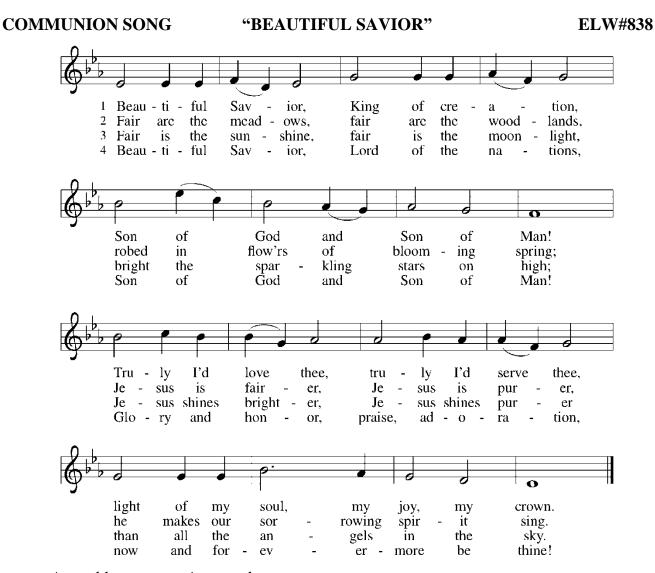
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

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.







Assembly may remain seated.

### 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.

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

### **SENDING**

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

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**

### Assembly may stand.

### **BLESSING**

P: Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,  $\pm$  comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

C: Amen.



### **DISMISSAL** (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Tena Rackow

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### **Worship Assistants**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Sue Diddens

Assisting Minister: Sunday School Youth

Worship Assistant: Tena Rackow

Acolyte: Ethan Fye

Greeters: Bill and Jean Engel,

Donna Gullickson and Bari Raymer

Ushers: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher

Virgil and Joanne Martin

Communion Set-up: Krista Keene

Communion Assistant: Troy and Cindy Doubler Communion Ushers: Chris and Angie Brinker

Sound System: Denny Luke and open

Elevator Operator: Taylor Patterson and Kristy Patterson

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### November 24<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Today: Worship Service - Christ the King HAT Sunday** 9:30am **Fellowship** 10:30am

No Sunday School

**Choir Practice** 11:00am **Chime Practice** 5:00pm

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

Thursday: Thanksgiving – office closed

**Next Sunday: Worship Service-First Sunday of Advent/ Advent Fun** 9:30 am

**Fellowship** 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am **Confirmation Class** 11:00am Choir Practice 11:00am Chime Practice 5:00pm

Attendance: November 17<sup>th</sup> - 47

Total Offering 11/17/2019 - \$900.00 amount needed - \$2121.70

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, as the Good Shepherd family, will go and cheer our members! Here is upcoming schedule. Today, Freeport Choral Society Holiday Delights Concert @ St. John's UCC, Freeport, 3pm November 25 (Monday) Jr. High Boys Basketball game @ Lena, 5:30pm/6:30pm December 2 (Monday) Jr. High Boys Basketball game @ Pearl City, 5:30pm December 8 (Sunday) HCC Choral & Youth Holiday Concert @ Highland, 2pm

If you know upcoming games/meets/concerts/etc., please let the church office know.

### **Lena Area Church Cooperative**

Today is the last day for monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The cooperative committee members will be delivering the baskets on Monday. Thank you to everyone who donated and what a blessing it is to be able to help others in need.

The Angel tree will be put up in the fellowship hall tomorrow. Each angel represents a child or a family in need this holiday season and contains their wish list for Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a child or family, please take an angel (top card), fill out the information card attached (leave that here), and return your gift(s) to the church by December 15<sup>th</sup>, with the top angel attached to it. Please make sure that if you have multiple packages, that they are all marked or tied together.

Also the signup sheet for cookies for Operation Good Fellow is on the bulletin board at the bottom of the ramp. We have been asked to donate 30 dozen. Please indicate how many dozen you are able to donate. Cookies are due back to the church at noon on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th.</sup> Remember we cannot return your containers so please plan accordingly. The Lions Club is also requesting that the # of cookies inside each package be noted. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving! Shirley Fox and Mary Lloyd

### Lena Area Historical Society Cheese & Sausage Gift Box

The members of the Lena Area Historical Society are taking orders for gift boxes containing tree types of cheeses (Muenster, Marble & Cheddar) from Torkelson Cheese, and a beef sausage log from AJ Lena Maid Meats. The cost of the gift box is \$30.00.**Orders need to be turned in by November 30**<sup>th</sup> to Cindy's Beauty Salon 315 Grove Street, Lena or call Cindy Drye at 815-369-4030, Eleanor Holmes at 815-369-4304 to place an order or by mail to: LAHS, Box 620, Lena, Illinois 61048. Orders will be available for pick up, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-10:30am at the Lena Museum, 427 Grove Street, Lena, Payment not required until the pickup on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Collection for the Veterans**

In the month of November Lena Lions is collecting gloves, socks, stocking caps, and scarves for the veterans in our area. Collection box is in the Washington Street entrance. Your support will be appreciated. Please help our veterans those who have served.

#### **Next Sunday- Advent Fun**

Come next Sunday for Advent Fun. We will decorate big Christmas tree in the sanctuary during worship service, and enjoy hot chocolate and treats at the fellowship hour.

### Lena's Magical Home Town Christmas Parade Friday, December 6th at 6:00pm

During the parade we will have a tree lighting ceremony on the square downtown by the canon and Nativity. Children may visit Santa and Mrs. Claus after the parade from 6:45pm-8:30pm at Citizens State Bank, or deposit letters to Santa in the mailboxes located at Citizens State Bank, Sweetie Me, and Down on the Farm during their business hours, from November 22<sup>nd</sup>-December 14<sup>th</sup>. Their letters will be answered by Santa!

The Lena United Methodist Church will be hosting a cookie walk and Chili Supper again this year. The Lena Library will be hosting a Family Activity night.

### Poinsettia Order

Each year our chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas services. You may order poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Order must be placed by Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, and cost is \$12. Fill out the order form and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.