August 30th 2015 at 9:30 am

Fourteenth 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

<u>Choir Dir. /accomp</u>: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr <u>Lector</u> Lee Wenzel Acolyte: Coltin Coonts Assisting Minister Colton Brinker

Worship Assistant: Willie Kayser Communion Usher Mike and Kelly Geiseman

Welcome Visitor: Bob Schlachter

Communion Set-up Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker

Sound System: Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian, Hanna Brinker

Greeters: Neal and Cynthia Shumaker, Curt and Sue Diddens, Donna Gullickson

<u>Ushers:</u> Mike Geiseman, Bob Lyvers, Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon

Communion Asst: Michelle Andrews, Beth Martin

Elevator Operator Jean Engel

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD		August 30 th thru September 6 th 2015
Today	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Summer Bible Study	11:00 am
Monday	Faith Circle at Lena Living Center	1:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at the hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle at Ethel Lobdell's Home	9:00 am
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Special Music – Sue Koehn	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am

Worship Attendance August 23rd was 60

Total Offering for August 23rd, 2015: \$2,403.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,969.54

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 *Ellen Kyles, Ray Stamm, Brian Albrecht, Gerry Harnish, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Sue, Kim, Katy Lartz and homebound member Evelyn Hutmacher.*

Thank You to Deb Leininger for sharing her special music this morning.

Order of Worship

The Work of the People: Dakota Road Music

PRELUDE: Karen Niemeier

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

INVOCATION: (congregation stands)

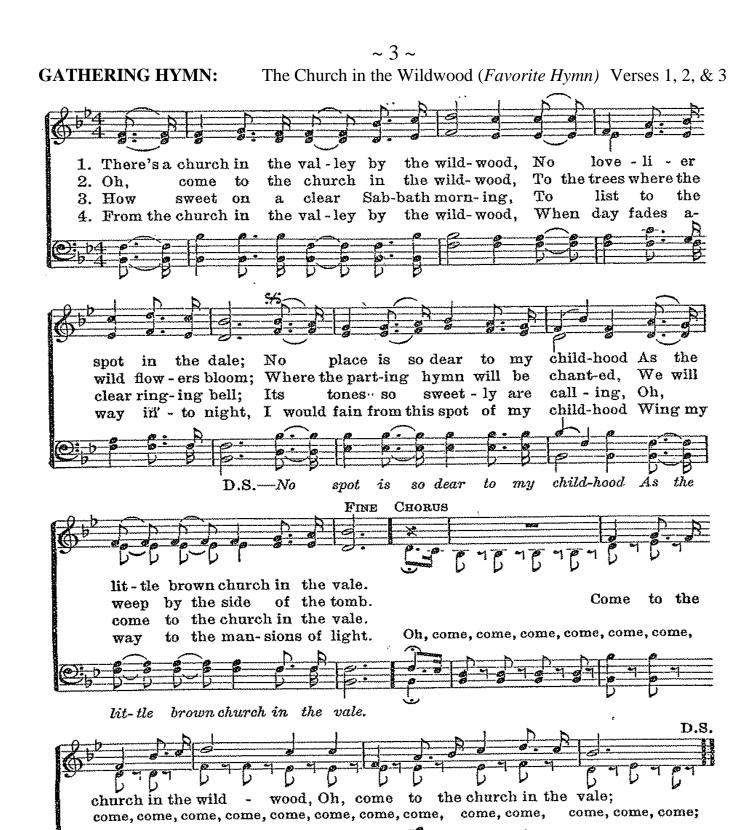
A: We welcome each other to worship in the name of God our creator, and our redeemer, who walks with us and promises to be with us every step of our lives.

GATHERING HYMN: Onward Christian Soldiers (*Favorite Hymn*) Verses 1, 2, & 3 LBW#509

- Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.
 Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, his banners go!
- Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

- 2 Like a mighty army moves the church of God; let us boldly follow where the saints have trod. We are not divided; all one body we; one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. *Refrain*
- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never 'gainst the church prevail. We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain*



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all

these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

L: The 2nd READING is from James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 **C: Glory to you, O Lord!** *Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their

hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ**!

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer



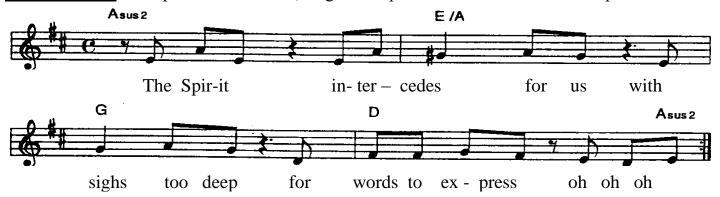
APOSTLES' CREED Please Stand

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

C: 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 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: With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *brief silence*.

WA: O God, we pray for the church throughout the world. Give its members the inspiration to be doers of the word. Proclaim your grace to their children and their children's children. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the nations of the world. Give them the courage to seek peace with justice and to set free every person who is oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those waiting for their freedom. Break the chains that bind our human hearts. Console those constrained by any sort of oppression, grief, loneliness, or illness especially,

Ellen Kyles, Ray Stamm, Brian Albrecht, Gerry Harnish, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Sue, Kim, Katy Lartz. Strengthen and encourage Evelyn Hutmacher, Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: We pray for all congregations. Inspire and strengthen them to live by your commandments and to be your hands in the community. Make them shining lights to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, ...trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

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

PEACE

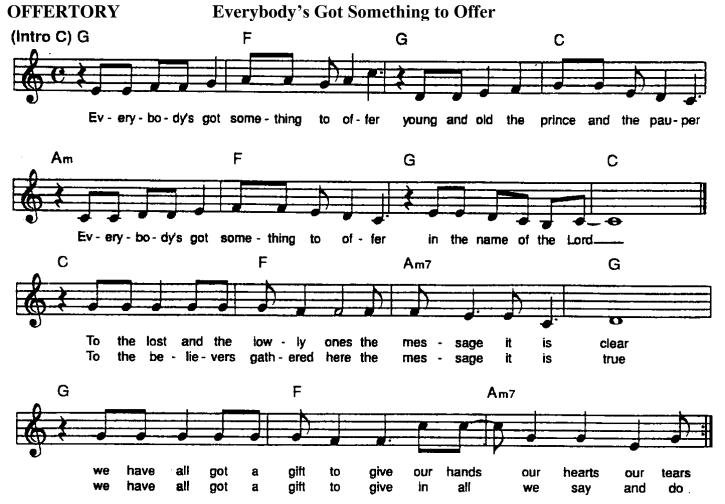
P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

OFFERING Special Music Deb Leininger

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;

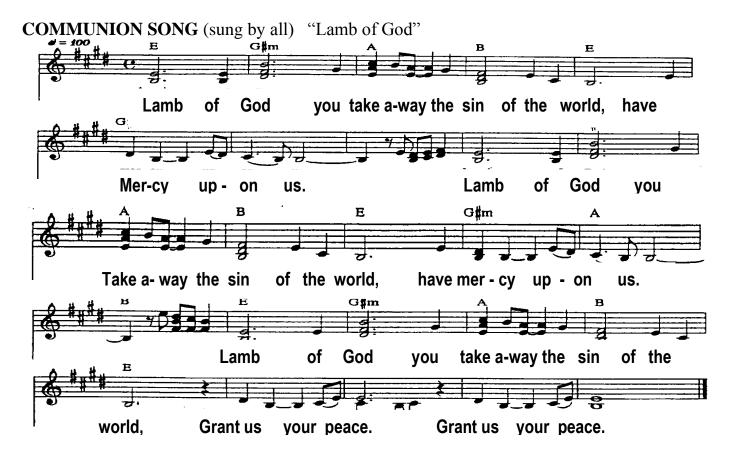
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Save the date for:

Confirmation Kick-Off with 7th & 8th Grade Youth and Parents Wednesday September 16th at 6:30 pm

Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders and Older will be Sunday September 20th!

If you are in 3rd grade and older and do not have a Bible, contact the church office at 815-369-5552

Faith Circle

Will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 1:00 pm at LLC.

Wine and Cheese Party

Saturday September 5th at 6:30 at the home of Donna and Dale Gullickson, bring finger food and whatever you wish to drink

Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 9:00 am at the home of Ethel Lobdell (815)369-4257, 484 Lions Drive. Ethel is the hostess. We begin a 3-part Bible Study - "Sabbath Keeping" by Liv Larson Andrews in the September 2015 issue of "Gather" magazine. Session one: Slow Faith.

Get ready to serve! "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2015

This fall, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. Save the date to join brothers and sisters in Christ in serving our neighbor on September 27th. We will seek to have service opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Make sure to sign up!

The MEN'S GROUP is looking for projects for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on September 27th.

If you or someone you know *has a service* project/ need that we could help with as a church. Please contact the church office for a project application.

Your Giving Statements

Please pick up your giving statements they are available at south entry of Sanctuary

LENA LIVING CENTER

You are cordially invited to join our Open House and Ribbon Cutting for our New Private Medicare Suites and Front Lobby Renovations
Wednesday September 2nd 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and enjoy the piano music, delicious Hor' devours, beverages, and Door Prizes including a Gourmet Basket, Dinner for 2 at Rafters, and more... **R.S.V.P. by calling 815.369.4561**

MONROE CLINIC HOSPICE HEAL GRIEF AND EDUCATION GROUP – 6 Week Sessions

Heal grief and education group offers session open to anyone 18 yrs. and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supportive setting. A Six week series will begin on Wednesday evenings, starting September 2nd and continues to meet every week (9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 & 10/7) from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information please call Monroe Clinic Hospice office at (608) 324-1230. Registration can also be done online at www.monroeclinic.org. There is no charge for HEAL grief Group and it is open to the public.

September is Food Pantry Month

The Lena Food Pantry serves residents in the Le-Win and Orangeville School Districts. Donations of food, hygiene products, and paper products can be placed in the Food Pantry boxes and on the table in the Sanctuary. Donations will be bagged and delivered to the Food Pantry by our Confirmation Students

Today's favorite hymns are listed below with members' name and reasons for choosing them: Onward Christian Soldiers – anonymous

The Church in the Wildwood – Sheila Keene "Because it's where my Grandparents were married" Low in the Grave He Lay (Up from the Grave He Arose) – Janis Kurth

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