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January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 am      Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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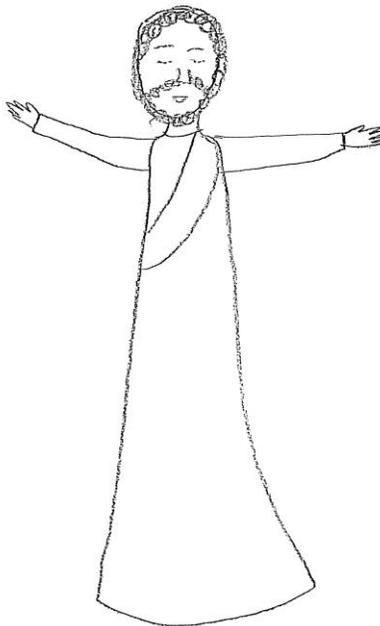
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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we 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. Thank you.**

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.  
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

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

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Tena Rackow**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand as you are able)*

*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,  
who creates us and forms us,  
who redeems us and calls us,  
who unites us and sends us.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty and loving God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We seek our own way.**

**We divide the body of Christ.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.**

**Let the words of our mouths,**

**the thoughts of our hearts,**

**and everything that we do**

**be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

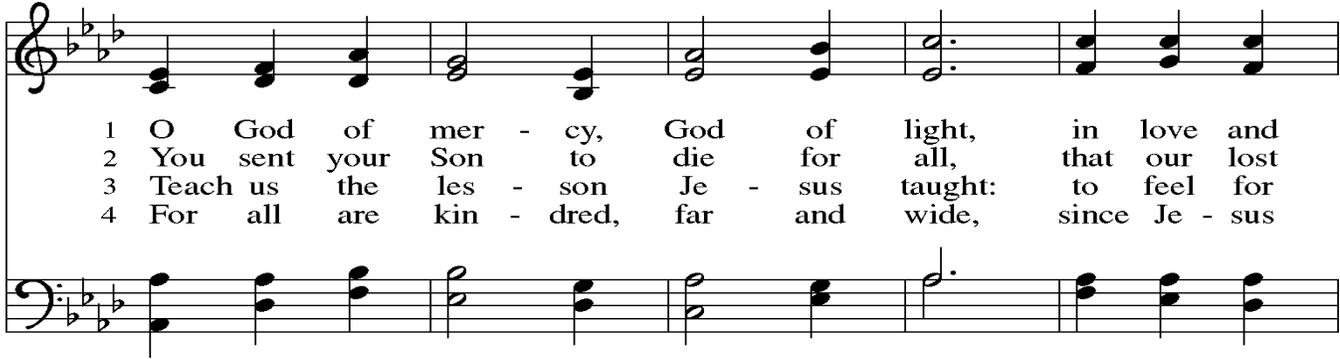
The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW#714



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
 word and thought may work a work for you.  
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

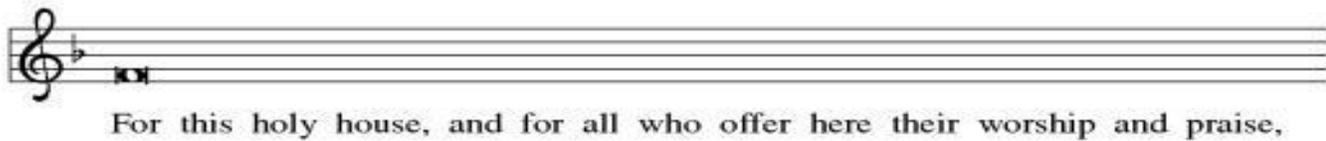
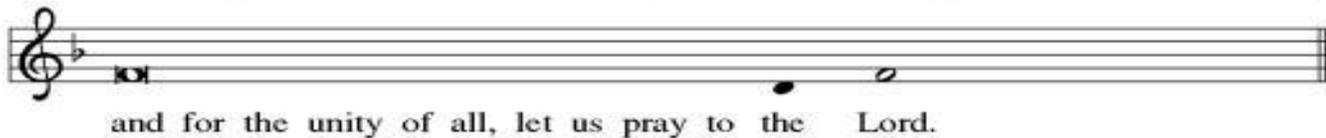
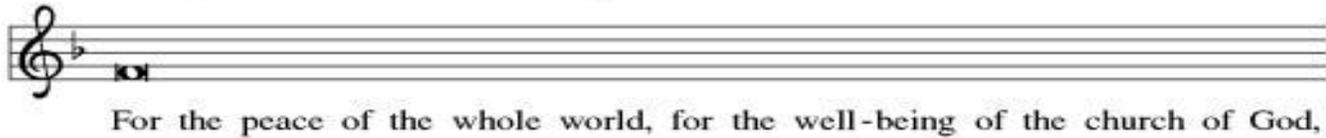
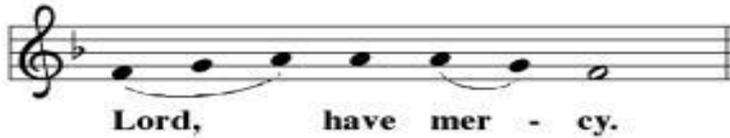
5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
 may we each other's burdens share;  
 may we, where help is needed, there  
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
 all those who live to live in love,  
 till you receive in heav'n above  
 all those who live in you.

## 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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**Psalm 15** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#15**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand as you are able*)

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.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew 5:1-12 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

## Blest Are They

ELW#728

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . who seek peace; . . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All  
 Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

**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: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. *A brief silence*

WA: We pray for wholeness in the body of Christ. Bind up fractures within the church. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly. Make us one at your table. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We praise you for the beauty of the universe. For the light of the stars, for the majesty of the mountains, we thank you. Mold us into stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We pray for peacemakers around the world. End violence. Restore communities. Stop bribery within political systems. Reign with justice and peace and commit us to this act of discipleship.

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

WA: We pray for our neighbors who mourn, who have no clean water, who hunger. Provide their daily bread. Heal the forgotten, the lost, and our enemies, family, and friends *especially, **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Sheridan Brinker, Norma Eilders, Marybeth, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Dave Offermann, Scott Bonnet, Thomas Lance, Robin Cross, Michael, Leta Toelke, Connie, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catro. Roger Schamberger, Kathy Baumgartner.** Strengthen and encourage **Fern Harnish and Steve Fahr.***

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

WA: We praise you for this congregation. Bless the work and play of young and old. Deepen our faith. Expand our discipleship. Equip us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

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

**WA:** We praise you for all the saints who died proclaiming the gospel. Strengthen us through their witness. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

**OFFERING**

*"Let Streams of Living Justice"*

**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.*

## OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW#465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

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

A: Let us pray, C: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. 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.

**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* —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. 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 need assistance, please let an usher know.

**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.

**COMMUNION SONG**

We Are Called

**ELW#720****TABLE BLESSING:**

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A:** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING P:** The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW#669

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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**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>	Wayne Kurth	<u>Acolyte:</u>	Ethan Fye
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Wayne Kurth	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Dennis Luke, Beth Martin	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Beth Martin
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Shirley Fox, Sue Diddens	<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Jean Engel
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jay Andrews, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Curt and Sue Diddens, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Mike Geiseman, Dennis Luke, Austin Andrews, Beth Martin		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****January 29<sup>th</sup> thru February 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service –Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Annual Meeting	10:45 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 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
	Pastor Karen Ressel from Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Presentation	6:30pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance January 22, 2017 was 48

Total Offering January 22, 2017 \$1,470.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,451.86

**Annual Congregational Meeting - Today at 10:45 Annual report are available at each entrance.****Colton Brinker is going on a Mission Trip to Honduras**He is asking for donations of hot wheels or match box cars and new girl hair pieces by February 1<sup>st</sup>.**Pastor Kay from Pine Ridge**Is coming to Good Shepherd on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm**International Heritage Luncheon**At Good Shepherd February 12<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall bring your favorite heritage dish or family dish to share. Please sign up if you are coming and bringing a dish to share.**“Souper Bowl” Sunday at Good Shepherd**

The Youth Group of Good Shepherd are asking worshippers on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to place a monetary donation in a large soup pot held by youth at each sanctuary exit. We will deliver 50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Winslow Food Pantry and 50% to the ELCA World Disaster Relief. 100% of the offering goes directly to the agencies designated. Help us tackle hunger in America!

**Winter Time Pastoral Visits**

The winter season makes it difficult for some of us to come to Sunday worship service if you or someone you know would like Pr. Miho to visit and to share communion, please contact the church office (815-369-5552) and/or Pr. Miho at (815-821-9570) or email her at [gslpastor@aeroinc.net](mailto:gslpastor@aeroinc.net) to arrange a time for a visit.