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August 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 9:30 am

Twelfth 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)  
**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**Tena Rackow**

**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

## Built on a Rock

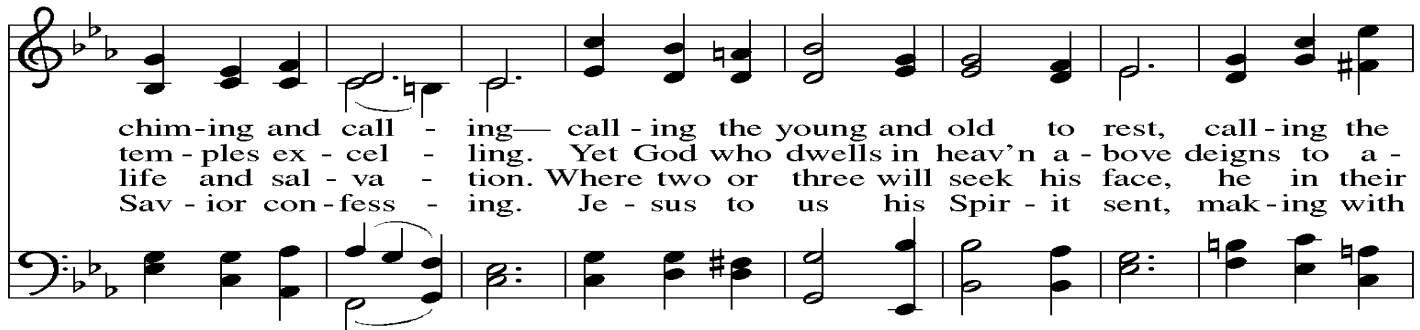
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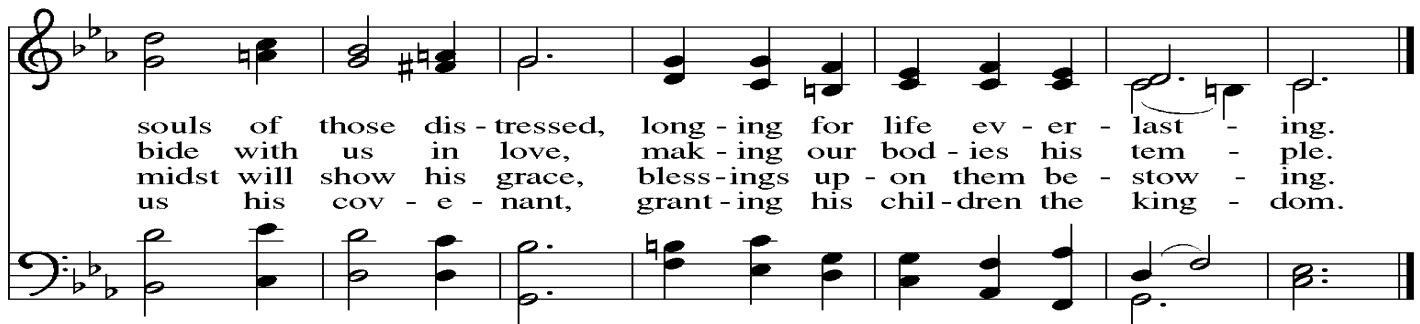
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

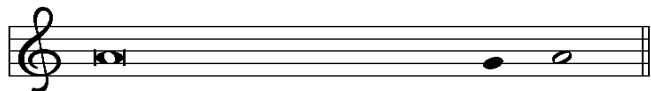


souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 many may come to hear your Word,  
 who here this promise is bringing:  
 "I know my own, my own know me;  
 you, not the world, my face shall see;  
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

## GREETING

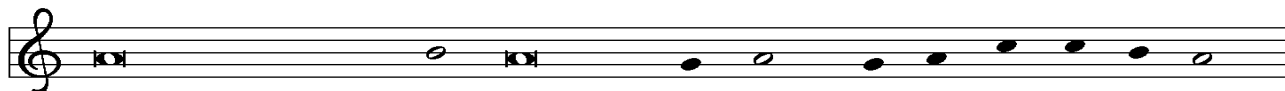
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

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


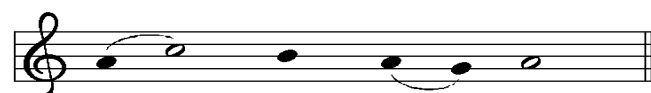
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



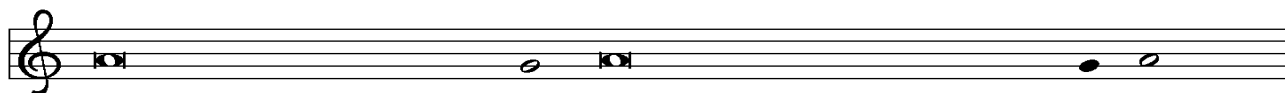
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



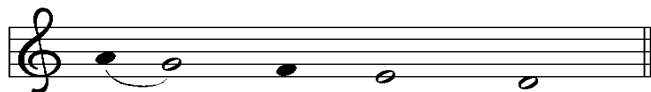
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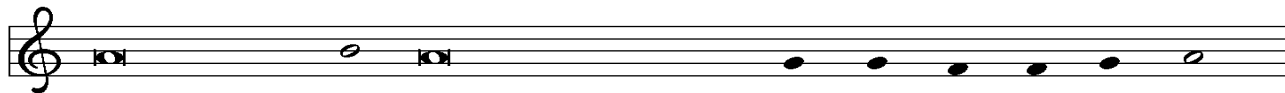
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her

desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Romans 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 16:13-20 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. P: The gospel of the Lord!

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

*Please be seated*

**HISTORY OF THE CHURCH**

Wayne Kurth

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW#820

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove;  
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion, of love be - yond our thought;  
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

**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: God our rock, provide a strong foundation for your church on earth. Unite it in joyful praise, service, and mission. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: You make deserts into gardens and the wilderness into Eden. Restore the clean and pleasant beauty of your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: You shine the light of justice on the nations. Deliver us quickly from evil, protect the defenseless, and bring peace to warring lands. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: You renew our minds and transform our bodies. Wait with all who seek a cure or long for relief from chronic pain. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer illness in spirit, mind, or body *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, Steve, Joseph Bastian, Elsie Meier, Dale.* Strengthen and encourage **Fern Harnish and Carol Wybourn.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: You give gifts to all. Build up this assembly. Increase our generosity, compassion, and cheerfulness. Lift up from among us prophets, ministers, teachers, and diligent leaders. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Your salvation lasts forever. Console us here on earth until we join all who praise you without end. 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”*

**Krista Keene**

*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.**

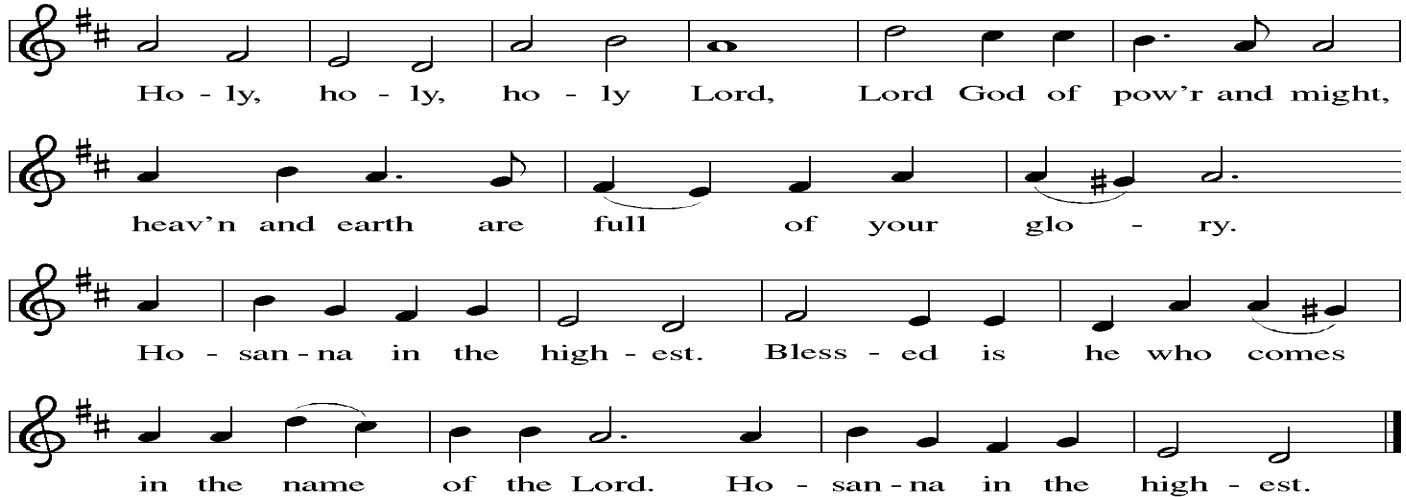
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

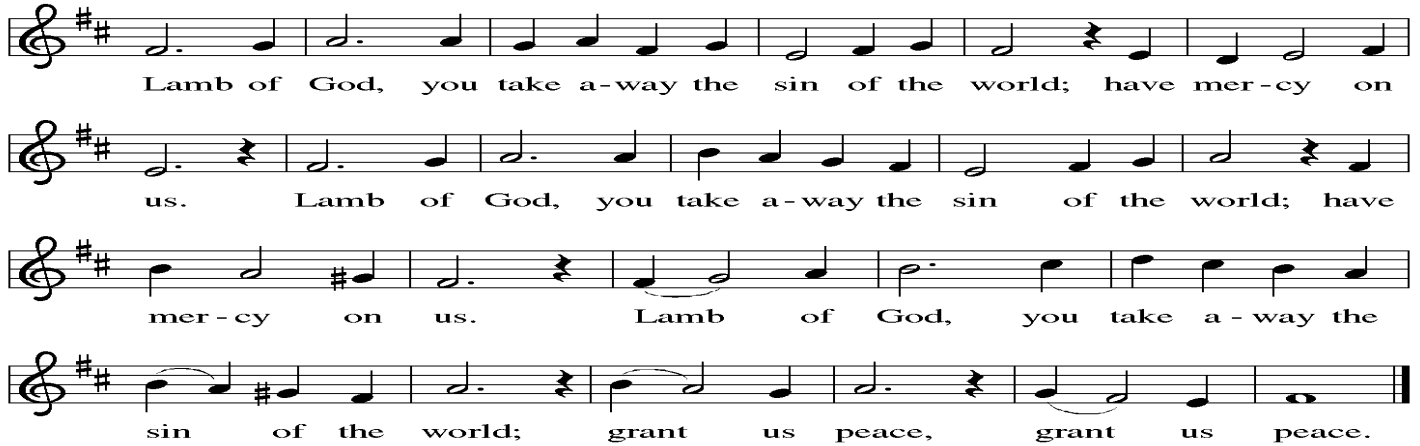
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

Taste and See

**ELW#493***(Janis Kurth singing Verses 1-2-3 – Congregation will sing Refrain)**Refrain*

Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING:**

**P:** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

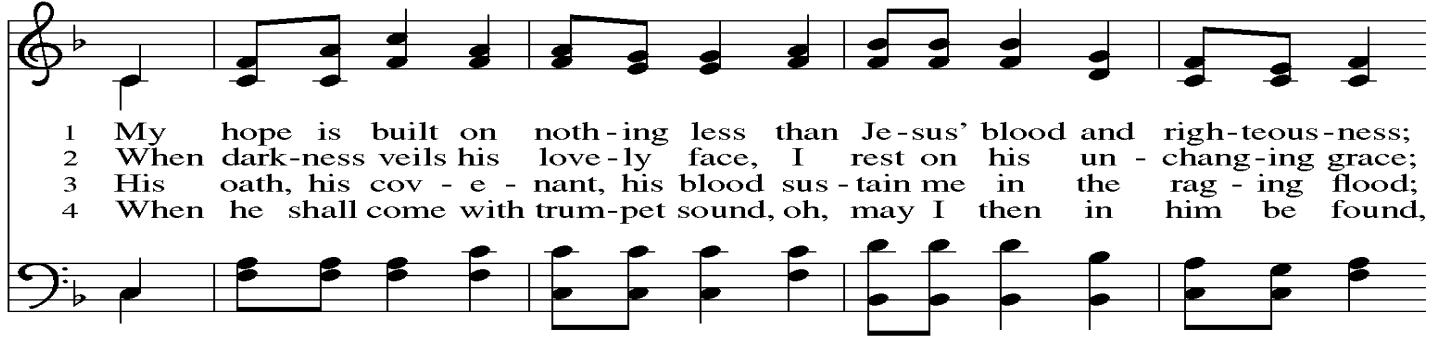
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A:** Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are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

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW#596



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

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

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE****Tena Rackow**

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<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>	Braden Diddens	<u>Assisting Minister:</u> Austin Andrews <u>Worship Assistant:</u> Krista Keene
<u>Communion Usher:</u>	Bill and Jean Engel	<u>Communion Set-up:</u> Mary Lloyd
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Shirley Fox, Sheila Keene	<u>Elevator Operator:</u> Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jay Andrews, Hanna Brinker	<u>Greeters:</u> Paul and Shirley Fox, Jerry and Beth Martin
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bill and Jean Engel, Gary and Cynthia Boeke	

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****August 27<sup>th</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</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
	Sunday School Teacher Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho at LOMC	
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service– Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Monday	“Office Closed” Labor Day	

Attendance August 20<sup>th</sup> was 54 –

Total Offering 8/20/2017 \$1,739 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$1,840.01

***THANK YOU!** Krista Keene for your special music this morning**Today’s Sending Hymn “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” favorite by Janis Kurth -**“I sang this hymn in my church when I was growing up.”***Lena Fall Festival is Coming Soon September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**

A float will be put together for the parade if interested in helping to put this float together please contact

Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION***“This is my body and blood which seals God’s promise, that your sins are forgiven.”**Matthew 26:27 - 29*

Who: Any child whose parents feel she or he is ready to receive this Gift from God.

When: Sundays, October 8, 15, &amp; 22 during the Sunday School Hour

Celebration on Sunday, October 29 during Worship.

Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Why: To learn about God’s promise of forgiveness for ALL!

How: Listening, sharing, drawing, and making a banner.

Please bring your Bible, if you have one.

***If interested, please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552 or Marybeth Brinker at 815-369-2501 BEFORE September 10<sup>th</sup>.***

**The After School Program for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Will begin August 30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm at the Hangout downtown. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play.

Program Committee is looking for volunteers if you are interested in volunteering for the After School Program please call the church office or Pastor Miho.

**10 dozen cookies are needed**

For the After School Program on September 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on a Clip Board by the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up and drop off cookies at the church by 2:30pm on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Hannah Circle**

Will meet on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 9:00am at church in the Fellowship Hall.

Rene; Johnson is the hostess and Bible Study leader. We begin our fall 3-part bible Study:

**“The Apostles; Creed”** by Julia Seymour in the September 2017 “Gather” magazine.

**Session One: “We Believe in God...”** The Apostles Creed is part of our prayer life, our welcome liturgy and our teaching tools. It connects us to the history of the church and the faith.

All women of the church and their guests are always welcome at all our functions.