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October 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 9:30 am      Reformation Sunday  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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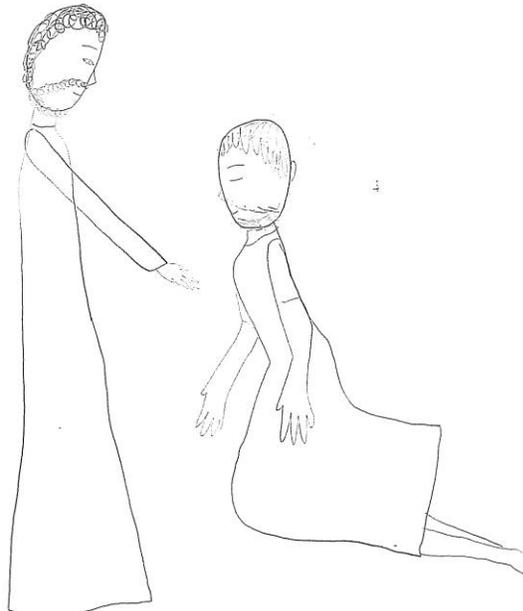
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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***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***

**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)*

**Karen Niemeier**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: In the name of God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the first letter of John we read (1 Jn 1: 8-9):  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,  
he who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us Confess our sin in the presence of God and of one Another.

**C: Most holy and merciful God, we confess to  
you and to one another, and before the whole  
company of heaven, that we have sinned in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone. Have mercy  
on us, O God.**

P: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ  
was given to die for us, and for his sake God  
forgives us all our sins in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## GATHERING SONG

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW#729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## 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.**

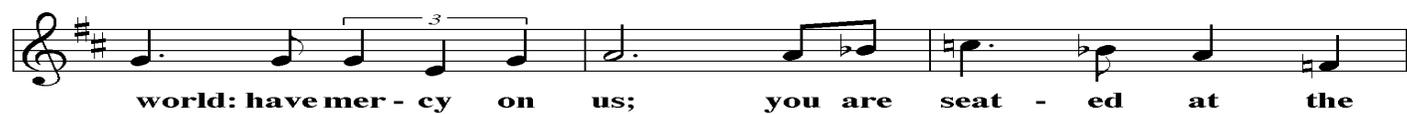
KYRIE *Stand*

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



☩ 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:** Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. L: The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 46** (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

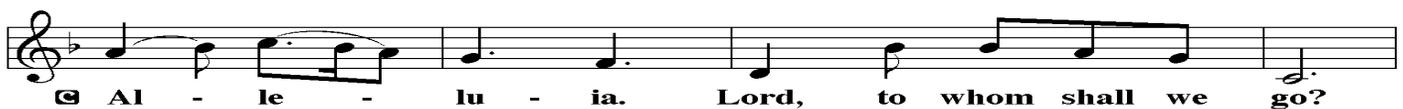
<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 8:31-36 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN ‘S MESSAGE**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

**ELW#517**

1 Lord, keep us steady in your word; curb those who are and  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and may and bring sing to naught all he has done.  
and sing lead your us praise out of - ter - nal ly. life.

**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: Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we pray for your church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it.

Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Faithful God, cleanse and renew us and fill us with your love that we may love one another as you loved us when you gave us your only Son. Give us a heart to honor and serve our sisters and brothers every day of our life. Shape us into communities of respect and affection. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer..**

WA: Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation.

Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: God our refuge and strength, you are a very present help in trouble. Comfort those who are sick or in pain, the lonely and grieving, those without a home or meaningful work. Especially we pray for **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Ellen Kyles, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Sean.** Strengthen and encourage **Steve Fahr.** Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: God our stronghold, the saints from every age gather around your throne. Help us to wait with patience and joy until that day when we too see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**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.*

**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: 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.

**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:

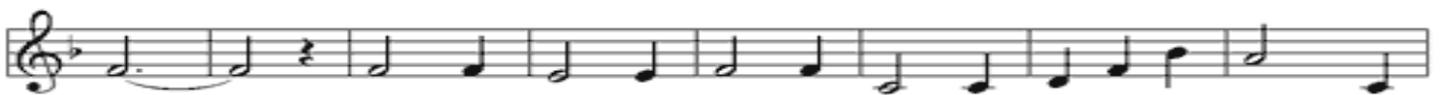
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
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

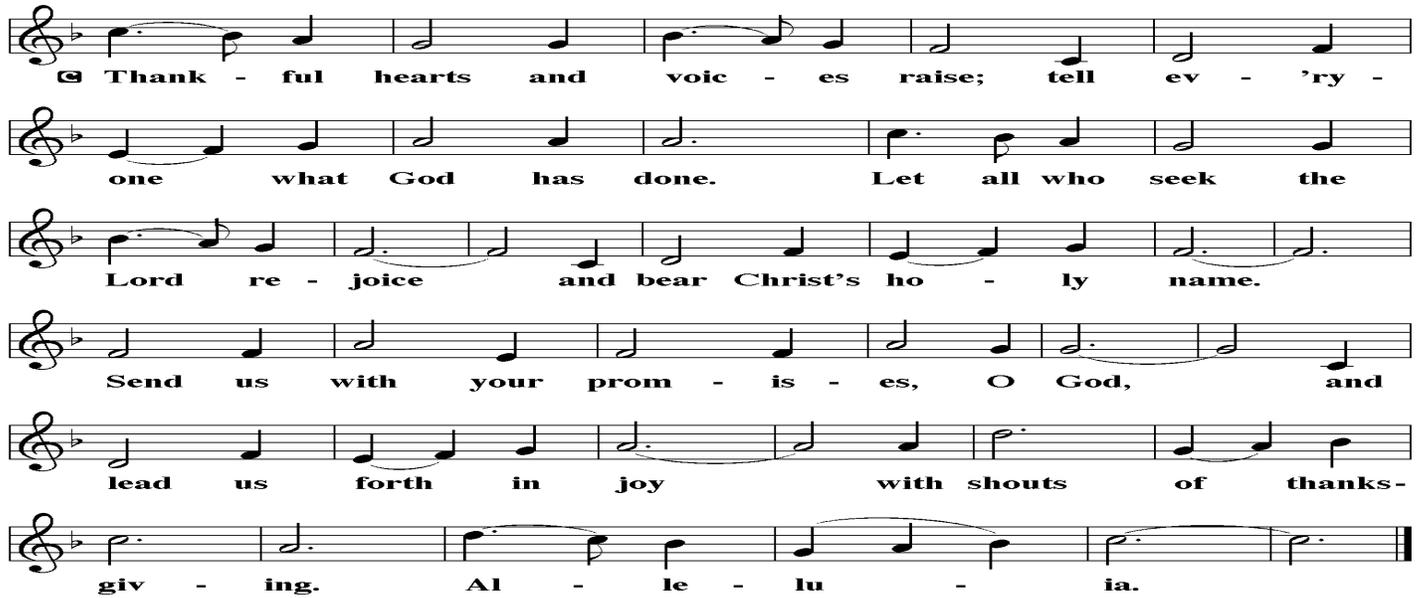

  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**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 - jice 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:** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have strengthened us through this healing gift. We pray that you will make it effective in giving us unshakeable faith in you and love towards one another through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING P:** Go in the peace of the Lord. God be with you in all that you do or fail to do. May God make you living ambassadors of his reconciliation. May God bless you as children of his grace and give you courage and freedom for life. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW#504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****October 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**

|                    |  |                  |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Today</b>       | Reformation Sunday <b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>                    | <b>9:30 am</b>   |
|                    | Fellowship   | 10:30 am         |
|                    | Sunday School  | <b>10:45 am</b>  |
|                    | Choir Practice   | 11:00 am         |
|                    | Ordination for Pastor Miho at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling IL              | 4:00 pm          |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | "Piece Corps" Quilting Group   | 8:00 am-11:30 am |
|                    | After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout | 3:30 pm-5:00pm   |
|                    | Confirmation Class   | 6:30 pm-8:00pm   |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | Hannah Circle Potluck/bible Study in Fellowship Hall                             | 9:00 am          |
|                    | Pastor Miho at First Call Theological Education                                  | 10:00            |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | <b><i>Daylight Saving Time Ends-Remember to Set Your Clocks Back</i></b>         |                  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | All Saints Sunday <b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>                     | <b>9:30 am</b>   |
|                    | Fellowship   | 10:30 am         |
|                    | Sunday School  | <b>10:45 am</b>  |
|                    | <b>Installation Service</b> for Pastor Miho                                      | 2::00 pm         |

Attendance October 23 was 83

Total Offering October 23, 2016: \$3,683.50 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$4,117.85

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

|                            |  |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Pastor:</u>             | Pastor Miho Yasukawa                                 | <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>              | Tena Rackow  | <u>Acolyte:</u>                  | Kayla Runkle                 |
| <u>Assisting Minister</u>  | Wayne Kurth  | <u>Worship Assistant:</u>        | Taylor Bastian               |
| <u>Communion Usher</u>     | Dennis Luke, Jim Swain                               | <u>Communion Set-up</u>          | Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher |
| <u>Communion Asst:</u>     | Cora Hudik, Sue Diddens                              |                                  |                              |
| <u>Elevator Operator</u>   | Donna Gullickson                                     |                                  |                              |
| <u>Sound System:</u>       | Jay Andrews. Hanna Brinker                           |                                  |                              |
| <u>Greeters:</u>           | Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens |                                  |                              |
| <u>Ushers:</u>             | Richard Freitag, Dennis Luke, Larry Fulfs, Jim Swain |                                  |                              |

*Flowers in the chancel are given by Willie Kayser to the glory of God.***Important Dates to Remember****Ordination** for Pastor Miho is today at 4:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sterling, IL.**Installation Service** for Pastor Miho will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Good Shepherd.**All Saints Sunday—November 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 by Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> with the information.

**Children's Christmas Program will be December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Preparations for the Christmas program has started. All Sunday school children are encouraged to attend Sunday School to help prepare for the Christmas program. **Hope to see you all there!**

**Hannah Circle**

will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. This is “Potluck” we will not have a hostess. René’ Johnson is the Bible Study leader. We conclude our 3-part Bible Study.

“**When God Chooses the Unlikely**” in the November 2016 “Gather” magazine.

**Get your thinking caps on!**

November 12 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 5:30 pm with the selection of your meal for the evening. Come and enjoy the adventure and fun. Sign up by November 3 so that supplies may be purchased. A good will donation will be taken to cover cost of the meal Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and laughs as we enjoy a good meal. Questions; contact Janis Kurth

**“Save the Date”**

**Prince of Peace will host the NI SYNOD Northwest Conference  
Fall Discipleship Gathering “*Loving Your Neighbor*”  
Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>**

The 2016 Gatherings will focus on loving your neighbor.

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. Topics will include congregational leadership, the constitutional responsibilities as well as the joys and challenges of a bishop, and the election process for a bishop. Find out more at [nisynod.org/gatherings](http://nisynod.org/gatherings)

**Pastoral Care:**

If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, please notify or call the church office (815-369-5552) and/or Pastor Miho (815-821-9570)

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