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Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost

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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***

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.

– *ORDER OF WORSHIP* –
WOV SETTING 5- BREAD OF LIFE

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

“Special Music”

Green County Harmony Chorus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 abounding in steadfast love toward us,
 healing the sick and raising the dead,
 showering us with every good gift.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin
 in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Just and gracious God,

C: we come to you for healing and life.

**Our sins hurt others and diminish us;
 we confess them to you.**

**Our lives bear the scars of sin;
 we bring these also to you.**

Show us your mercy, O God.

Bind up our wounds,

forgive us our sins,

and free us to love,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

P: The apostle Paul assures us:

“When we were dead in our trespasses,
 God made us alive together with Christ,
 nailing the record of our sins to the cross.”

Jesus says to you, † “Your sins are forgiven.”

Be at peace, and tell everyone
 how much God has done for you.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me

ELW#595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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 *Stand*

(A) Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: (B) Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

(A) Chri - ste e - le - i - son: (B) Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:

(A) Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: (B) Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

(B) Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

(I) Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

(B) Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

(II) 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.

☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 ☩ 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.
 ☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Psalm 112 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#112**

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

L: The 2nd READING is from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: Luke 14:1, 7-14 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him,

“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN ‘S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pastor: We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the children and young people in our church.

Response: Thank you, Lord Jesus!

Pastor: As school has begun please bless all of them with your wisdom and strength.

Response: Bless them, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Help them show your love to their teachers and classmates.

Response: Help them, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Keep them safe and healthy.

Response: Protect them Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Guide them as they learn many helpful skills.

Response: Guide them, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: May their lives always honor you.

Response: Thank you, Lord Jesus.

BACKPACK BLESSING

Pastor: Lord Jesus, as our children have begun a new school year, bless them. Fill them with excitement as they think about all the adventures you have in store for them. Keep them safe and guide their learning. Help them be examples of your love for their teachers and classmates. Help them always remember they belong to you. **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS:

Teachers: Angie Brinker, Sheila Keene, Kelly Geiseman, Kristy Patterson, Taylor Bastian, Coralyn Hudik, Michelle Andrews, Billie Jo Runkle, Marybeth Brinker

Substitute Teachers: Michelle Andrews, Billie Jo Runkle, Marybeth Brinker

Music: Sue Diddens, Tena Rackow

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees

HYMN OF THE DAY

Awesome God
Our God is an awesome God!
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God!
(Sing 3 times)

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

WA: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need...

A brief silence

WA: O God, guide leaders who speak your word to your people. Use your church's powerful witness and genuine invitation to welcome all to your banquet table. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: We thank you for tables of abundant food. Bless crops, farms, and industries, that as co-creators with you, we may provide responsibly from the earth for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

WA: Break the bonds of captivity and injustice. Work in leaders and nations to bring peace and to advocate for the least of these. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Heal and comfort those we hold in our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers especially *Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Ellen Kyles, Vivian Hesselbacher, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Sean, Lyle Fulfs, Norma and Natalie*. Strengthen and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer*. Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Love, comfort and Hope of Resurrection for the family and friends of Jean Wenzel. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

WA: Strengthen marriages, families, and friendships with mutual love and respect. Bless our congregation to be a place of support and care for healthy relationships. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet, we give thanks for all those who have died in faith. Join us, with them, at the resurrection of the righteous. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *Please stand*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer *(after acolyte presents offering at altar)*

A: Let us pray, **C:** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING:

P: The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Let us pray, O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Walk in the Spirit of Love

Walk in the spirit of love;

Walk in the spirit of love;

Love one another

as Jesus loves you,

Walk in the spirit of love.

(Live in the spirit of love...)

(Serve in the spirit of love...)

DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERDAugust 28th thru September 4th 2016

Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Rally Sunday/Blessing of Backpacks/Teacher Installation	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School Kickoff	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Rally Day Carnival Games/Light Lunch	11:15 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Learning Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle in the Fellowship Hall	9:00am
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance August 21st was 64Total Offering August 21st, 2016: \$3,444.17 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,132.71**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr
<u>Lector</u>	Sue Diddens	<u>Acolyte:</u>	Krista Keene
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Jay Andrews	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Marybeth Brinker
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Jerry and Beth Martin	<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Bob Schlachter
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Wayne Kurth	<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Willie Kayser	<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Austin Andrews
<u>Greeters:</u>	Donna Gullickson, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jerry and Beth Martin, Bob and Sharon Schlachter		

THANK YOU!** Green County Harmony Chorus for your special music this morning*Today SUNDAY AUGUST 28th! Rally Day and Blessing of Backpacks and Installation of Teachers**
Sunday School Kickoff and A Family Carnival style event with a light lunch will follow worship.***Hannah Circle**

will meet on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Rene' Johnson is the hostess and Bible Study leader. We begin a 3-part Bible Study in the September 2016 "Gather" magazine.

Session One: "When God Forgives the Guilty"*Today's favorite hymns are listed below with members' name for choosing them:**Jesus Loves Me-Tena Rackow**Awesome God-Larry Fulfs**Walk in the Spirit of Love-Tena Rackow*