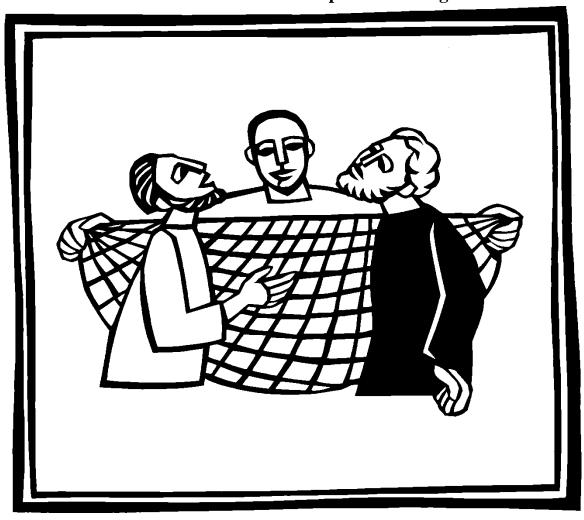
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

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Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Liturgy for the season of Epiphany is God Give Us Life.

PRELUDE

Tena Rackow

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

GATHERING

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

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

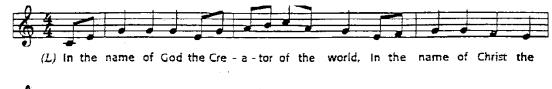
C: Amen.

"WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME" ELW#798

(Verses 1, 3, & 5)



INVOCATION





GATHERING SONG





PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of 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

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

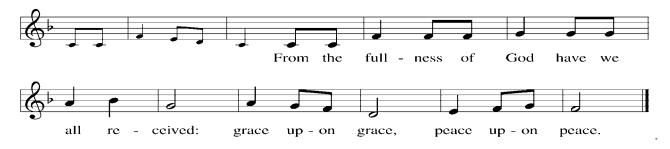
L: A reading from Corinthians.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."** ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "**Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."** ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE"

ELW#817



CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word 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: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence

WA: Holy One, your voice calls us to follow. Thank you for raising up missionaries in every generation and for all who create communities of grace today. Open our hearts to serve you near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Maker of all, we rejoice in the beauty and abundance of the earth. Unite us in our shared calling to be stewards of creation, to reduce waste, and to simplify our lives for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Ruler of all, thank you for those who run for local and national office, and all who serve as elected leaders. Gather wise and courageous voices together, that your mercy and justice would dawn upon all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** WA: Healer of all, thank you for sanctuary and safety. Uplift all who live where fear governs and evil divides. Give refugees and all who seek safety a path toward hope and new life. Grant healing and wholeness to all who are sick, lonely, or grieving, we pray especially for

Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Joyce Watson, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Vicar Mike Reibel, Mary Schick, Kyle, and Dave Lartz. Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to Fern Harnish. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our

prayer.

WA: God of courage, thank you for faithful Sunday school teachers, Learning Committee members, and those who nurture faith of others. Inspire our faith formation efforts with all generations as you call us to follow you. Bless our children, youth, and adults who engage in learning. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Risen Lord, we marvel at the meaning of your resurrection. Give us faith to place all hope in you as we give thanks for the faithful departed. May their witness help us follow your call. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

PEACE

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.

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 "SACRED NAMES OF JESUS"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. C: God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.

C: We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world. We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.

P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

C: Amen.

P: In the night which he was betrayed,...... Do this in remembrance of me.

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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

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 "O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU"



PRAY ER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

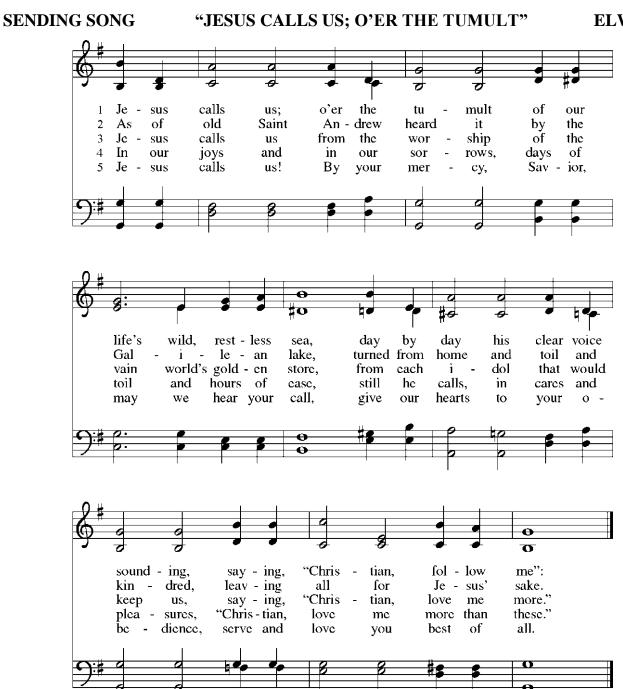
SENDING

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **C: Amen.**



DISMISSIAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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

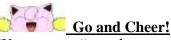
Lector: Shirley Fox		
Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews	Communion Set-up: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker	
Worship Assistant: Vivian Hesselbacher	Communion Assistant: Sheila Keene and Shirley Fox	
Acolyte: Jacob Runkle	Communion Ushers: Troy and Cindy Doubler	
Greeters: Denny Luke, Sue Diddens	Sound System: Tim Gordon and open	
Jerry and Beth Martin	Elevator Operator: Chris Brinker	
Ushers: Bill and Jean Engel		
Troy and Sheila Keene		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERDJanuary 26th through February 2nd, 2020

Today:	Worship Service Fellowship Sunday School Choir Practice Learning Committee Meeting (rescheduled) Chime Practice	9:30am 10:30am 10:45 am 11:00am 12:00pm 5:00pm
Tuesday:	Pr. Miho at DIETF meeting, Galesburg, IL	9:30am-11:30am
Wednesday:	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Next Sunday:	Worship Service —Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday	9:30am
	Fellowship Annual Congregational Meeting	10:30am 10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Total Offering 01/19/2020 - \$1032.00 amount needed; \$2545.45

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 are your "grandparents

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

Devotion Books for 2020

We have new devotion books for you to start a new year! <u>Christ in Our Homes</u> and <u>The Word in Season</u> provide daily readings and prayers. <u>Pockets</u> has fun easy reading, puzzles, and recipes. They are free and for your spiritual growth. Pick your copy at the rack today.

Offering envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2020 is here. Since we have new numbers, we encourage you to **write down your names on the envelope** for a couple weeks so that the counters and financial secretary can record your offering properly. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding offering envelope, please talk to Sheila.

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Soup Tasting at Lena American Legion Auxiliary

Today the Lena American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting their 10th Annual Soup Tasting from 11:00am-2:30pm. There will be over 20 different soups! Soups and dessert is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 10 years. Come taste the soups and tell us which ones are your favorites!

Rockford Rescue Mission Telethon

Please join us on January 28, 2020 from 7 to 9pm on WTVO, Channel 17 for Rockford Rescue Missions' 22nd Annual Evening For Hope Telethon. We will also be streaming LIVE on Facebook! The night will be filled with stories of transformation and inspiration for the work made possible by your support of Rockford Rescue Mission.

Annual Congregational Meeting-February 2nd

Mark your calendar for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday February 2nd, 10:45am. Annual report is available at the both entrances.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Good Shepherd helps at the Food Pantry on 4th Saturday of the even numbered months. Feeding the people is an important ministry. If you can help this year, please put your names and phone number in the sign-up sheet at the ramp. We would like to make a schedule, so please sign-up this week. Or if you can be a sub, write down your name and phone number in the sheet at the ramp. Thank you.

Mental Health First Aid Adult Training

Monroe Clinic is offering one day mental health first aid training at Monroe Clinic, St. Clare Conference Center (515 22nd Ave., Monroe, WI) on January 29th from 8am-4:30pm. Registration fee is \$25. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested, check the flyer on the bulletin board.

Thank you note

We received a thank you note from Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, Lions Club, and LACC. They are posted on the bulletin board. Please check them out.

Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 2nd

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide youth-led movement and is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in our communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness. Your \$1 can make a difference. Youth will hold pots to collect monetary donations on the Big Game Sunday.

We have extra Dec/Jan Friendship Center newsletter. If you know someone who may like to read their newsletter, please take some and share.