
September 3rd 2017 9:30 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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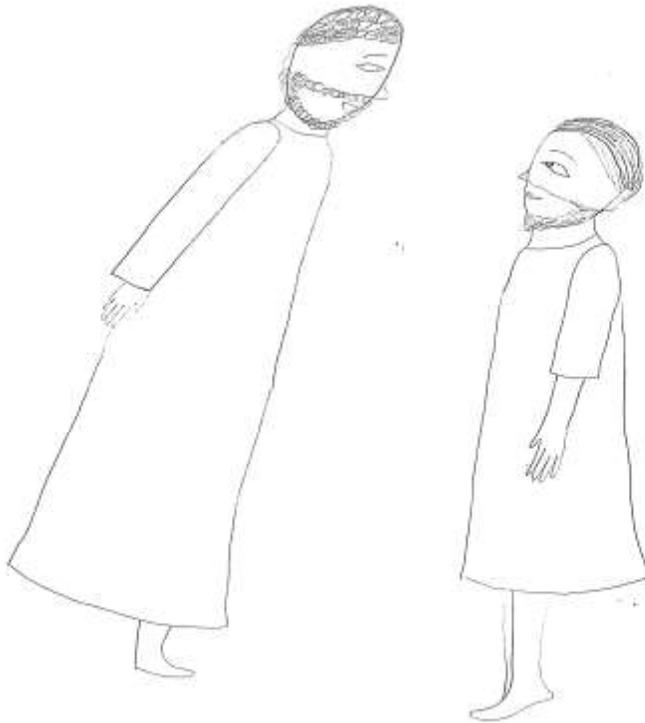
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Art by
Anna Patterson

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 10**

PRELUDE *(A time for prayer and reflection)*
Announcements & Community Concerns

Karen Niemeier

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: oceans and seas, lakes and rivers, streams and ponds, nourishing our land, watering the plants, giving life to us.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: nourishing the Israelites in the desert, offering healing at the pools of Bethesda and Siloam, proclaiming Jesus beloved in the waters of the Jordan.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: drowning us in baptism, washing away our death, calling us to the work of reconciliation.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

P: Your waters are a gift to us: soothing our thirst for justice and peace at home, in our community, and around the globe; carrying us forward to our thirsting neighbors in need.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

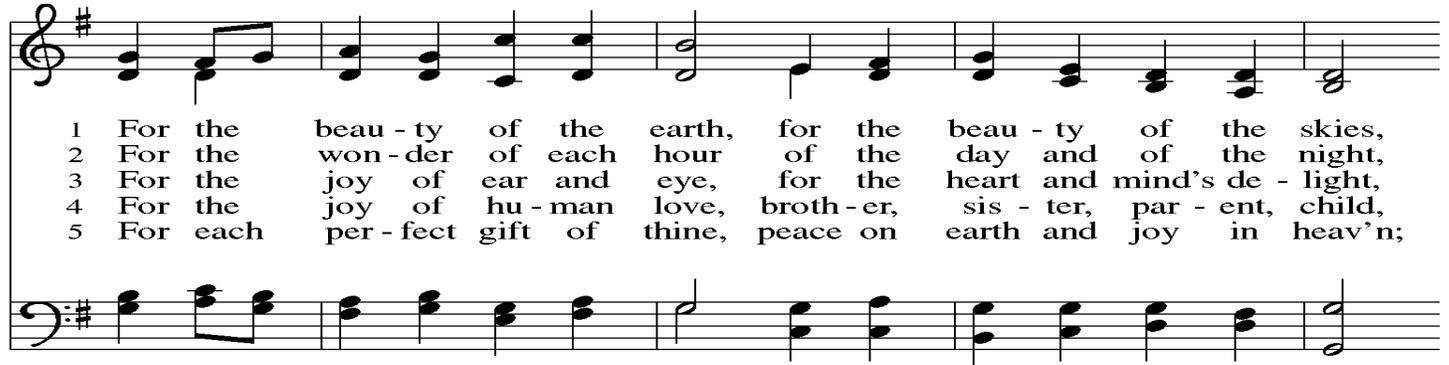
P: Continue to fill us with your love that our lives may proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.¹

C: Amen.

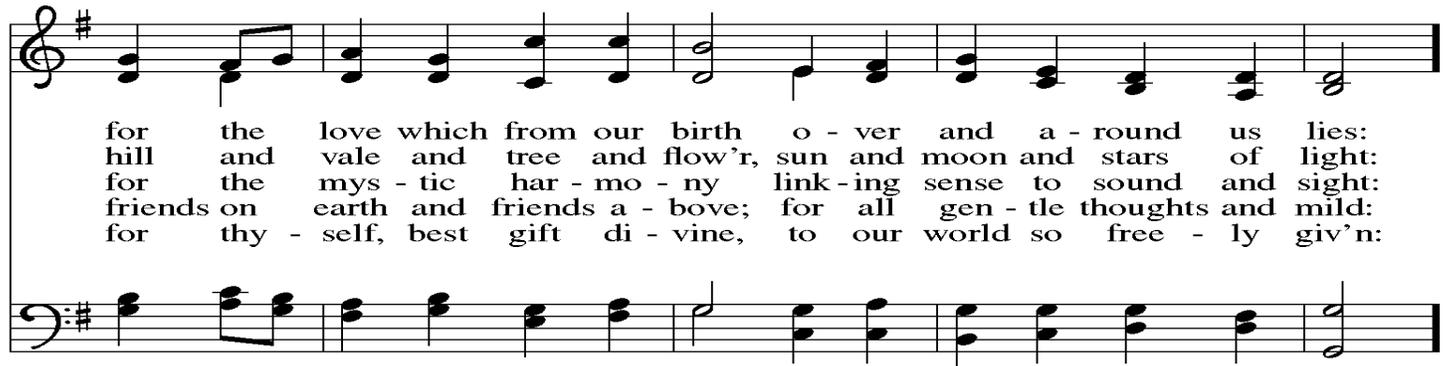
GATHERING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth (*Verses 1, 2, & 3*)

ELW#879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



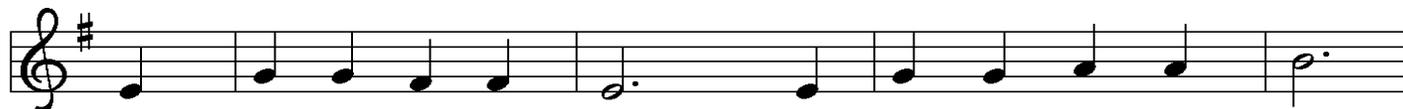
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26:1-8 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#26

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

L: The 2nd READING is from Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be

haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it

is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. 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 16:21-28 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.” P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Dr. Zig & Prof. Whoo

Karen Niemeier and Taylor Patterson

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Burkheimer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross

ELW#660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

WA: We pray for the church and its mission. Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: We pray for the earth and its well-being. Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the nations and their leaders. Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those in any need. Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages. We especially pray for the people who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. May your healing presents give them peace and hope in their time of need, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for this community and its ministry. Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep *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, Steve, Joseph Bastian, Elsie Meier, Dale, Connie and Sydney.* Strengthen and encourage **Steve Fahr and Verl Price.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with them until we are joined around your throne. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **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

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray, **C: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

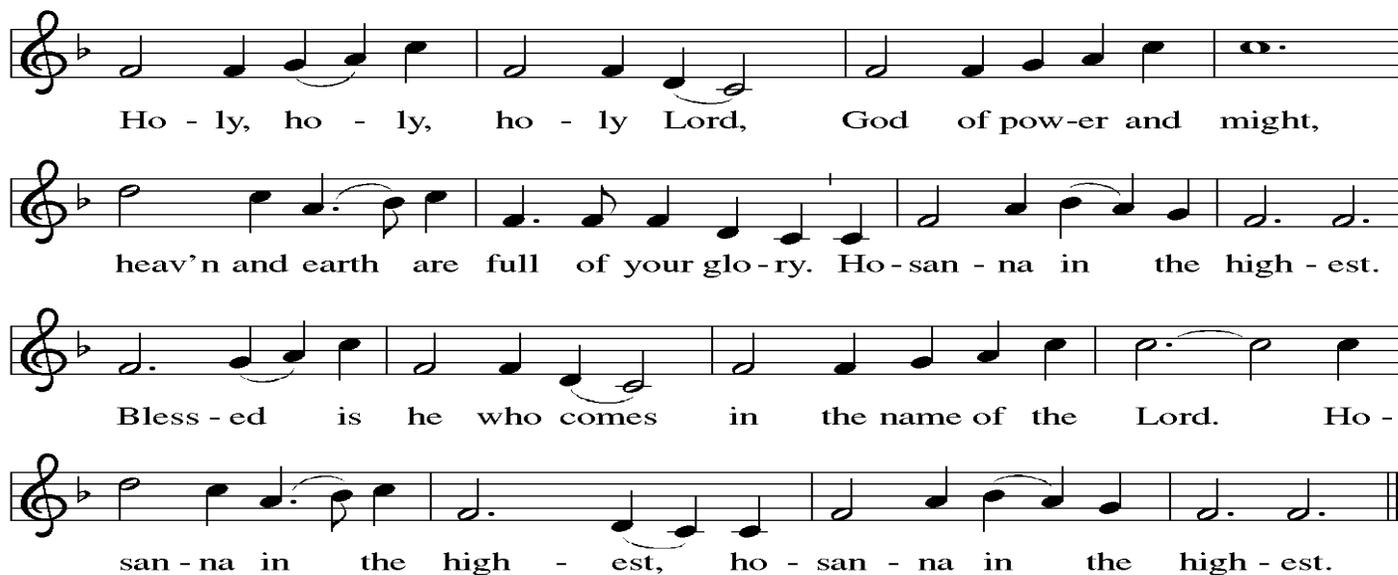
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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, God of pow-er 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, 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


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG**Bless Be the Tie That Binds****ELW#656**

1 Blest be the tie that binds
 our hearts in Christian love;
 the unity of heart and mind
 is like to that above.

3 We share our mutual woes,
 our mutual burdens bear,
 and often for each other flows
 the sympathizing tear.

2 Before our Father's throne
 we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 our comforts and our cares.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 and sin we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship reign
 through all eternity.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

C: Amen.

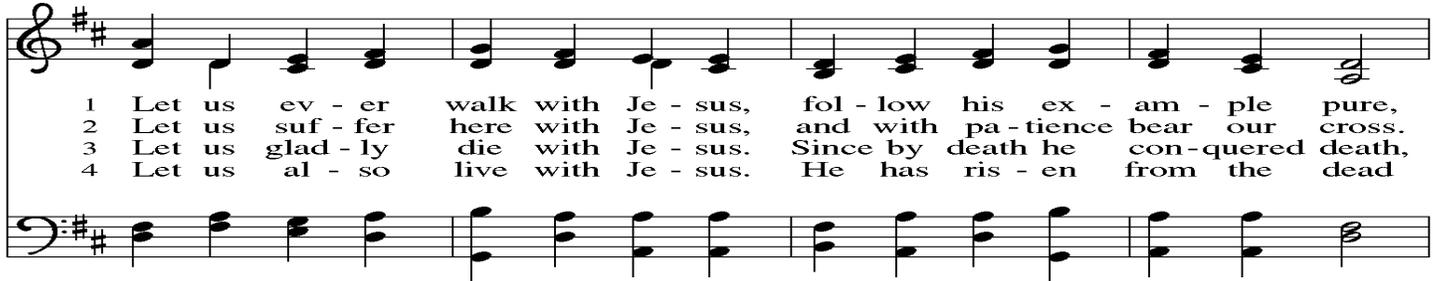
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: The Creator who forms you anew, The Christ who sets you free The Spirit who draws you one to another, One God, Bless you in your service to others, Bless you in your rest and renewal, Bless you today, tomorrow, and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (*Verses 1 & 2*)

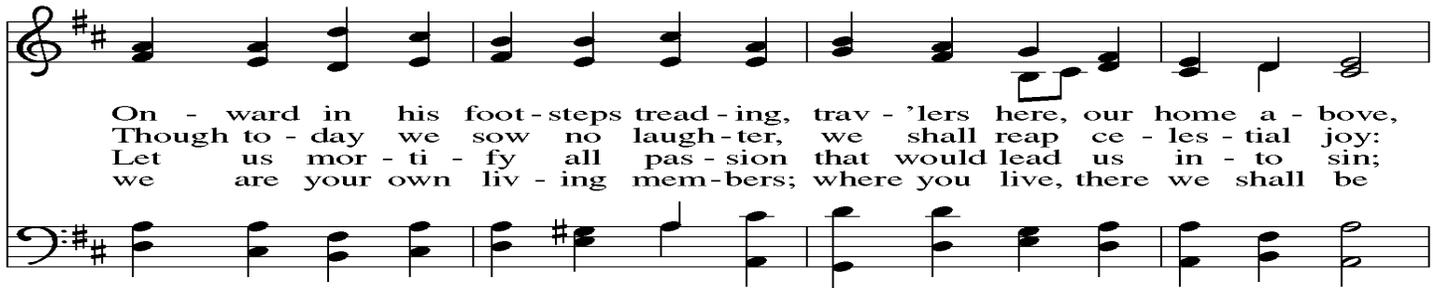
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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: In Christ there is a new creation! See, everything has become new! Go forth to love and serve in Christ's name. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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> Marybeth Brinker <u>Acolyte:</u> Hanna Brinker
<u>Assisting Minister:</u> Sheila Keene	<u>Worship Assistant:</u> Cora Hudik	<u>Communion Usher:</u> Paul and Shirley Fox
<u>Communion Set-up:</u> Dennis Luke	<u>Communion Asst:</u> Wayne Kurth, Dennis Luke	
<u>Elevator Operator:</u> Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens	<u>Sound System:</u> Jay Andrews, Ashtyn Brinker	
<u>Greeters:</u> Virgil and Joanne Martin, Tena Rackow	<u>Ushers:</u> Paul and Shirley Fox, Chris and Angie Brinker	

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**September 3rd thru September 10th 2017**

Today	Worship Service– Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Office Closed “ <i>Labor Day</i> ”	1:30 pm
Tuesday	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm-8:00pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle in Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Fri.-Sat.	Lena Fall Festival	
Next Sunday	Worship Service– Holy Communion	9:30 am

Attendance August 27th was 54 –

Total Offering 8/27/2017 \$1,813.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$1,841.51

THANK YOU! Pastor Kathy Burkheimer for sharing the message with us this morning.**Lena Fall Festival is Coming Soon September 8th & 9th 2017**

A float will be put together for the parade on Monday evening at 6:00 pm September 4th at the home of Donna Gullickson’s if interested in helping to put this float together please contact Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147. Good Shepherd Hospitality Tent will be open Friday evening and Saturday after the parade a Sign-up sheet for the Hospitality Tent will be posted on the board in the hall, times are (1) hour at a time.

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, & 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 10th.

September & October are - Food Pantry Months

The Lena Food Pantry serves residents in the Le-Win and Orangeville School Districts. Donations of food, hygiene products, and paper products can be placed in the Food Pantry boxes and on the table in the Sanctuary. Donations will be bagged and delivered to the Food Pantry by our Confirmation Students.

The After School Program for 4th through 8th graders

Will begin August 30th 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 6th. 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 6th.

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.

Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group

HEAL grief and education group offers session open to anyone 18 yrs and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supportive setting. Our six-week series will begin Wednesday evening September 6th through October 11th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm (9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11). We will meet at the St. Camillus Center 2101 6th Street, Monroe WI 53566. To register or obtain more information please call Monroe Clinic Hospice at (608) 324-1230 or (800) 367-8406. Registration can also be done on line at www.monroeclinic.org.

There is no charge for these sessions.

Get ready to serve! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2017

Save the date to join brothers and sisters in Christ in serving our neighbor on September 24th. We will seek to have service opportunities for all ages and abilities. Make sure to sign up!

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions on “God’s work. Our hands” Sunday contact Troy Doubler or Wayne Kurth

Looking for Pie Donations

For Lena Sport Association Booster Club for the Lena Fall Festival. If you have any questions, contact Amy Schulz at 815-297-5585. Thank You!