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October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 9:30 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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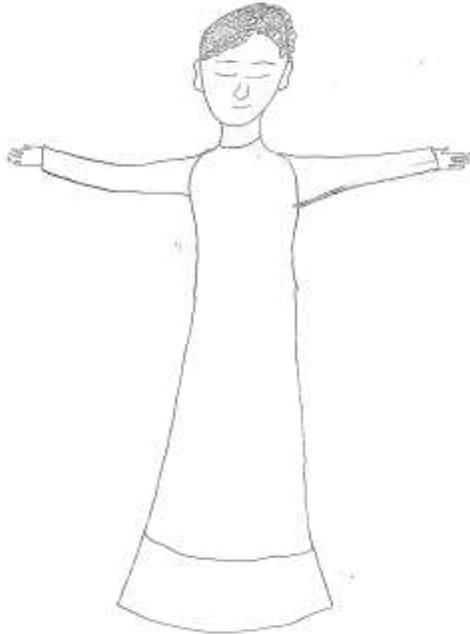
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Art by  
Anna Patterson

## *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)***Tena Rackow****Announcements & Community Concerns****CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all You lands

**C: Serve the Lord with gladness; and come before his presence with singing**

L: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Be thankful to him and bless his name

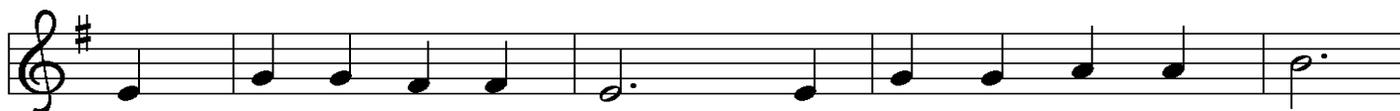
**C: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations****GATHERING HYMN**

Alabare

*Refrain*

Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor

Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor.

1 John saw the number of all those redeemed,  
and all were singing praises to the Lord.Thousands were praying, thousands were  
rejoicing, and all were singing praises to the  
Lord.*Refrain*2 Voices united in joy and in singing,  
we offer praise and glory to our God:  
to God the Father, to Christ the Savior,  
and to the Holly Spirit, three in one.*Refrain*3 We are your people, O God everlasting,  
the people you created out of love.  
Mercy and Justice, Power and Wisdom:  
we bless you, we adore you without end.*Refrain***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!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. **C:** **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. <sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

<sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

**Psalm 25:1-9** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#25

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not

regard equality with God as something to be exploited,<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;<sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

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



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew 21:23-32 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup>‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.” P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**BIBLE PRESENTATION:** *Nikola Cornwell, Cameron Baker, Brianna Fye, Ian Geiseman*

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

**WOV#783**

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

3 We do not live by bread alone,  
but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you -  
Allelu, alleluia!

**INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS:**

*Teachers: Sheila Keene, Krista Keene, Kelly Geiseman, Darla Cornwell, Coralyn Hudik, Karen Niemeier, Marybeth Brinker, Pastor Miho, Taylor Bastian. Substitute Teachers: Michelle Andrews, Angie Brinker, Kristy Patterson. Music: Sue Diddens, Tena Rackow.*

**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: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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 mission of the gospel. Unite your church in its proclamation and witness. Let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Creator God, you provide daily for our nourishment. Bless fields and orchards, oceans and lakes, birds and animals, insects and fish. Sustain those who harvest your life-sustaining bounty. Help us share the gifts you have freely given. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of the nations, give all your people the mind of Christ. Guide national and international leaders to advocate for policies that look to the interests of the most vulnerable. Humble us when we question your mercy toward those who are different from us. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Self-emptying God, stir up compassion for those in need. Send your Spirit to those who are in crisis, troubled, weary, or discouraged. *We pray especially for **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Lee Wenzel, Verl Price, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Steve,***

*Elsie Meier, Linda, Dale, Connie and Marion.* Strengthen and encourage *Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen.*  
Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We pray for our congregation and community. Guide our deliberations over difficult decisions.  
Strengthen our commitment to our ministries. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We especially lift up  
Sunday School Teachers, children, and Piece Corps Quilters. Grant that we may use your gifts to bear  
witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do  
your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints whose tongues confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. Keep us  
confident in your promises until we join them in endless praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**Tena Rackow**

*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.

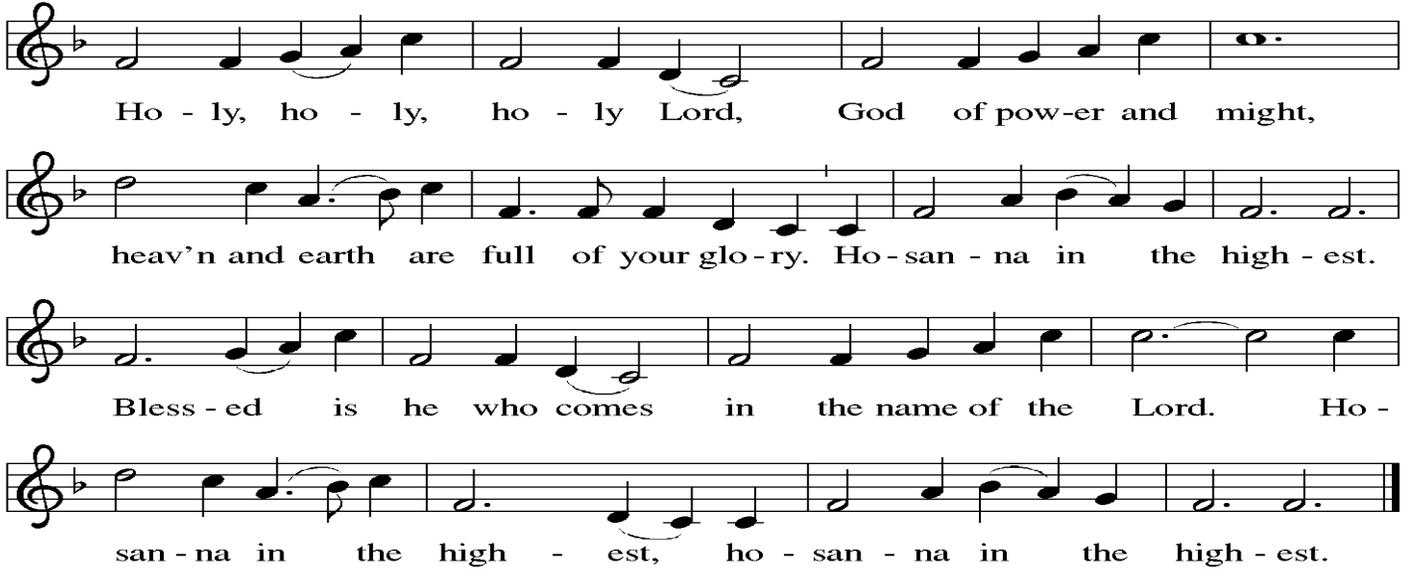
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

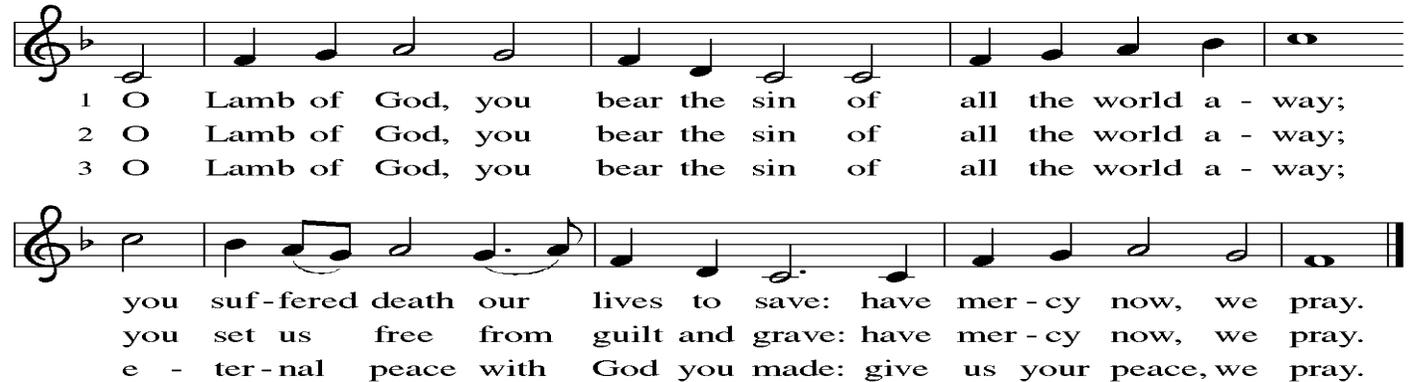
**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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

Jesus

1. Je - sus! What a name to know! Je - sus! Sing it where you go.  
 2. Je - sus! Liv-ing on the earth. Je - sus! Giv-ing peo - ple worth.  
 3. Je - sus! What a word to teach. Je - sus! What a word to preach.

Je - sus! Sav - ior and my Lord. Je - sus! What a lov - ing word.  
 Je - sus! Help-ing peo-ple heal. Je - sus! See how good I feel.  
 Je - sus! Noth-ing more to hide. Je - sus! Walk-ing by my side.

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**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.**

**QUILT SUNDAY BLESSING Lutheran World Relief Prayer of Blessing**

A: In the name of God, our Creator and Sustainer, our Savior and Friend, who has given us minds to imagine, hands to create and hearts to love.

**Congregation: Amen.**

A: We thank you for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us and now ask to bless the work of our hands, that it might become a blessing to others.

**Congregation: Lord we know that these quilts alone are only ordinary things, but through your power and love they become extraordinary. Bless these gifts we lay before you, that they would not be from our own hearts and hands but from yours. Let each quilt be your unfailing arms of comfort and your trusted means of hope; assurance to those who despair, and light to those who live in darkness.**

A: Transform us Creator, from idle beings into those who do your work. Help us to recognize our own limitations and acknowledge our need for your strength.

**Congregation: Motivate us Lord to fulfill your desire to feed the hungry, give water to those who thirst, and clothe those with nothing. Let these humble offerings become tools of your service, bringing love into the lives of those in need around the world.**

A: Bless these quilts Lord, and the work of Lutheran World Relief and our Piece Corps group in answering your call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask all these things.

**Congregation: Amen.**

*"Prayer written by Joci Post and Adapted for our Quilt Sunday Service"*

**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 me be your servant, Jesus

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, including treble and bass staves with chords F, C, G7, and C.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, including treble and bass staves with chords C, Dm7, G7, and C. Three verses of lyrics are provided below the staff:

1. Let me be your hands, dear Je - sus, help - ing those who come my way.
2. Let me be your voice, dear Je - sus, tell - ing peo - ple of your love.
3. Let me be your ears, dear Je - sus, hear - ing those who cry for help.

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, including treble and bass staves with chords C, Dm, Em, F6, and G6. Three lines of lyrics are provided below the staff:

Let me be your feet, dear Je - sus, run - ning er - rands  
 Let me share your work, dear Je - sus, me on earth and  
 Let me share in help - ing oth - ers and not just think

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn, including treble and bass staves with chords F6, G7, C, F, and C. The section is labeled *Refrain* and includes lyrics:

ev-'ry day.  
 you a - bove. Hands and feet, a voice to bring good news, great news  
 of my-self.

of our King. Let me be 'your ser - vant, Je - sus,

help - ing you in ev - 'ry way. ev - 'ry way.

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### **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**

**Tena Rackow**

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### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Pastor:** Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

**Pianists:** Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

**Lector:** Sheila Keene Acolyte: Kayla Runkle Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene

**Worship Assistant:** Marybeth Brinker Communion Usher: Troy Keene, Krista Keene

**Communion Set-up:** Jay and Michelle Andrews Communion Asst: Jay and Michelle Andrews

**Elevator Operator:** Willie Kayser Sound System: Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker

**Greeters:** Curt and Sue Diddens, Troy and Cindy Doubler

**Ushers:** Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Donna Gullickson, Beth Martin

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****October 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 8<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service–Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Rally Day/Bible Sunday/Teacher Installation/Quilt Sunday</b>	
	Gather in the Sanctuary	10:45am
	Family Carnival	11:00am
	Meal together with volunteers and families	11:45am
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 the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm-8:00pm
Thursday	Hanna Circle	9:00 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service–Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance September 24<sup>th</sup> was 63

Total Offering 9/24/2017 - \$1,429.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$1,986.58

**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.

**Today October 1<sup>st</sup> is Quilt Sunday.**

This year Piece Corps made over 650 quilts for distribution here in our community and by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) overseas. Quilts were also taken to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by the Mission Trip Team, Hurricane Harvey, St Vincent in Monroe WI and local people in need.

**Today SUNDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>! Is Rally Day, Bible Sunday and Installation of Teachers**

*Sunday School Kickoff and A Family Carnival style event with a light lunch will follow worship.*

**Singers needed for Synod-wide Reformation Ordination Worship and Celebration**

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, and we as Lutherans will honor this important occasion on Sunday, October 29 with a special synod-wide Reformation Ordination Worship and Celebration (<http://nisynod.org/nis-reformation-ordination-worship-and-celebration-october-29/>). This service will take place at 4:00pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church (607-10<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in Mendota, IL.

All singers are invited and encouraged to sing in the festival choir. The rehearsal will begin at 2:30pm in the sanctuary. Please let me know if you plan to participate.

Martin Luther had a profound impact on our worship, and being a musician himself, he knew the value and importance of music in worship. I am looking forward to directing the choir, and I hope that you will consider singing in the festival choir for this exciting event.

Additional information for this event is on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in singing for this event or need more information please contact:

Mary Shore

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**First Lutheran Church—Freeport**

invites you to join us for "Sola Gratia- By Grace Alone,"

a hymn festival commemorating Reformation 500. The festival will take place on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm, 303 S. Galena Ave. Freeport, IL. A free will offering will be taken. Please join us for this time of fellowship, learning, singing and praising God for the wonderful gift of grace that He has given to us!

EVERYONE is invited!

If you are interested in singing in the choir for the festival there will be a group rehearsal from 2-2:25pm the day of the hymn festival. Singers are also invited to rehearse with the First Lutheran choir at 7:30pm on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Updates on the Stubbs Family**

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs' family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>.