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February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 am      Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
**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 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.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

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

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Tena Rackow**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**Chime Choir**

*“This is My Father’s World”*

**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

## Onward, Christian Soldiers

LBW#509

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.  
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod;  
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;  
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;  
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.

for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!  
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.  
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

*Refrain*

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

## 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

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



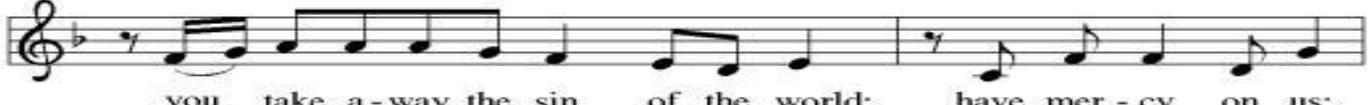
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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



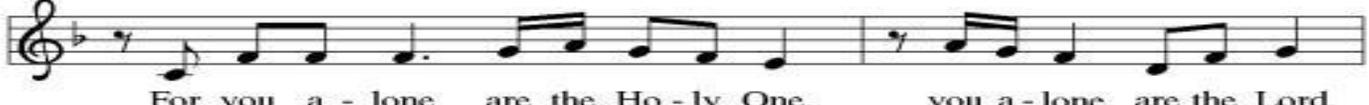
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



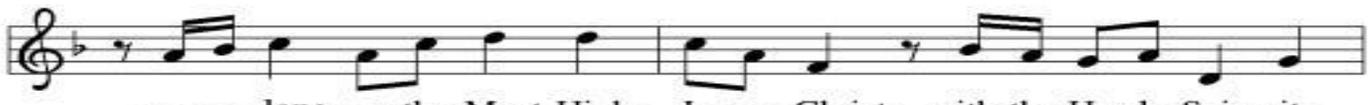
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

<sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:1-8** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#119**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. 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 5:21-37 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”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

## In All Our Grief

ELW#615



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.  
 2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,  
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.  
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,  
 the clen - ch - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
 He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,  
 then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.  
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.  
 but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.  
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

*Refrain*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

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

WA: Holy Lord, you alone are God. Remove jealousy and quarreling between Christian denominations. Hold us in the unity of our baptism as we work together to serve you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: You called into being the first fruits of the earth. Guide gardeners and farmers who till the soil and tend the fields. Bless their work and in due season bring forth the bounty of the land. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Merciful Lord, your love knows no bounds. Break down barriers caused by nationalism. Challenge our stereotypes. Give us courage to engage in difficult conversations with those whose experiences are different from our own. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Pour out your Holy Spirit on all who struggle *especially*, **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Sheridan Brinker, Norma Eilders, Marybeth Brinker, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Dave Offermann, Scott Bonnet, Michael, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron, Roger Schamberger, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman.** Ease the pain of families affected by divorce. Grant life-giving work to all who seek employment. Strengthen and encourage **Carol Wybourn and Ray Stamm.** Lord, in your mercy, **C:hear our prayer.**

WA: You know every hair on our heads. Yet we do not even know each of our neighbors. Equip our outreach ministry and this assembly to get to know the people in our community. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Eternal Lord, you are the God of our ancestors in faith. You are our God. Keep us faithful until we join all the saints at your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

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**

*"All Was Not Well"*

**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.*

*Please stand*

## OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat (*Verse 1*)

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, when  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

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

**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**

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW#471/LBW#212

**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

## O Christ, Our Hope

ELW#604

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through

ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

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>	Taylor Patterson
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Austin Andrews	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sheila Keene
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler	<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Krista Keene
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jay Andrews, Braden Diddens		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Neal and Cynthia Shumaker		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Cora Hudik, Darlene Aurand, Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****February 12<sup>th</sup> thru February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service –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 pm
	International Heritage Luncheon	12:00 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Pastor Miho at St. Mark, Rockford, IL	9:00 am – 12:00 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
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
Thursday	Pastor Miho Devotions at Friendship Center	10:30 am
Friday-Sat	Confirmation Lock-In	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service - 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
	Learning Committer Meeting	11:45 am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:30 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance 2/5/2017 was 56 -Total Offering 2/5/2017 \$2,102.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,469.52

**International Heritage Luncheon**

Today 12<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall come and enjoy a meal of favorite ethnic dishes and learn about the history of churches on Mason Street, Lena, IL

**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.

**2017 Time and Abilities forms**

Are available at each entrances you are interested in assisting in any capacity for the church and/or the church services, please take a form fill it out and return the form in the offering plated or drop off at the church office. You make this church work and *we really appreciate it!*

**Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group-6 Week Sessions**

Heal grief and education group offers sessions is open to anyone 18 years and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supportive setting. Our six-week series will begin on Wednesday morning February 15<sup>th</sup> and continue to meet every Wednesday morning (2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22) through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet from 9:00am to 10:30am at St. Camillus Center 2106 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information, please call Monroe Clinic Hospice at (608) 324-1230. Also registration can be done online at [www.monroeclicin.org](http://www.monroeclicin.org). There is no charge for Heal grief Group and it is open to the public.

**Happy “60<sup>th</sup>” Anniversary**

Robert (Bob) and Lynn (Leibfried) Lyvers of Lena are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They were married on February 23, 1957 at Salem Evangelical Reformed Church in Chicago, IL by Reverend William Siemers. Bob and Lynn have three children: Sue (Dan) Milligan of Bloomington, IL, Bob (Martha) of Lena, and Sherry (Matt) St. Eve of Belleville, IL. They also have 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Bob retired from trucking in 1994, and Lynn retired from Lena Continental Manor Nursing home in 2004. They plan to celebrate with an open house on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at Rafters Restaurant in Lena. In lieu of gifts, the couple requests a donation be made to the Lena Area Food Pantry.