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July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 9:30 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by  
Anna Patterson

## *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 –  
ELW SETTING 4**

**PRELUDE***(A time for prayer and reflection)***Tena Rackow****Announcements & Community Concerns****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS***All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
 full of compassion and mercy,  
 abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
 let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Eternal God our creator,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being.****Look upon us, your children,****the work of your hands.****Forgive us all our offenses,****and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.****By your grace draw us near to you,****our refuge and our strength;****through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,  
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
 through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## In The Garden

*The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:20*

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the  
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,  
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me  
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go - thru the voice of woe,

*Refrain*

The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He  
 His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we

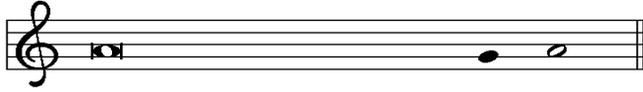
share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

TEXT and MUSIC: C. Austin Miles

GARDEN  
 Irregular meter

**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**)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



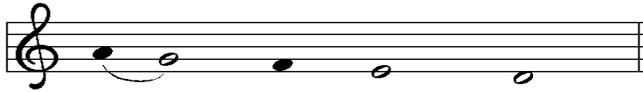
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



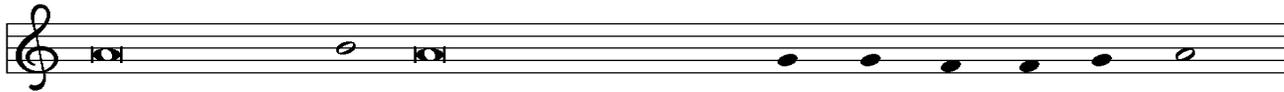
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

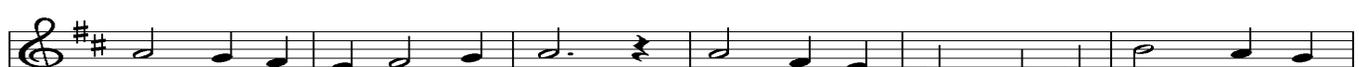


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

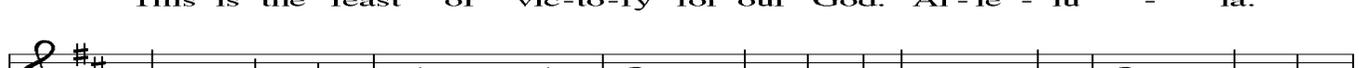


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

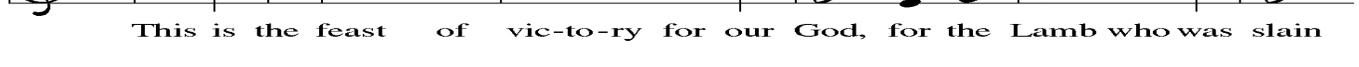


might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 86:11-17** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#86**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.** <sup>17</sup>**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you

not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’<sup>28</sup> He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’<sup>29</sup> But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.’<sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”<sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;<sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,<sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.<sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,<sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.<sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (*Versus 1&2*)

ELW#693

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

**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 together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

*A brief silence*

WA: Enliven your church with love for your world, O God. Give undivided hearts to Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia and Europe. Make us one in faithful witness to your will. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it groans because of misuse and decay. Cultivate in us an eager longing for a healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Bridge the chasms that divide the nations, O God. Inspire a reconciling vision among the world's leaders, and bring together people of differing commitments for the sake of the world's most vulnerable people. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

WA: Embrace those who suffer, O God. Give peace to all who are near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick *especially* For victims and perpetrators of race-based crime. For all who suffer sorrow, illness, or injury *especially* **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Lee Wenzel, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Scott Bonnet, Carol Stubbs, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Don Koehn, Steve, Joseph Bastian, Max, Elsie Meier** strengthen and encourage **Steve Fahr and Verl Price**. We pray for love, comfort and hope of the Resurrection for the family and friends of Margaret Hartman. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Embolden our witness to your love, O God. Send us out into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and holy wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children's faith. Especially we give thanks for your blessings on Vacation Bible School last week. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Raise up your saints, O God. Inspire us by the lives of all reformers and renewers of your church. Receive our thanks for the saints among us who have recently died. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

**OFFERING**

*"Special Music"*

**Randy Kint**

*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:** Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through 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

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

**COMMUNION SONG LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG**

Praise and Thanksgiving

**ELW#689**

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

**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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING** P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant us the gifts of faith and hope in Christ. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Sing to the Lord of Harvest

ELW#694



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;  
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good - ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;  
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,  
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**POSTLUDE**

C: Thanks be to God.

**Tena Rackow**

**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> Brianna Andrews
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Madilyn Diddens	<u>Assisting Minister:</u> Brianna Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Cora Hudik	<u>Communion Usher:</u> Jay and Michelle Andrews
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Sheila Keene	<u>Communion Asst:</u> Troy and Cindy Doubler
<u>Elevator Operator:</u>	Jean Engel	<u>Sound System:</u> Wayne Kurth, Braden Diddens
<u>Greeters:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Willie Kayser	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Austin Andrews, Dennis Luke	

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru July 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Monday	Property Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Web Site Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>

Attendance July 16 was 106 - Total Offering 7/16/2017 \$2,863.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,017.08

***THANK YOU!*** Randy Kint for your special music this morning.

***Today’s Gathering Hymn In the Garden was choose by Kristy Patterson- “Reminds me of my Grandma and Grandpa and the fun we shared” and Sheila Keene- “My Mom has liked it as long as I can remember.”***

**Ramp No limits Open House**

Wednesday 11:00am-2:00pm 2155 W. Galena Ave. Freeport, IL [WWW.RAMPCIL.ORG](http://WWW.RAMPCIL.ORG)

Free Hearing Screening provided by Audiologist Carolyn Awender - Free Amplified Phone with ITAC

Phone Testing Station - Financial Resources provide by the Freeport Lions Club

Blood Pressure Screening provide by FHN - Quota Club Booth

A light lunch provide for those in attendance

Call 815-233-1128 to reserve a time for a free hearing screening & phone testing 815-233-1128

**Worship Service and Picnic In The Park August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Good Shepherd’s annual outdoor service at Dodd’s Park in Lena.

Games for all ages following the potluck! Invite friends and neighbors to join you! Please bring a dish to share as you are able. Rain location will be at Good Shepherd.

**Thank You for the roof fund**

We have raised our goal for the roof fund. Construction will start soon. Thank You.