

October 18th 2015 at 9:30 am

Twenty First 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
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Larry Fulfs
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Braden Diddens	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Sheila Keene
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Lee Wenzel	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Gary and Cynthia Boeke
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Donna Gullickson	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Dennis Luke
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Sue Diddens, Tena Rackow	<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Chris Brinker
<u>Sound System:</u>	Dan Kurth, Hanna Brinker, Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Virgil and Joanne Martin		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Jay and Michelle Andrews		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

October 18th thru October 25th 2015

Today	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miranda leads devotions at the Friendship Center	1:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday	Good Shepherd staffs the Food Pantry	
	Men’s Group Steak Fry	4:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Bible Study	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance October 11th was 67

Total Offering for October 11, 2015: \$1417.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,569.80

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 *Lee Wenzel, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Toni Brinker and homebound members Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.*

*We welcome back Pastor Art Stees to worship this morning as our guest preacher.
Thank Pastor Stees for sharing your gifts as you lead us in worship!*

**– ORDER OF WORSHIP –
ELW SETTING 3**

PRELUDE (*A time for prayer and reflection*)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Please stand*)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: The Strife Is O'er the Battle Done **ELW#366**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.**

KYRIE *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

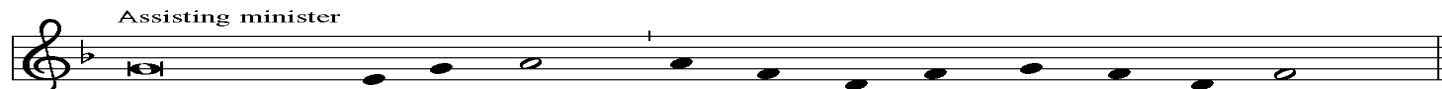
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**


CANTICLE of PRAISE

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



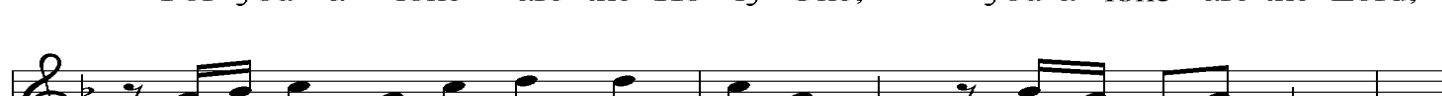
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE with Mr. Furr

L: The 1st READING is from Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm 91:9-16 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#91**

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 12: 13-21 **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gratitude and When Enough is Enough

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not

consist in the abundance of possessions.’¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ P: The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees

HYMN OF THE DAY

For by Grace You Have Been Saved

ELW#598



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
 2 “So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
 3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I’ll ac - cept now in my -



own, it’s the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
 own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
 self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don’t let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
 own. When you’re weak, then you are strong, for this is
 self. When I’m weak, then I am strong, for this is



God’s great gift. A - men.
 God’s great gift.” A - men.
 God’s great gift. A - men. A - men.

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

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

WA: Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
brief silence.

WA: Holy One who comes to serve your people, transform us into servants and make us instruments of your will, so that your justice and peace may be accomplished. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Accompany physicians, researchers, fundraisers, and relief workers who seek to eradicate preventable diseases, such as malaria. Bring forth fruit from their cooperative efforts. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Ease the many burdens resulting from illness and mend the brokenness caused by sin. Be with those who suffer and make your people whole especially *Lee Wenzel, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Toni Brinker.* Where people dwell in darkness, let the light of your truth and mercy refresh and renew them. Strengthen and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Inspire the work and words of artists, authors, preachers, and teachers in the church. Use their gifts to proclaim your goodness to those who long to hear. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

Karen Niemeier

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: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

**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.



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW#154

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW#708

Refrain
 Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

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|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Kneels at the feet of his friends, | si - lent - ly wash - es their feet, |
| 2 | Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, | var - ied in col - or and race, |
| 3 | These are the ones we will serve, | these are the ones we will love; |
| 4 | Kneel at the feet of our friends, | si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet: |

Refrain
 mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, ...following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW#551

1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empower'd us;
we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL (*from back*)

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

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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FIRST, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES:

“Gratitude and When Enough is Enough”

Over the course of this week, our Bible text from Luke 12:13-21 initiates a conversation that urges us consider the issues of possessions, their influence upon our relationship with God, gratitude, and how we live as disciples. In other words asking, “when is it that enough is enough?”

The posture of gratitude helps us to consider and live into the question of how we deal with possessions. Gratitude fosters an understanding that what we have is given by God, that there is enough, and we are called to use what we have been given for ministry in family, church, community, and the world. Gratitude initiates a response of joy rather than one of want, of thanksgiving rather than a continued desire for more.

- How does gratitude help you in dealing with the continual culture message of always needing more?
- In what ways have you given of yourself in gratitude this last week?

“GIVING IN GRATITUDE” BIBLE STUDY

This is a four week discipleship Bible study and a key spiritual growth opportunity in our *First, We Give of Ourselves* emphasis. We are considering God's giving, how blessed we are as God's people, and how we receive and delight in God's gifts. You can participate by joining in the discussion in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 11am. We will meet Oct 25th and Nov 1st & 8th. The study can be used by other committees and Bible studies as a devotional as well.



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SAVE THE DATE!!

Good Shepherd to host the NI SYNOD Northwest Conference
Fall Discipleship Gathering Thursday November 19th

The 2015 Gatherings will focus on church leadership and the election of a new synod bishop, which will happen for us in 2016 with the retirement of Bishop Wollersheim.

Registration will begin at 6:15 pm. A light supper will be served from 6:30-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Devotions will begin at 7 pm, followed by the program. The evening will end by 8:45 pm.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT LEAF RAKING

If you wish to have your yard raked or knows of someone who needs their yard raked, please call the Church office (815-369-5552) and leave your name and telephone number for the youth to contact you.

MEN'S GROUP STEAK FRY:

Saturday October 24th starting at 4:30pm

along with the monthly meeting. *Men of all ages are invited to attend*

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO KAPELLE

Sunday October 25, 2015

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1320 S. Blackhawk Ave. Freeport, IL 915-232-6934

November 1st ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will remember each "Saint" or loved one that died since November last year. A carnation will be placed on the altar in a bud vase and a family member may take it home after the service. Also, the name of each will be read during a prayer. If you have loved ones who died in the past year and you would like them remembered in this way, please call the church office at (815)-369-5552 and leave the information or write it on the pew pad.

Mystery Dinner

Get your thinking caps on!

November 7th will be a fun-filled evening of deciphering clues as to what is on the Mystery Supper Menu this year. The supper will be a three course meal with appetizer, main dish, and dessert. The fun will start at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall at Good Shepherd with the selection of your meal for the evening. Come and enjoy the adventure and fun. Sign up by November 1st so that supplies may be purchased. A good will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal and to help with the food. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and laughs as we enjoy a good meal. Questions: contact Janis Kurth