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May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anna Patterson

## ***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)*

**Karen Niemeier**

**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:** The body of Christ is made up of many members.

**C:** **Not all have the same function.**

**L:** We are blessed with many members who care for the functioning of the body of Christ at Good Shepherd.

**C:** **We thank God for them.**

**L:** They give of their time and talents.

**C:** **Without their efforts and gifts we could not be all God calls us to be.**

**L:** Paul writes of the Macedonian Christians who wanted to share in ministry: "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." (2 Cor. 8:5)

**C:** **Ministry flows from a commitment to serve the Lord.**

**L:** By the will of God our volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us.

**C:** **We thank God for them.**

**L:** Our volunteers put flesh and bone on our call to be the body of Christ in the world.

**C:** **They add muscle to our calling to be Christ to one another.**

**L:** Sunday school and vacation Bible school teachers, confirmation and youth leaders, mentors and nursery helpers;

**C:** **musicians, readers, assisting ministers, ushers, leaders of prayer, communion assistants, and acolytes;**

**L:** mission-project organizers, stewardship coordinators, offering counters, special event planners;

**C:** **quilters, gardeners, artists, bakers, cooks;**

**L:** prayer chain participants, visitors to the hospitalized and homebound, those who prepare funeral lunches;

**C:** **ministers of hospitality of every kind;**

**L:** cleaners, bulletin assemblers, envelope stuffers, office helpers, and so many more:

**C:** **We thank God for you!**

## OPENING HYMN

## We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW#449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## 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)

Musical notation for the Refrain, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with various chords indicated above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with some words in parentheses indicating different parts.

(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)

Musical notation for the Verses, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with various chords indicated above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with some words in parentheses indicating different parts.

All 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 All Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength and  
 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

Musical notation for the Salutation, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with various chords indicated above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two lines, with some words in parentheses indicating different parts.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**HISTORY OF CHURCH**

Bill Engel

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*Verses 1, 3, 5*)

ELW#392

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

**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. Draw your whole church together as one. Bring an end to division. Send your Spirit into your people and rouse God's children to greater love and mission. We especially pray for Trinity Lutheran Church in Lanark who are installing Pastor Wendy today. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the earth. For scientists, photographers, and explorers. For scholars, poets, musicians, artists, and all who lead us to greater knowledge and appreciation of beauty. For lakes and rivers, watersheds and wetlands, ponds and oceans. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the nations. Give wisdom to those who govern. Strengthen all who work for peace. Protect those who have been displaced or have left their homes in search of safety and freedom. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

WA: For those in need. For mothers and babies yet to be born. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who suffer post-traumatic stress. For those who struggle with addiction. For those who grieve and all who are ill *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Vivian Hesselbacher, 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, Lewey.* We pray for love, comfort and hope of Resurrection for the family and friends of Ray Stamm. Strengthen and encourage *Steve Fahr.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For this assembly. Bless those preparing for baptism and affirmation of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of evangelism, outreach, and pastoral care. Deepen our faith and knowledge of you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**WA:** With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness to your love. Bring us into your eternal presence to live 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

**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.*

*Please stand*

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS** *This hymn is sung during presentation of gifts:*

All

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Come, bring them to the ta - ble— bring the gifts of bread and". The second staff continues with: "wine, the hopes and dreams of all the peo-ple, the". The third staff concludes with: "of - f'ring of our lives, the of - f'ring of our lives." The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## 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**

Morning Has Broken

ELW#556

**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.**

**MISSION TRIP BLESSING**

**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**

## Go My Children, with My Blessing

**ELW#543**

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

**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****Karen Niemeier**

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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>	Janis Kurth	<u>Acolyte:</u>	Braden Diddens
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Dennis Luke	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Tena Rackow
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Mike and Kelly Geiseman	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Beth Martin	<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Jean Engel
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker, Curt and Sue Diddens		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Mike and Kelly Geiseman		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****May 21<sup>st</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Tuesday	Good Shepherd members leaving for Mission Trip	
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Pastor Miho at First Call Theological Education Synod Office Rockford	10:00am – 12:00 pm
Thursday	Ascension of Our Lord	
Saturday	Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry	
	Men’s Group	4:30 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Monday	Office Closed “Memorial Day”	

Attendance May 14 was 53

Total Offering 5/14/2017 \$1,604.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,453.76

**Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**

Good Shepherd members Angie Brinker, Colton Brinker, Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker, Anna Patterson, Sheila Keene, Krista Keene, Wayne Kurth, and Janis Kurth are leaving for Mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> and returning May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please remember them in your prayers this week

**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 Global 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

**Hannah Circle**

Will meet on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:00am at church in the Fellowship Hall. Rene; Johnson (815) 369-2818 is hostess and bible Study leader.

We begin a new summer Bible Study: “All Anew, Ready or Not” by Kelly Fryer in the June issue of “Gather Magazine”. In Session One – “Say Goodbye to Nice” we look at how “Niceness” can sometimes get in the way of “doing good” in our lives and within our faith community.

All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend all circle functions.

This is a perfect time to check us out. There is no age requirement or expertise test in all things Bible or Lutheran. We read scripture and look at how our life and experiences relate to God’s Word. We take that walk with Jesus and tell Him what’s on our mind and in our hearts – our hopes, fears, and concerns – and then listen for Him to show us the way. Come and see what goes on in a women’s bible study; the thought that comes to mind is: “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry...” (WOV– song 770). As the say, “Try It, You Might Like It.”

Would that be so horrible?