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May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***CHRIST IS RISEN!***

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.***

**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. We are delighted to have 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 –****God Give Us Life****PRELUDE***(A time for prayer and reflection)***Tena Rackow****Announcements & Community Concerns****INVOCATION** *(Please stand as you are able)*

(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world, In the name of Christ the



Son, In the name of the Ho - ly Spir - it (C) A - men, A - men.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come to Jesus, a living stone.

**C: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.**

L: Let ourselves be built into a spiritual house

**C: to be a holy priesthood.**

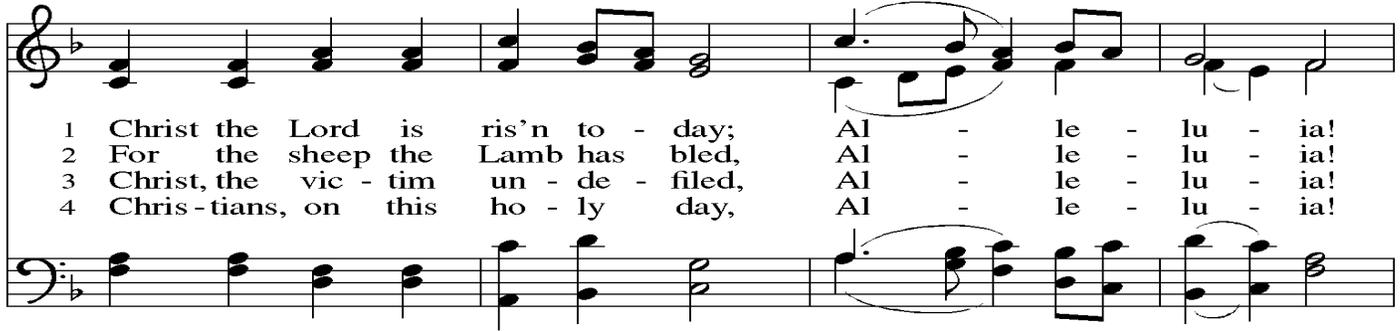
L: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

**C: We are a holy nation, God's own people.****ALL: We proclaim the mighty acts of Jesus who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Alleluia!**

## OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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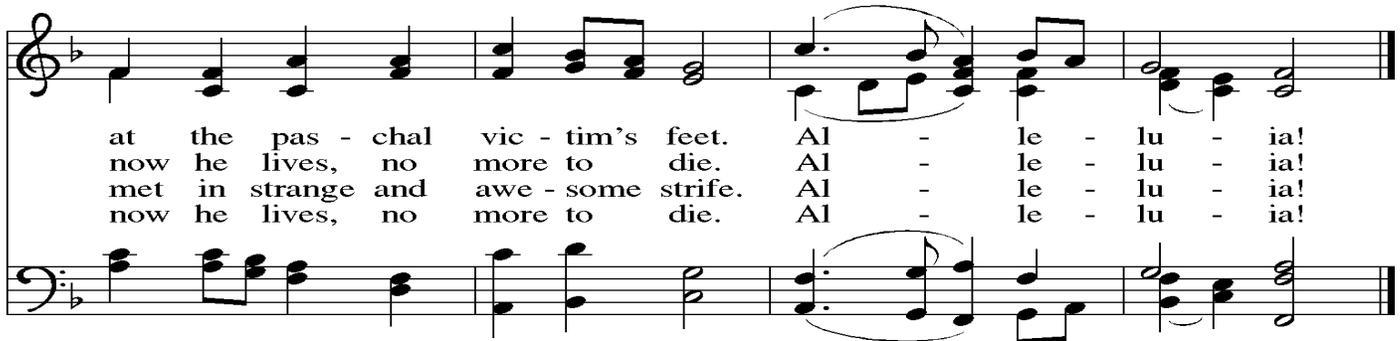
1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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** (Assisting Minister: regular print **C**: bold)



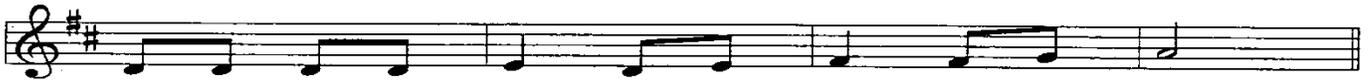
Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the



u - ni - ty of all peo - ple, pray to our God:



**God of love, have mer - cy. God of love, have mer - cy.**



For the peo - ple of God, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious God. **A - men**

## SONG OF PRAISE

(Refrain)

(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!

(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry,

Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love. (Fine)

(Verses)

All 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 All Pow - er, rich - es, the wis - dom and strength and  
 (L) 2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and praise be to

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's. (To Refrain)  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for ev - er and ev - er. (To Refrain)

## SALUTATION

(L) May God be with you. (C) And with you, too.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

From the full - ness of God have we  
all re - ceived: Grace up - on grace, peace up - on peace.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who

dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” 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**

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION**

Learning Committee

**NICENE CREED** *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no  
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

WA: We pray for the church. Show us your ways. Teach us your truth. Enliven us in mission. Keep us from discord. Lead us to unity for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the earth. Turn us away from impulses to pollute this world. Protect fragile habitats. Nurture our planet to be a life-sustaining home for generations yet to be born. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the nations. Fill all leaders with a spirit of compassion for the poor and oppressed. Give courage to those who work for justice and equality. Bring an end to conflict and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For those in need. Draw near to those who struggle with depression. Comfort those for whom this day evokes heartache or sorrow. Console those who grieve, and heal those who are ill *especially* **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Delbert Scheider, Vivian Hesselbacher, Ray Stamm, Lee Wenzel, Mark Fulfs, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Sandra Leroy.** Strengthen and encourage **Fern Harnish and Carol Wybourn.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For this assembly. Bless mothers and all who offer motherly care. We especially lift up our Sunday School volunteers Angie, Sheila, Kelly, Kristy, Taylor, Coralyn, Michelle, Billie Jo, Marybeth, Sue and Tena. Strengthen child care workers, nursery attendants, and those who teach our youth. Uphold our elders and those who care for aging parents. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith and those who have borne witness to your love. Bring us with them to dwell with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

## OFFERING

*“Hymn of Promise”*

**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 Prayer

A: Let us pray, **C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.

**C: We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world. We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.**

P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

**C: Amen**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**COMMUNION SONG:**

1 Christ, have mer - cy on us all. Keep us stead - fast e'er we  
 2 God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wis - dom, give us  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe a - gain. Light the dark - ness, be our



fall.  
 peace. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.  
 friend.



4 Bake a great loaf; give it time; choose the best grapes from the



vine. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

**COMMUNION SONG**

I Received the Living God

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**POST COMMUNION 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:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING P:** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW#367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**DISMISSAL** (*from the back*)

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**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>Lector</u>	Sue Diddens		
<u>Cantor</u>	Krista Keene		
<u>Acolyte:</u>		<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Sheila Keene
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Dennis Luke	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews	<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Cora Hudik, Shirley Fox
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Donna Gullickson		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jay Andrews, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Clair and Helen Cross, Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****May 14<sup>th</sup> thru May 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
Thursday	Good Shepherd Devotions at Friendship Center	10:30 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am

Attendance May 7 was 69

Total Offering 5/072017 \$3,688.58 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,426.12

**THANKS YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!****Who have graciously given their time to this very important ministry.**

*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*

**Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**

Good Shepherd members are going on a Mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Items that are needed for Pine Ridge are: Blankets or quilts, diapers: sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6, adult size toothbrush, toothpaste, bath size bars of soap, shampoo, combs and monetary donations will be accepted.

Please drop off your donations to the church by May 21<sup>st</sup>

**Northern Illinois Synod Assembly 2017 In-Kind Offering**

Are collecting Gift Cards and Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors for foster care services in Illinois. Please bring your donations of a new smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and/or gift cards to the church to help LSSI Care for the children of the Northern IL Synod by June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. See Bulletin Board for suggested gift cards and gift card items.

**Looking... For Special Music for Summer Worship**

If you or someone you know would like to share your talent, please call: Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496) or Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)

**Called Forward Together in Christ**

Lutheran Youth Organization

Northern Illinois Synod Youth Assembly June 15 and 16, 2017 at

Augustana College Erickson Residence Center, Rock Island, IL

Join the LYO in learning about discipleship and vocation! This year the youth will gather the night before synod assembly to have fun and learn how God calls us to share the Good News. Music and worship leadership will be provided by the Glocal Musician-Educators of the ELCA.

Registration is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

If interested in attending talk to Pastor Miho or call the church office at 815-369-5552

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY*****For Mothers***

*A day set aside for mothers,*

*New mothers, established mothers, and mothers-yet-to-be...*

*But, today is much more than than just a calendar tribute time,*

*A Hallmark "reason-to-send-a-card-or-call" day*

*A day of flowers and candy-grams*

*Of festive foods and heart-felt hugs.*

*A day for new mothers nestling sleeping babies*

*And great-grandmothers humming in rocking chairs*

*A day of blooming bouquets and artistic displays*

*From violets held in grubby fingers to roses in a cut glass vase,*

*From a Picasso print to a kindergarten crayon masterpiece*

*From crystal wine goblets to mason-jar lemonade*

*A day filled with the warmth and glow of beaming May sunshine*

*Or soothing drops of softly falling spring rain;*

*A day filled with places to go and people to see,*

*Of family and friends, of relatives and nearby neighbors*

*Of words like "I love you," and "You're such a special mother."*

*"Thanks!" and "I couldn't have done this without you, Mom."*

*All these things mingling together in this lifelong treasure-time*

*In a day set aside for God's most precious earth angel . . .*

*The angel we call "Mother"*

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***Happy Mother's Day!***

*With love to my own special angel-mother*