
July 30th 2017 9:30 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

118 E. Mason, Lena, IL 61048

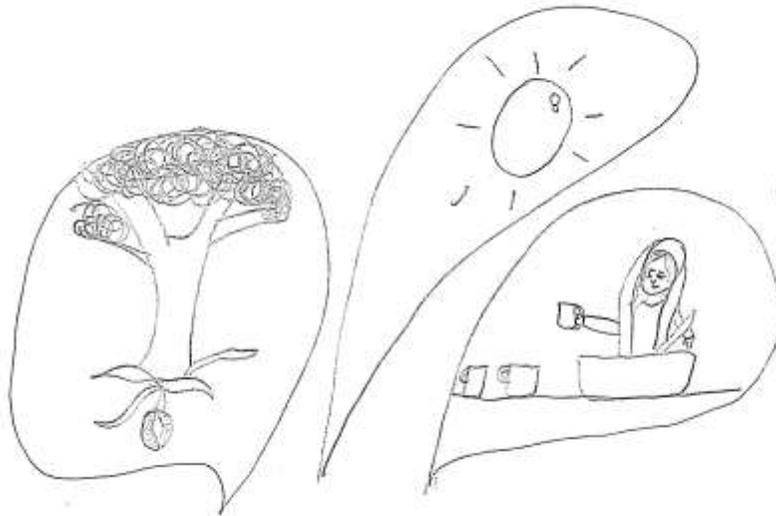
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Art by
Anna Patterson

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.

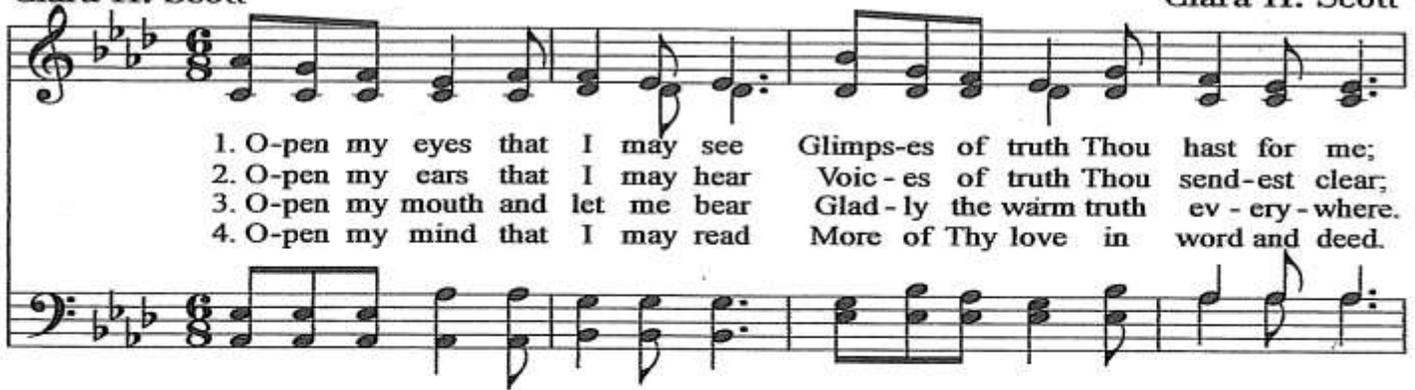
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

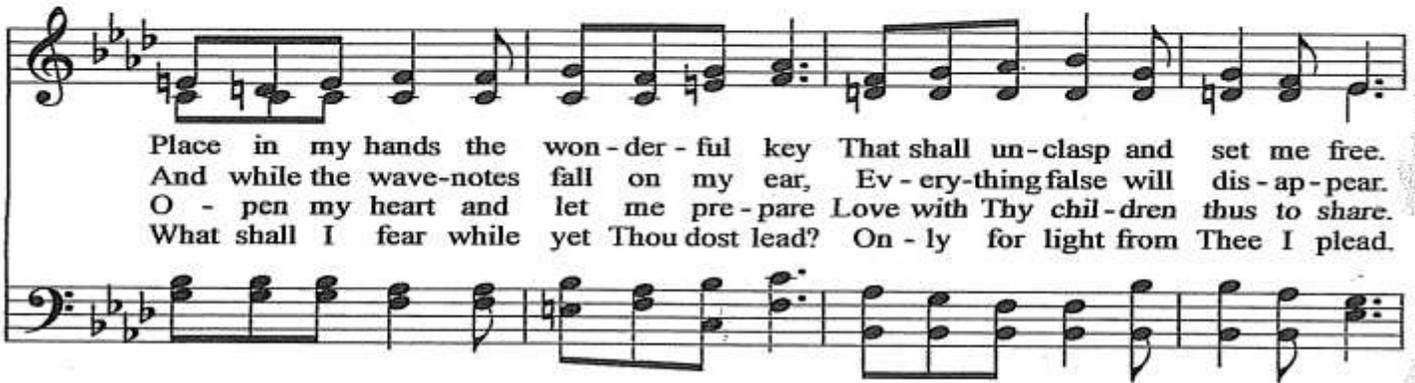
Open My Eyes That I May See

Clara H. Scott

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1. O - pen my eyes that I may see Glimps - es of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.
 4. O - pen my mind that I may read More of Thy love in word and deed.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 O - pen my heart and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.
 What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead? On - ly for light from Thee I plead.



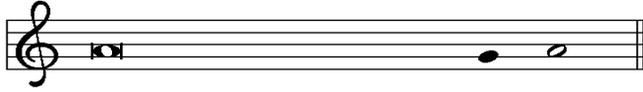
Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see.



O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my mind, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

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.



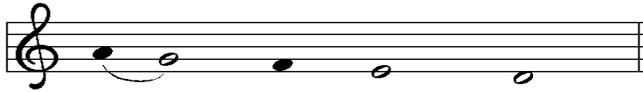
Lord, have mer - cy.



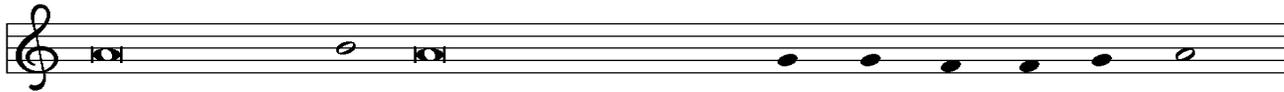
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

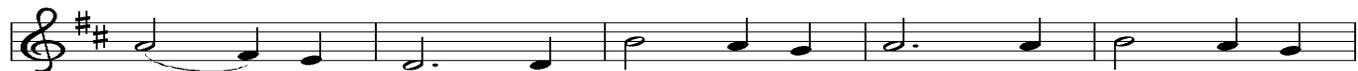


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

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:** Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne

today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you." L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#119

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

L: The 2nd READING is from Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of

heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?”

They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” 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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW#793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

WA: Shine the light of understanding on your church on earth. Bind us together in the word to share your love with the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Protect birds and their nests, fields full of crops, the seas and the fish that swim in them. Inspire us to care for the creation you love. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those who are affected by storms. Look with mercy on those who are harmed or displaced by flood water. Give them strength to meet the days ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Raise up just and wise advocates and judges from small-town courts to international tribunals. Enlighten all leaders to discern what is right and do what is good. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

WA: Nurture faith in those who doubt. Lift up those who are weak in body, mind, or spirit. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, and surround with love those facing their last days *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Lee Wenzel, Verl Price, 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 *Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen*. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Expand the understanding of this assembly to see our neighbors as you see them. Let the yeast of your word grow beyond us to expand your boundless love to those around us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Sustain us by the intercession of your Holy Spirit. Let the Spirit's sighs, too deep for words, comfort us until we rejoice with those already united with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

"Special Music" "You Are the Seed" (WOV #753)

Wayne & Janis Kurth, Terry Hart

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.

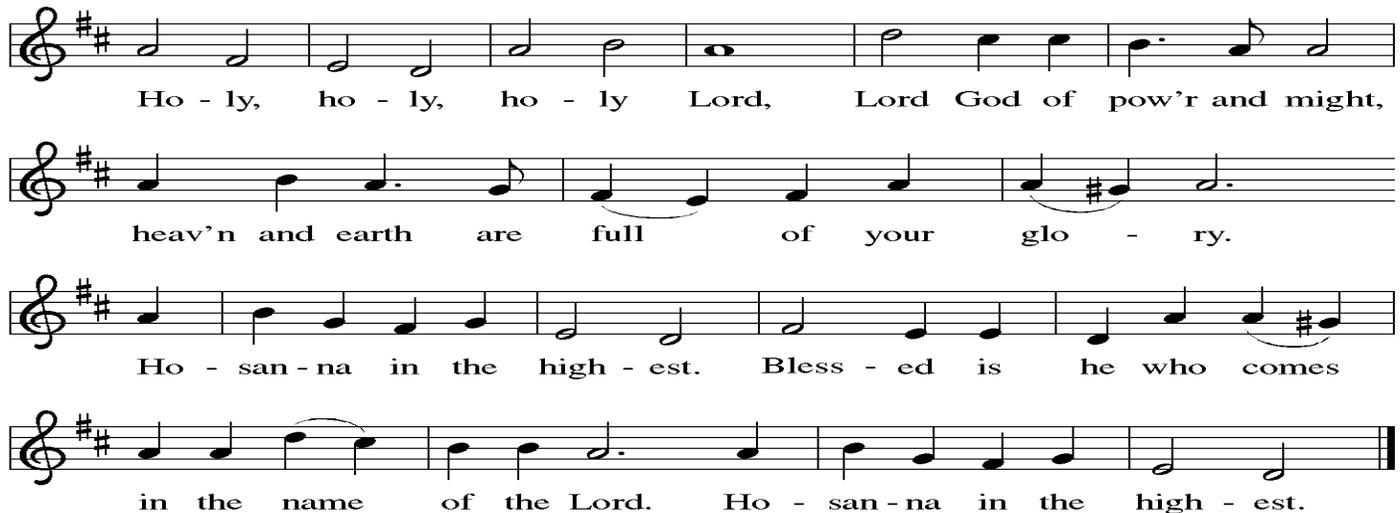
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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

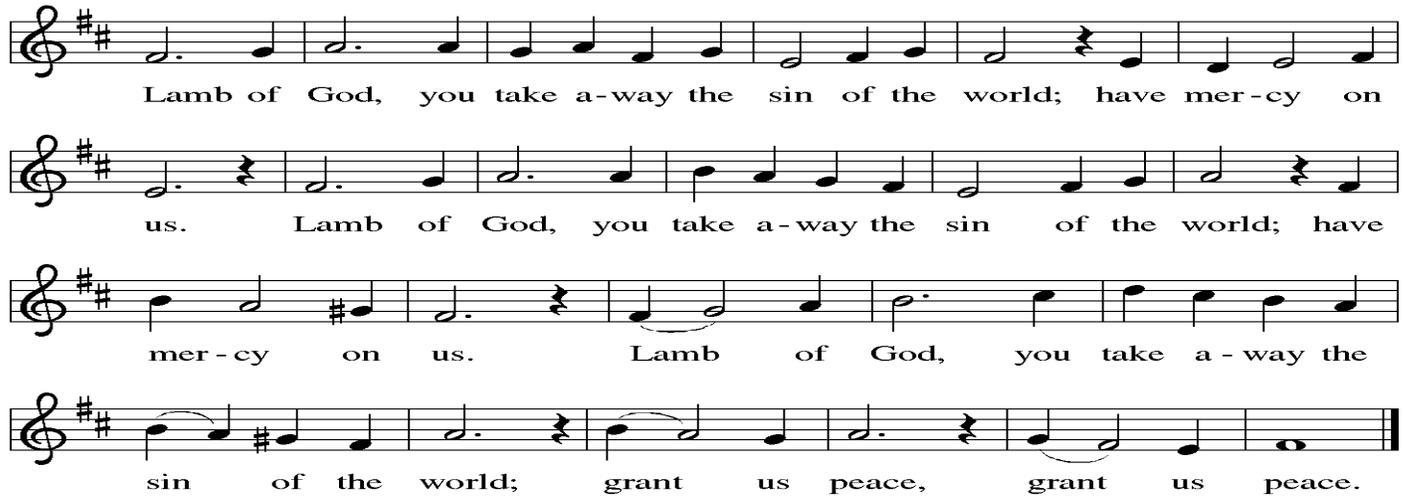
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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 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**Jesus Loves Me!****ELW#595**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW#705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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> Karen Niemeier
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Taylor Patterson	<u>Assisting Minister:</u> Wayne Kurth
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Cora Hudik	<u>Communion Usher:</u> Bill and Jean Engel
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Sheila Keene	<u>Communion Asst:</u> Brianna Andrews, Beth Martin
<u>Elevator Operator:</u>	Donna Gullickson	<u>Sound System:</u> Jay Andrews, Hanna Brinker
<u>Greeters:</u>	Paul and Shirley Fox, Donna Gullickson	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bill and Jean Engel, Virgil and Joanne Martin	

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**July 30th thru August 6th 2017**

Today	Worship Service– Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
Thursday	Hannah Circle Bible Study	9:00 am
Next Sunday	Worship Service and Picnic in the Park	10:00 am

Attendance July 23 was 39 - Total Offering 7/23/2017 \$841.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,068.21

***THANK YOU!** Wayne and Janis Kurth and Terry Hart for your special music this morning*

Today’s Communion Hymn Jesus Loves Me! Was choose by Bob Lyvers

Ramp No limits Open House

Wednesday 11:00am-2:00pm 2155 W. Galena Ave. Freeport, IL 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 6th 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.

Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 9:00am at church in the Fellowship Hall. This is “Potluck” we will not have a hostess. Rene; Johnson (815) 369-2818 is the Bible Study leader.

We conclude our summer Bible Study: “All Anew, Ready or Note” by Kelly Fryer in the July/August 2017 issue of “Gather Magazine”.

Thank You for the roof fund

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