June 14th 2015 at 9:30 am

Third Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

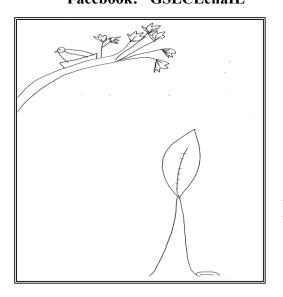
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Art by Anna Patterson

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.

<u>Pastor</u>: Pastor Miranda Klosterboer <u>Custodian</u>: Taylor Bastian

Secretary:Darlene BarrPianists:Tena Rackow, Sarah BakerOrganist:Karen NiemeierMissionaries to Tanzania:Randy&Carol Stubbs Family

Choir Dir. /accomp:Janis Kurth / Marion FahrLectorKaren NiemeierAcolyte:Braden DiddensAssisting MinisterSheila Keene

Worship Assistant:Jean WenzelCommunion UsherPaul and Shirley FoxWelcome Visitor:Sharon SchlachterCommunion Set-upWayne and Janis Kurth

Sound System: Wayne Kurth

Greeters: Jay and Michelle Andrews, Darlene Aurand, Virgil and Joanne Martin

<u>Ushers:</u> Paul and Shirley Fox, Jackie Lobdell and Tony Jordan

Communion Asst: Sue Diddens, Taylor Bastian

Elevator Operator Lee Wenzel

THIS WEEK	AT GOOD SHEPHERD	June 14 th thru June 21 st 2015
Today	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Capital Campaign Information Meeting	10:45 am
	"Good and Beautiful God" Bible Study Introduction following Capital Campaign Meeting	
Tuesday	Pastor Miranda leads devotions at Friendship Center	1:30 pm
	Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Meeting	3:15 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Wednesday Summer Worship Service for Youth of ALL	Ages 7:00 pm
ThursFri.	Northern Illinois Youth Assembly at Augustana	9:00 am-10:00 am
FriSat.	Northern Illinois Synod Assembly	
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Total Offering for June 7, 2015: \$2,674.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,775.69

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

Good Shepherd Prayer List

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, John Heim, Al Hudson and Pat and homebound members Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen.

Thank You to Dave & Duska Ruter Ministries and the Green County Harmony Chorus for their special music this morning.

Order of Worship The Work of the People: Dakota Road Music

PRELUDE: Tena Rackow

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

INVOCATION:

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

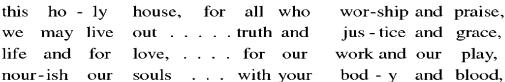
Green County Harmony Chorus

GREETING: (congregation stands)

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. C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13

³⁴Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#92** ¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

L: The 2nd READING is from 2 Corinthians 5:6–17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God; ¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

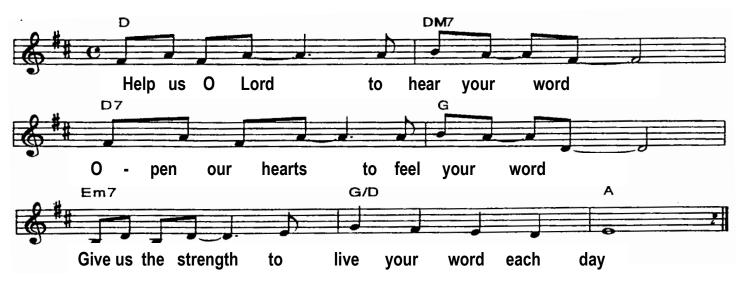
¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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 Mark 4:26–34 C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ! Please be seated

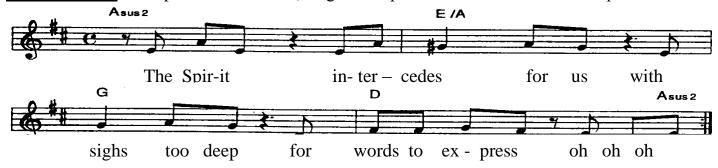
SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy .C: hear our prayer.

WA: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*.

WA: Life-giving God, the trees sing of your faithfulness. Give growth to trees and shrubs, crops, grasses and all flowering things, that they may flourish for their sakes and ours. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

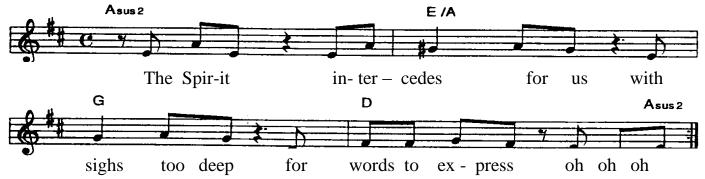
WA: God of wisdom, you provide for all peoples and nations. We pray for governments and international organizations, for all who shelter refugees and strive for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of love, you know our hurts and failings. We pray for those who are homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, hungry, and sick especially *Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Ray Stamm, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, John Heim, Al Hudson and Pat.* Strengthen and encourage *Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen*, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Faithful God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of this congregation. We trust your Spirit moving through and among us even when we do not see the fruits of our labors. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

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.

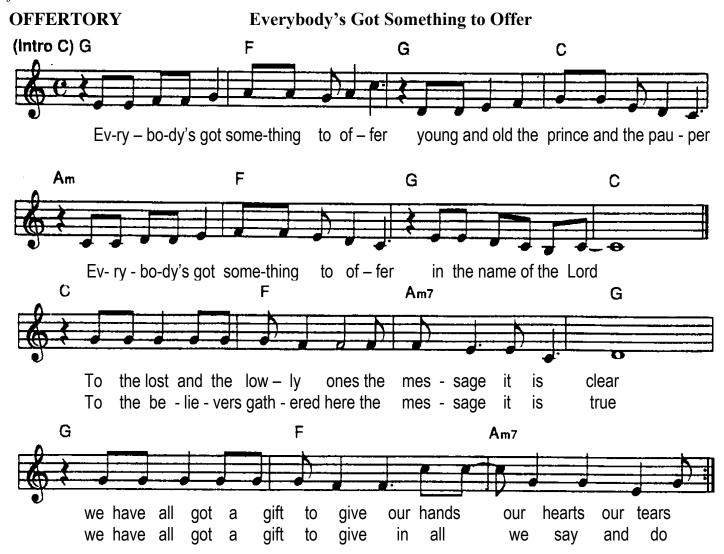
Please be seated.

OFFERING

Special Music

Dave & Duska Ruter Ministries

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;

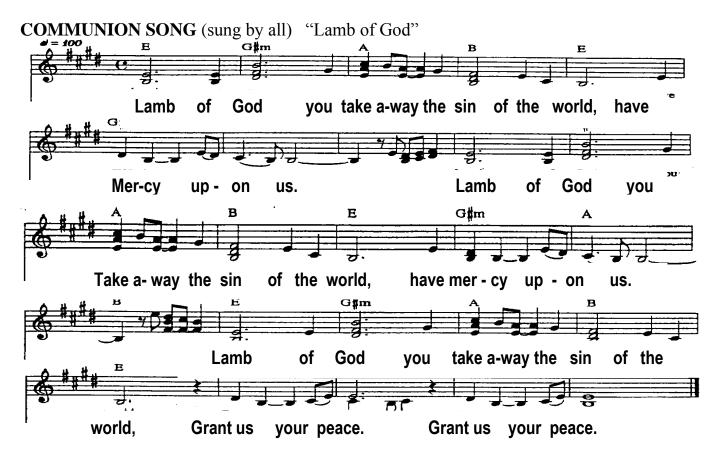
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Capital Campaign Information Meetings: First information meeting today at 10:45am

Good Shepherd Property Committee identified a list of projects that are needed for the maintenance of the church building, for upgrading our sound system for worship, for making the building more efficient, and for creating a more welcoming physical building for visitors, young families, and those with disabilities. Today and on June 28th the property committee will share this information, take questions, and listen to feedback from the congregation. The Property Committee then hopes to present a proposal to the congregation for a vote as early as July, so that we might begin work on these needed projects that will help us to be more effective in our ministry together as a congregation.

NI Synod Youth Assembly (Thursday and Friday) at Augustana

Meet to carpool at 7:00 am

NI Synod Assembly (Friday and Saturday) at Augustana College

Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Dates: August 7th to August 15th

We are in the process of forming our team for this year's Good Shepherd Mission Trip. 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.

Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you! If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793. Financial Assistance is available.

Our Next Mission Trip Meeting is Tuesday June 16th, at 3:15 pm Wednesday Evening Summer Worship Service June 17th 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

Vacation Bible School Summer 2015 LIVE IT UP LUAU!

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full! - John 10:10 Sunday, July 26th - Thursday, July 30th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Good Shepherd - (5:00 PM Dinner Served @ Lena UMC)

Join your friends for Fun, Food, Learning, and Music. A Family Pool Party will be held on the last night. Youth and Adult Volunteers, Prayer, and Donations of "Luau" decoration items will be needed! Contact 815-369-5552. Registration forms available at Good Shepherd by the Fellowship Hall.

Ellen Kyles is recovering at Presence Saint Anne Center in Rockford and will be there for a few more months she would love to hear from you. Her address and telephone number at Presence Saint Anne's is:

Presence Saint Anne Center

Medical Center

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