May 31st 2015 at 9:30 am

Holy Trinity Sunday

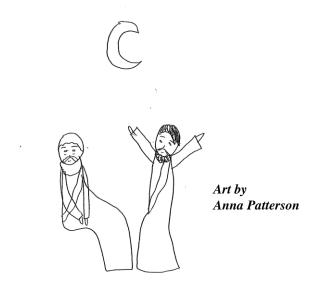
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and to know that we are delighted to have you here

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

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 Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Pastor: Pastor Miranda Klosterboer Custodian: **Taylor Bastian**

Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Secretary: Darlene Barr Pianists: Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy&Carol Stubbs Family Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr Lector

Tena Rackow Acolyte: **Taylor Patterson Assisting Minister** Jay Andrews

Willie Kayser Troy and Cindy Doubler Worship Assistant: Communion Usher Welcome Visitor: Sue Diddens Communion Set-up Jay and Michelle Andrews

Sound System: Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews,

Jean Wenzel, Lee Wenzel, Donna Gullickson Greeters: Troy and Cindy Doubler, Claire and Helen Cross Ushers:

Communion Asst: Colton Brinker, Marybeth Brinker

Elevator Operator Denny Luke

THIS WEEK	K AT GOOD SHEPHERD May	y 31 st thru June 7 th 2015
Today	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Monday	Pastor Miranda at Grace Place Campus Ministry for Board Meeti	ng 11:30am-4:30pm
	Property Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Faith Circle Bible Study at Lena Living Center	1:00 pm
	Mission Trip Team Meeting	3:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Wednesday Summer Worship Service for Youth of ALL Ages	s 7:00 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle Bible Study at Rene' Johnson's home	9:00 am
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Worship Attendance May 24 th was 65		
Total Offering for May 24, 2015: \$1,421.39		

Request for Prayer List: Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793

Good Shepherd Prayer List

Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,799.05

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *Betty Koehn*, *Ellen Kyles*, *Ray Stamm Jon Forsythe*, *Roger Schamberger*, *Steve Gray*, *Donna Euler*, *Lynn Hesselbacher*, *TJ Gilley*, *John Heim*, *Al Hudson and Pat and homebound members Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer*.

Order of Worship

The Work of the People: Dakota Road Music

PRELUDE: Tena Rackow

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

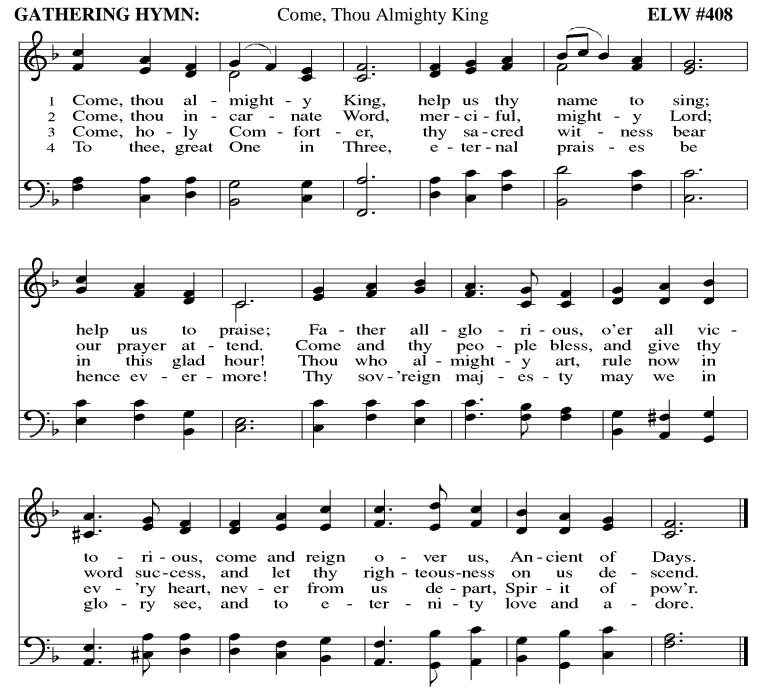
INVOCATION: (congregation stands)

A: We welcome each other to worship in the name of God our creator, and our redeemer, who walks with us and promises to be with us every step of our lives.

CONFESSION: L=congregation left or pulpit side, R=congregation right or font side

- L: We have not loved you with all of our hearts.
- R: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- All: We have not responded to your promise.
- L: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.
- R: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.
- All: We have not responded to your promise.
- L: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.
- R: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.
- All: We have not responded to your promise.
- L: We abuse the gifts of your creation.
- R: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.
- All: We have not responded to your promise.
- L: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.
- R: We seek only comfort for ourselves.
- All: We have not responded to your promise.

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS A: We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **C: Amen.**



PRAISE SONG

Three In One Praise

Verse 1: Father, Father, You are our God.

Father, Father, we all love you and we're singing...

Chorus: A – Ileluia, A – Ileluia.

Verse 2: Jesus, Jesus, You are our Lord.

Jesus, Jesus, we all love you and we're singing...

Verse 3: Spirit, Spirit, You give us life.

Spirit, Spirit, we all love you and we're singing...

Verse 3in1: Father, Jesus, Spirit, God, we all love you and we're singing...

GREETING:

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.



SONG OF PRAISE:

"We are Called"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" L: The word of the Lord! **C**: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 29 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#29** Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

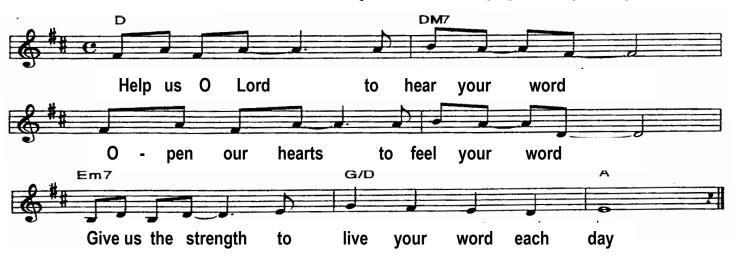
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

L: The 2nd READING is from Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Help Us O Lord" congregation sings through two times



P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 3:1–17 C: Glory to you, O Lord!

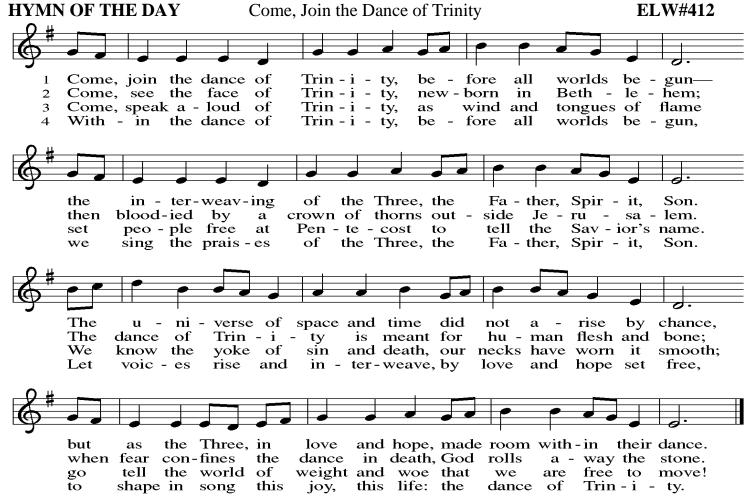
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that vou do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell vou, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ! Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer



NICENCE CREED Please Stand

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

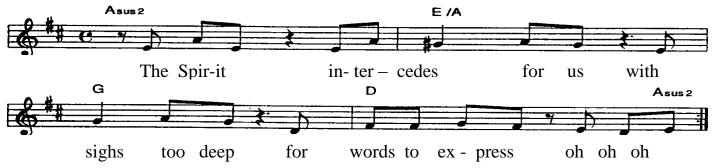
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing "The Spirit intercedes for us" with repeat.



After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God .C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*. Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. Inspire the newly baptized, empower church leaders, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Creating God, you fill the universe with your splendor. Restore right relationships among all living things, both seen and unseen. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Saving One, you so love this world. Bring justice to the oppressed, mercy to those who are angry, nourishment to the hungry, and peace to the violent and their victims. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

WA: Merciful God, you visit the hurting, giving healing and strength. We pray for your children in any need: the orphaned, the neglected, the grieving, the injured, and those we name this day, especially *Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Ray Stamm, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Lynn Hesselbacher, TJ Gilley, John Heim, Al Hudson and Pat.* Strengthen and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer*, Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great. WA: Loving Spirit, in you we live and move and have our being. As Mary visited Elizabeth in her waiting, visit those awaiting birth or preparing for adoption, all who struggle to conceive or cannot have children, and those mourning pregnancy loss. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great. Pastor: Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this ...in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing "The Spirit intercedes for us" with repeat.



PEACE

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

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING Tena Rackow

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.



OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray. C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.

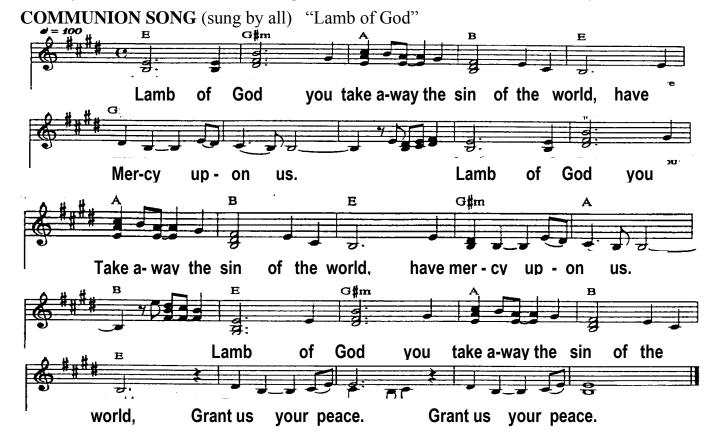
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). 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 wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.







PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (assisting minister)

A: Let us pray, Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, ...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
- C: Amen.
- P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. C: Amen.
- P: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always. **C: Amen**



DIMISSAL (from back)

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

POSTLUDE Tena Rackow

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<u>Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation</u> **Dates: August 7th to August 15th**

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we did in 2013. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry.

I encourage you to pray about going yourself and/or about inviting a friend to join you.

Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you!

Team Building! Discipleship! Relational Ministry!

Ministry with Lakota children! Cultural Learning! Service!

If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793. Financial Assistance is available.

Our Next Mission Trip Meeting is Tuesday June 2nd, at 3:00 pm

God's Global Barnyard

Sunday School offerings this year are going towards ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. All of the animals in God's Global Barnyard help families who are poor and hungry throughout the world. All ages are invited to join us in this effort! God's Global Barnyard is a part of ELCA World Hunger.

Calling for Favorite Hymns!

Submit the names of your favorite hymns during fellowship time the next few weeks, and we will sing some of the top favorite of the congregation during worship this summer. Slips will be available today during coffee hour.

Looking... For Special Music for Summer Worship

If you or someone you know would like to share your talent, please call Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496)

Lena Living Center Wed. June 3rd at 2:00

Afternoon Coffee Break at the Lena Mercantile Eatery. Enjoy a piece of pie/dessert and a beverage compliments of Lena Living Center. RSVP to 815-369-4561

Wednesday Evening Summer Worship Service June 3rd at 7:00pm!

On Wednesday evening at 7:00pm Good Shepherd will host an informal summer worship service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to this Summer Wednesday Worship service! It is for youth and adults of all ages. It is a chance to gather together, to sing praises to God, to pray, to hear the Word of God, and to connect that Word to your everyday lives

Wild Wednesday Outing! Summer Fun!

for completed K-8th graders & high school mentors

June 10-11th: Camping at the Cabin: Games, Campfire, Hiking (6:45pm Wed-2pm Thur.)