

October 2022 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shepherd's Voice

Thoughts from the Vicar

Greetings in Christ,

The writer of Hebrews gives us good advice: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." [Hebrews 10:23-25]

We have all been through a difficult time the past couple of years due to the scourge of COVID-19, which caused the death of so many. Now, thankfully, we finally seem to be emerging from this time of isolation and lack of close comforting contact with each other.

One of the mercies during this time was the ability to connect electronically with each other, including being able to share to a certain extent our time together as a congregation on Sunday mornings via social media. And this continues to be a blessing for those who are physically unable to join us in the sanctuary of our church. But for most of us, the fullness of what it means to worship together close to each other, to look each other in the eye, to clasp each other's hands, to encourage each other as the writer of Hebrews says, we are once again rediscovering. And it is a very good thing.

As a church, we are working on renewing how valuable our worship experience can be by singing together, sharing with one another, and especially by coming to the altar to receive God's blessing in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

So I want to encourage each one of you to participate in the fullest way you possibly can in our Sunday morning services within the sacred space of our church building. It will not only be an experience of receiving spiritual blessings yourself, but your presence will also be a blessing to the rest of us to whom you bring your fellowship, love, and encouragement by our worship together as a family of faith.

Blessings in Christ,
Vicar Thomas



Reformation Quiz

What was the name of the German prince of Saxony, Luther's part of Germany, who took interest in Luther's writings?

Source: **Quiz: The Protestant Reformation Part 2 : Martin Luther.**



October Birthday's

10-03 Chase Huneke	10-17 Leesa Gerke
10-04 Doug Wybourn	10-18 Sherry Freitag
10-05 Vivian Hesselbacher	10-18 Jennifer Gile
10-05 Jim Doyle	10-22 Dennis Bergman
10-06 Beth Fahr	10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-06 Cindy Fahr	10-24 Greg Andrews
10-07 Rene' Johnson	10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-08 Brice Swift	10-26 Fern Harnish
10-08 Lisa Schlichting	10-26 Joanne Martin
10-09 Krista Keene	10-26 Duane Torkelson
10-10 Joyce Tesdahl	10-26 Kyle Albrecht
10-10 Val Ockerman	10-27 Jonathan Hudik
10-10 Brad Smith	10-27 Danielle Koning
10-13 Stacy(Lones)Johnson	10-28 Kurt Schlichting
10-15 Steve Wybourn	10-29 Mike Meyers
10-15 Troy Keene	10-30 Jason Huneke
10-16 Jeff Raders	10-30 Lance Mueller
10-17 Dustin Drye	10-31 Sean Cory

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!

Thank You!

Special Thank You
to God's messengers .

Donna Gullickson, Shirley Fox, Jerry and Beth Martin, and Cindy Doubler,

The Piece Corps are so thankful and grateful for your kindness with delivering our quilts to Grace Lutheran Church in Monroe for delivery to Lutheran World Relief.



Devotion Books

October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful way to keep growing our faith. Take one home today.



"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face."

— Ronald Reagan

<https://www.goodreads.com>

Worship Volunteers needed

We are updating our list of those who are available to help with Sunday worship. We currently are seeking assistance with, greeters, lectors, communion assistance, and elevator operators.

If you are available to help, contact the church office with the your name, phone number and the area you are willing to volunteer. There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall.

Thank you very much. We appreciate all your help!

Answer from question on page 2.

Luther was summoned to Rome by Pope Leo X charging him with heresy and contempt of church authority. Luther knew that going to Rome with a charge of heresy meant either life imprisonment or death. Appealing to Prince Fredrick, Luther received a hearing on German soil in the city of Augsburg. He appeared before the pope's representative, who tried to get him to retract some of his theses, but Luther refused. He boldly said to the cardinal that popes can make mistakes, and that a papal bull (an official declaration by the pope) which was used by those who favored indulgences was contrary to Scripture and should be rejected. The pope's response was not favorable. He condemned 41 of Luther's "errors", ordered Luther's books burned, and gave Luther 60 days to submit. Luther did not submit. Instead, he held a bonfire outside of Wittenberg and burned many books that supported the pope along with the papal bull giving him 60 days for submission. Finally, on January 3, 1521, the pope excommunicated Luther.



A Quilt Ministry is an expression of God's Love!



Piece Corps—Good Shepherd Quilt Ministry

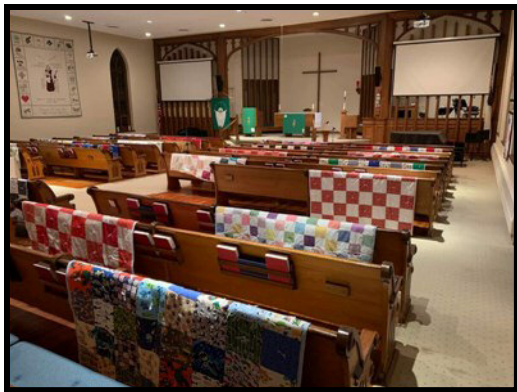
Each and every Wednesday morning—for 48 years, the members of Piece Corps meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall from 8:00am to 11:30am to assemble quilts. There are so many people who help make this ministry possible: the sewers, fabric cutters, ironers, quilt tiers, quilt binders, those who supply us with donations of fabric, batting, thread, and money, and finally—a special thank you to Beth, Shirley, Donna, Cindy, Genise and Jerry Martin those who helped pack-up and transport the quilts to Monroe, Wisconsin and load them on a semi truck so they get to the people who need them.

Each year, on Quilt Sunday, the church is draped with quilts. We thank God that He has given us work to do that impacts so many others. We will never know all the people who benefit from our quilts; but we know God's Love and Work is never done; and so each year we strive to do our best.

Our Quilt Ministry and Piece Corps had another very successful year. **700 quilts were made this year.** Since 1974 (48 years) a total of 18,910 quilts have been made and sent. We do keep score! Thank you to everyone for your help and support. None of this would be possible without the help of many, many hands, lots of donations, and God's Love and Prayers.



Good Shepherd and the Piece Corps would like to express our appreciation to Rene' Johnson for her blessings and message on our Quilt Sunday, September 11th. Thank you Rene'.



Where did our quilts go in 2022?

The majority of our quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world.

We have also sent quilts and other materials to the following this year:

Barb Dahl: 9 Quilts

Miss Carlie Place in Rockford: 20 Quilts, 10 Sheets, 1 Guest Quilt, 3 Pillows.

Deb - for a benefit: 6 Quilts.

Veterans in Rockford: 3 Bags of towels.

Shirley B. of Voices: 10 Lap Robes,

St, Joseph Catholic Church in Stockton: Took the following items to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota as part of their mission trip 34 blankets and 6 blanket pillows.

Church Picnic: 1 Quilt.

Piece Corps

The Piece Corps Quilters we would like to thank all of our angels who have donated material, yarn, or thread for our cause.

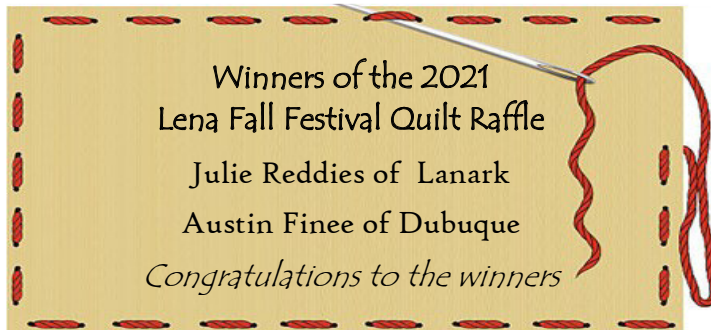
The Piece Corps Quilters



Fall Festival THANK YOU!

Big Thank You to Vicar Thomas, Coral, Sheila, Donna, Dale, Wayne, Troy, for their help with the hospitality tent. It was a great success.

Thank you all for successful 2022 Fall Festival!



Make-A-Smile cards for Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center, to share the love of Christ to the residents in the nursing home. **We are responsible for 10 cards each month.** If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church **by the 10th of each month.** Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile! Questions? Contact the church office, 815-369-5552. We delivered 55 cards to Lena Living Center in September. Thank you to all who helped make cards.



Sign up for **CPR Classes.**
Learn life saving skills.
Plans have begun for CPR Classes to be given at Good Shepherd. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board to determine how many may be interested in class.



You don't waste October sunshine. Soon the old autumn sun would be down in cloud blankets, and there would be weeks of gray rain before it finally decided to snow.

Katherine Arden, Small Spaces



Dear Rev. Yasukawa,

I want to extend our deep thanks to you and your congregation for your past support of Rockford Rescue Mission. Jesus said to His disciples: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35-36

Supporting Rockford Rescue Mission is a beautiful way to take Jesus' words to heart. Every single day for more than 25 years, the Mission has been a place where homeless and hurting people can find food, clothing, shelter...and so much more. Your giving also has helped enable us to provide a residential life recovery program, career training and health care to people in their time of greatest need.

Most significantly, everyone who enters our doors-be it for just one meal or for many months-hears of God's love for them as they see it being put into action.

Rockford Rescue Mission trusts God to supply our needs solely through the generosity of individuals, organizations, businesses and churches like yours. We pray that you will join us again as together we serve those He has placed within our reach.

*Partners in Hope,
Sherry Pitney, CEO*

Highlights from August 18th Church Council Meeting

Those in attendance were: Virgil Gordon, Janis Kurth, Jonathon Kruth, Wayne Kurth, Darci Meier, Kristi Patterson, Billie Jo Runkle, Vicar Thomas Mosbo and treasurer Jay Anderws. Absent were Nakoah Cornwell, and Anna Patterson.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report was presented. After reviewing the Secretary's Report of the July 21, 2022 Council Meeting, report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report. Currently at the start of the meeting the check book is \$129.72 in the red. Pastor Miho Yasukawa is still holding several paychecks.

Gas bill was \$346.10, Electric bill was \$160.50.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Pastor's Report: Vicar Thomas stated that he was getting acquainted with Good Shepherd. He has met with Church Secretary Betty and is looking forward to working with her.

Committee Reports:

- **Worship and Music Committee:** The Committee will be holding a meeting at 6:30pm on August 22, 2022.
- **Stewardship Committee:** The Community Picnic went well. Thank you to Sue Rush and Coralyn Hudik for working so hard on it. Sue Rush also took some quilts to the LOMC Quilt Auction to help support the LOMC Outdoor Ministry. The auction raised about \$20,000. for LOMC.
- **Learning and Youth Committee:** The Committee has decided to postpone the start of Sunday School until October 9, 2022. Sunday School will meet on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 9:00am - 9:30am. The Committee will reevaluate the program in December. There will be a program involving the youth in December with readings and songs. This still in process with more information to come. Family Fun Day went well with 20 to 25 people attending. Several businesses made contributions to the afternoon event. Next meeting will be on September 11, 2022, after morning worship.
- **Property Committee:** The Property Committee is recommending the Church Council to put 200ft. of Gutter Guards and 125ft. of downspouts and use a lift if needed on the whole older portion of the church at a cost of \$5,000. The money will come from the BMI Interest Fund at Citizens Bank. The work will be done by Pearl City Seamless Gutters. Recommendation approved. Billie Jo Runkle recommended to explaining to the congregation why the Gutter Guards were needed at this time. Motion approved by voice vote.

All Committee Reports were approved.

Old Business:

- **Constitution:** The Constitution Committee met on Tuesday, August 16th to work on the suggestions that the Synod sent back to the committee. The Committee will meet on September 22nd to continue their work. The Council thanked the Committee for all their hard work on this project.

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Highlights from August 18th Church Council Meeting

Old Business

- **Shared Ministry:** Currently the Shared Ministry is on hold. St. Paul's at Warren has hired a minister for the next six months and are going to see how this works out. President Wayne Kurth has received a call from Faith Lutheran Church in Forreston inquiring about a shared ministry but they are also talking to a church in Polo as well. Currently Vicar Thomas is here for six weeks until the new Synod Staff is installed. After that is done, there will be decisions made as to his position with Good Shepherd by the new Bishop Stacie Fidler.
- **Membership:** The Council looked over the list of members. It was decided to move some members to the "inactive" portion of the membership roll.
- **Finance:** Due to the current financial problems, the Council decided to move \$2,000. from the Special Fund BMI Interest to the current accounts. Motion to move \$2,000 to current account approved by voice vote.

New Business:

- **Call Committee:** Currently the Council has decided to wait on a Call Committee until there is further direction from the Synod and the Congregation.
- **Zoom:** There will be the option of joining the Special Congregational Meeting on August 21, 2022 using Discord. Discord is a web site that is like Zoom but does not have a limit on the length of a meeting. Like Zoom it is free, but once we sign up to Discord, it can be used at any time in the future as well.
- **New Vicar:** Vicar Thomas Mosbo is going to be contracted as a Supply Pastor for the next six weeks. He will be receiving \$150. for each Sunday Worship including mileage. Any other Pastoral Duties (committee meeting, funerals, visiting the sick and shut-ins) he will receive \$35 per hour for his work. Contract was approved.

Having no other business before the Council, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Jay Andrews

Income August 2022	\$6,964.10
Expenses August 2022	<u>\$9,245.01</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,280.91)
Income, Year to Date 2022	\$59,810.07
Expenses, Year to Date 2022	<u>\$83,140.99</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$(23,330.92)

Le-Win Food Pantry

*Thank you for supporting the
feeding ministry.*



On August 27th, the Le-Win Food Pantry served
81 families and 279 people.

We lift up our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Darlene Aurand, Sharon, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Bruce Miller, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Spencer Fransen, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pete and Rachel Collins. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Carol Flugel and Sharon Tillis.

Prayer Chain

Bible Study Group

Come and join our Bible Study group!
This group is for anyone who is curious about the stories in the Bible. We will meet on **Tuesdays at 11am at the church.** And if you'd like, bring your Bible. If you have questions, just contact the church office.

Hope to see you!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY— NOVEMBER 6th

*We will remember each "Saint" or loved one who has died since November 2021. We will remember them with a carnation on the altar and also by lifting their names during prayer of the people. If you would like your loved ones who died 2021-2022 to be included this year's All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office by **October 24th.***

Pentecost Quiz

Each year on Pentecost, what items representing tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit fall through the oculus atop the Pantheon in Rome?

Source: Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Pentecost Quiz



"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

— Charles Spurgeon

<https://www.goodreads.com>



Your Love is bringing physical comfort and essential needs to those who need it most.

Your quilts are a ministry of love to families in Ukraine.



ABOVE: Oleksandra Kslinina (left) and Nadia Agarkova (right), 33, along with her 2-year-old son Kyrlyo, received quilts and care kits after fleeing violence

Kamins'ka Ludmyla wraps her new quilt around her 6-year of son Svaitoslav tightly, pulling him closer to her. Next to them on the night table sits a photo of Svaitoslav's father. He died six months earlier from COVID-19. she brought the photo with her from Donetsk, one of the few items they were able to retrieve before fleeing from the violence. "I feared for my child's life. I decided to leave rather than stay there," Kamins'ka recalls.

Kamins'ka and Svaitoslav found a place to stay at a sanatorium-a health facility turned housing center for internally displaced Ukrainians-in the west of the country. Lutheran World Relief recently held a quilt and kit distribution there, thanks to the love and support of donors like you. Residents like Kamins'ka received the gifts with joy and appreciation. They have so very little and such generosity makes her feel like the community is welcoming them with "open arms."

Since April, Lutheran World Relief has been continuously supporting six of these centers-sheltering families fleeing bombs, violence and uncertainty. In total, we are subsidizing the cost of emergency housing for more than 15,000 people. Most arrive with only the clothing on their backs, so providing these families with food and essential supplies like folding beds, pillows, heaters, laundry detergent and personal hygiene items is of the utmost importance. And since there's no place like home, we're bringing the quilts and kits that you so lovingly made to surround our neighbors in these centers with just some of the physical comforts only home can provide.

"The first days of the war were very difficult for all of us," said Luybov Bilska, the deputy director at the center. She said children were only interested in where their bomb shelters were located, fearing the violence at home had followed them. "If you look at these people now, these are completely different faces. There is peace. There is a gleam in their eyes." Luybov credits your support for the center's ability to receive those fleeing and provide them with safe and warm living conditions. Still Luybov said that when she asks residents how she can improve their stay, what they want, they all have the same answer. "They all want to go back home."

Until that's a safe option, your quilts will be with our neighbors in need, reminding them of God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering.

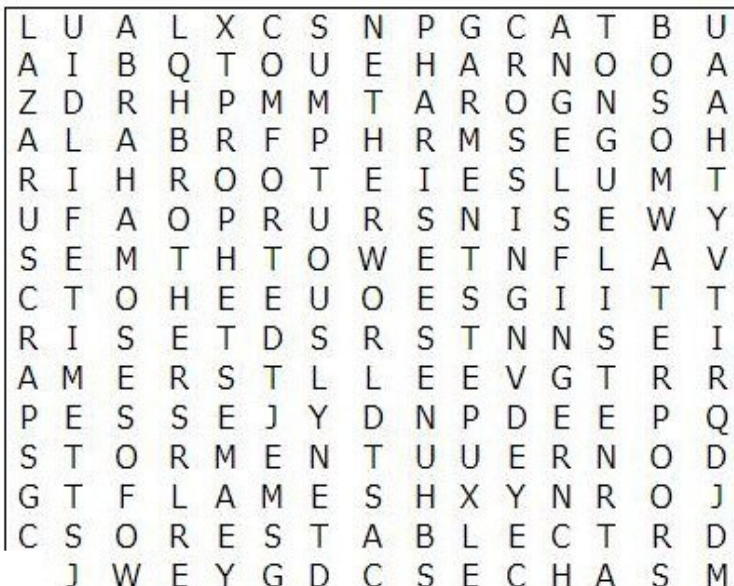
Youth Corner



All Ages Sunday School

Beginning Oct 9th from 9:00-9:20. It will be held the second and fourth Sundays of each

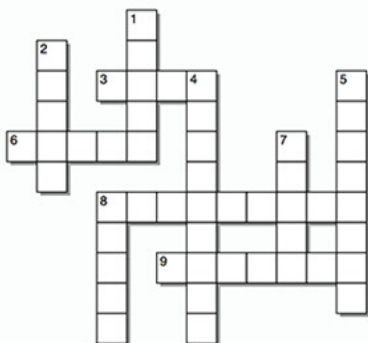
Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31 Word Search Puzzle



Bible Pathway Adventures

CROSSWORD

TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT



ACROSS

- "The _____ struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt..." (Exo 9:25 ESV)
- "The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the _____..." (Exo 9:11 ESV)
- "At midnight Yah struck down all the _____ in the land of Egypt..." (Exo 12:29 ESV)
- "The _____ came up over all the land of Egypt..." (Exo 10:14 ESV)

DOWN

- "All the dust of the earth became _____ in all the land of Egypt." (Exo 8:17 ESV)
- "I will strike the water that is in the Nile and it shall turn into _____." (Exo 7:17 ESV)
- "All the _____ of the Egyptians died..." (Exo 9:6 ESV)
- "...there was pitch _____ in all the land of Egypt three days." (Exo 10:22 ESV)
- "I will plague all your country with _____." (Exo 8:2 ESV)
- "The houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of _____." (Exo 8:21 ESV)

For free Bible resources and Teacher Packs including coloring pages, worksheets, quizzes and more visit our website at: biblepathwayadventures.com

Pharisees	garments	linen
sumptuously	Lazarus	sores
scraps	table	poor
angels	bosom	Abraham
netherworld	torment	finger
water	tongue	flames
lifetime	comforted	chasm
crossing	brothers	Moses
prophets	listen	repent



Jesus loved little children. When parents brought their children to Him, He took them in His arms and blessed them.



Why didn't anyone want to fight Goliath? It seemed like a *giant* ordeal.

Answer from quiz on page 8
Rose Petals



October 2022 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15am -11:45am Choir Practice	3 Property Committee Meeting, 6:00pm	4 11:00 am Bible Study Group	5 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	6	7 	8
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October

Volunteer Schedule

Greeter

October 2	Wayne Kurth and Sue Diddens
October 9	Tim Gordon and Darci Meier
October 16	Michelle Andrews and Sue Diddens
October 23	Tim Gordon and Darci Meier
October 30	Wayne Kurth and Michelle Andrews

Upcoming events

October 13 th	12:30pm Friendship Club potluck and entertainment
October 16 th	6:30pm Good Shepherd Council Meeting
October 24 th	Good Shepherd at Le-Win Food Pantry 8:20am-11:30am
	Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday at 11am
	Piece Corp Quilters meets every Wednesday from 8:00-11:30am

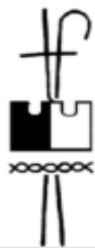
Lector

October 2	Karen Niemeier
October 9	Cora Hudik
October 16	Sue Diddens
October 23	Karen Niemeier
October 30	Wayne Kurth

Communion Assistant

October 2	Wayne Kurth
October 16	Shirley Fox

Please mark your calendars for the dates that you have been assigned, if you cannot serve on the day that you have been assigned please switch with someone and /or call the church office by Tuesday of the week That you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made.



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Words from Martin Luther
"O Lord, We Praise You"
ELW 499 verse 3

V3 Lord God, bestow on us your grace and favor,
that we follow Christ our Savior
and live together here in love and union,
nor repent this blest communion.

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not your good Spirit forsake us,
by this holy banquet remake us.

Give your church, Lord, to see
days of peace and unity.

O Lord, have mercy!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, sts. 2-3; tr. composite