November 8th 2015 at 9:30 am

Twenty Fourth 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 FahrLectorJanis KurthAcolyte:Coltin CoontsAssisting MinisterSheila Keene

Worship Assistant:Marybeth BrinkerCommunion UsherMike and Kelly GeisemanWelcome Visitor:Jean WenzelCommunion Set-upClair and Helen Cross

<u>Communion Asst:</u>
<u>Elevator Operator</u>
<u>Sound System:</u>
Troy and Cindy Doubler
Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens
Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian

Greeters: Virgil and Joanne Martin, Gary and Cynthia Boeke

<u>Ushers:</u> Jerimy and Cara Schriner, Dana Diddens, Mike Geiseman

| THIS WEE | K AT GOOD SHEPHERD | November 8 th thru November 15 th 2015 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Today | Worship Service 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 |
| | Carpool to Christian Rock Concert in Madison | 5:00 pm |
| Monday | Parkinson Support Group Holiday Potluck | 12:00 pm |
| | Pastor Miranda at Grace Place Board Meeting | 4:00 - 10:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center | 9:45 am |
| | Council Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | "Piece Corps" Quilting Group | 8:00 am-11:30 am |
| | Host Northwest Conference Pastors at Good Shep | oherd 9:00 am- 12:00pm |
| | After School Program at The Hangout | 3:30-5:00 pm |
| | Confirmation | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm |
| Thursday | Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment Tyger Joh | nnson 12:00 pm |
| Next Sunday Gratitude Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion | | Communion 9:30 am |
| | Fellowship | 10:30 am |
| | Sunday School | 10:45 am |
| | Choir Practice | 11:00 am |
| | Training on Safe Child Policy for all children/you | th volunteers 12:00pm- 1:15pm |
| | Good Shepherd leads worship at Lena Living Cer | nter 2:30 pm |
| | Chime Choir Practice | 5:00 pm |
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Worship Attendance November 1st was 72

Total Offering for November 1st, 2015: \$5,373.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,569.27

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, *Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Toni Brinker, Marilyn Diddens, Chris, all refugees, and homebound members* **Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm**

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE (A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

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 Φ 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.

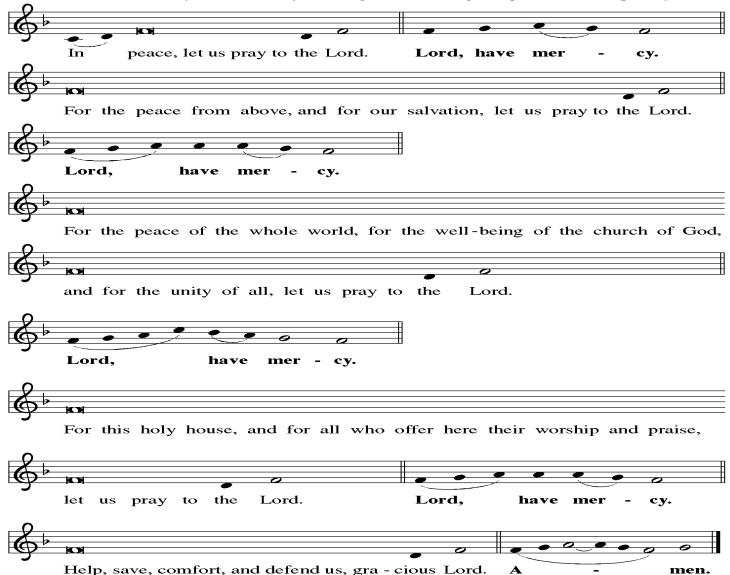
C: Amen.



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)**



CANTICLE of PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray C: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (<u>Please be seated.</u>)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 146 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#146** ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

L: The 2nd READING is from 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

¹We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us. L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation Stand

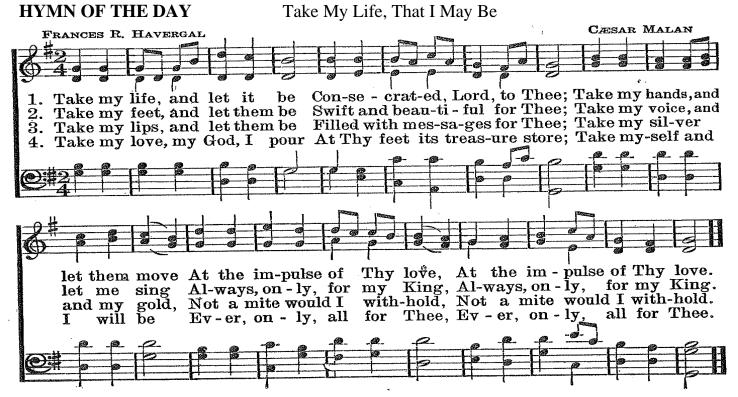


P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 12:38-44 C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

Please be seated



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: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth. *brief silence*.

WA: Eternal God, you watch over the stranger. Be with missionaries serving in many lands. Give them compassion and grace as they embody your love. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Creative God, you made heaven and earth. Move us to delight in the earth and care for it as you desire. Bless farmers and gardeners as they finish the season's harvest. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Merciful God, you execute justice for the oppressed. Guide global economic and financial leaders and all politicians. Embolden them to create financial policies that embody your justice. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Healing God, just as you set the prisoners free, liberate all who are bound by physical and mental chains. Grant healing and wholeness to suffering communities, families, and individuals

especially Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Toni Brinker, Marilyn Diddens, Chris, and all refugees throughout the world. Strengthen and encourage Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm.

Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Abundant God, you uphold the orphan and the widow. Provide homes and love for all who are alone, neglected, or abandoned in our community. Open our hearts to care for all your people.

Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: God, your steadfast love is endless. Keep us faithful to you and teach us through the witness of the saints. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

"Blessed Be the Name"

Choir Anthem

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.

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,

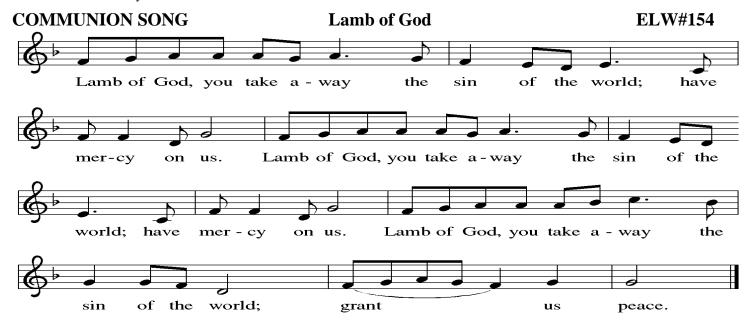
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. . **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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



DISMISSAL (from back)

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

POSTLUDE Tena Rackow

FIRST, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES:

Giving in Gratitude: Gratitude is a great feeling! A sense of gratitude brings with it a joy and delight for a gift received be it word of grace or some other blessing of goodness. In our theme text this week which reiterates our overall theme, the Apostle Paul writes of the Macedonian Christians whose hearts were filled with gratitude for God's blessing of grace. It was this joyful sense of gratitude that moved the Macedonians to a generous outpouring of gifts for people suffering affliction even while they suffered affliction themselves. In describing the Macedonians and their giving, the Apostle Paul says: "...and this, not merely as we expected, they gave themselves first to the Lord... 2 Corinthians 8:5 Giving in gratitude is the joyful and thankful sharing of gifts, whatever they may be, in response to God's abundant gift of grace in Jesus Christ.

- What does it mean to you to give in gratitude? How would that practice of discipleship shape your everyday living?
- In what ways have you given of yourself in gratitude this past week?

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

Next Sunday we gather together in worship to express our gratitude and thanksgiving for the many ways that God has blessed us as individuals and a congregation. Over that past few weeks, we have involved ourselves in a number of gratitude activities which we will highlight during our worship next week. Join us as we give thanks to God with the joy and delight of gratitude.

Let us come before the

"GRATITUDE TREE"

With leaves telling the story of all we are thankful for!

We have placed a tree in the Sanctuary upon which we invite each person to place hang a leaf of thanksgiving expressing what you are thankful for. In the weeks leading up to Gratitude Sunday and Thanksgiving, we encourage you to write things that you are thankful for and write them on the leaves provided. The goal is to have a fully leaved tree of expressions of gratitude. You can fill out more than one throughout the weeks. Have fun sharing in the Gratitude Tree!

Lord with thanksgiving

Psalm 95:2a

"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. Today is our last gathering.

Lena Area Church Cooperative Thanksgiving Baskets

Reminder: The Lena Area Church Cooperative is accepting monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets in the fellowship hall. The last Sunday for donations is November 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lloyd. Thank you!

Mark 6:37 But Jesus said, "You feed them."

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.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP HOLIDAY POT LUCK EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

Date: Monday, Nov. 9, 2015 Time: 12:00 pm Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Handicap access at Washington Street entrance)

Invite all those you know who are interested in sharing in an afternoon of Parkinson Disease information, fellowship and refreshments.

Hope you all can come! Bring a Dish to Share

THIS IS OUR HOLIDAY POT LUCK LUNCH & OUR LAST MEETING FOR THE YEAR. Any Questions Call: Carol Griffin 815-947-2208 or Marion Fahr 815-367-3961

FRIENDSHIP CLUB noon on Thursday November 12th, in the church Fellowship Hall

For a pot-luck dinner and entertainment with "Tyger Johnson"

LENA LIVING CENTER

Community Supper Wed. Nov. 18th–5:00-6:00 pm Doll Apts. Community room, 1008 S. Logan, Lena, IL No cost, no obligation—just great food and good fellowship