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February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

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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.

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**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –  
ELW SETTING 3**

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Karen Niemeier**

**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,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times  
we have spoken or acted too quickly;  
we have not spoken or acted at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us;  
we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.  
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,  
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.  
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.  
God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,  
for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

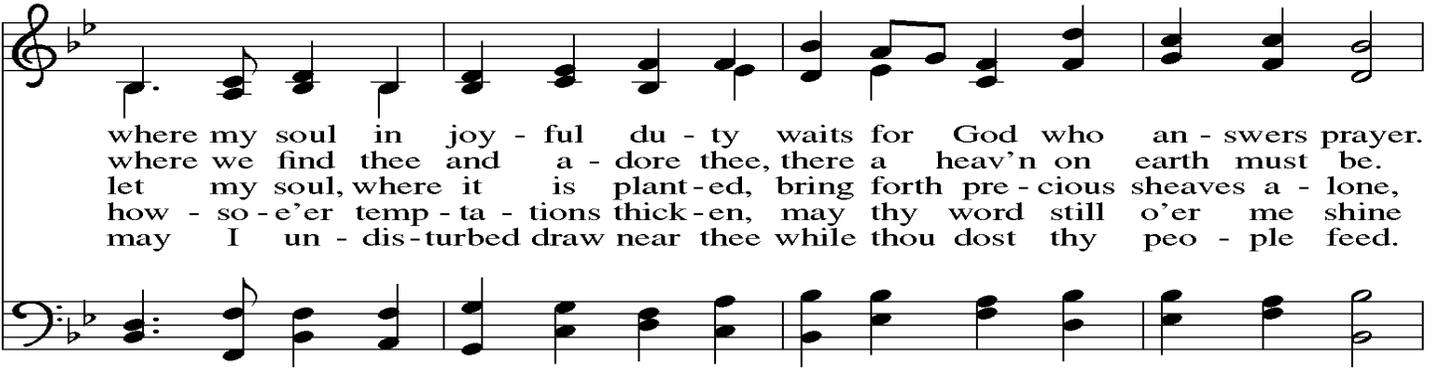
## GATHERING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of *Beauty* (Verses 1, 2, 4)

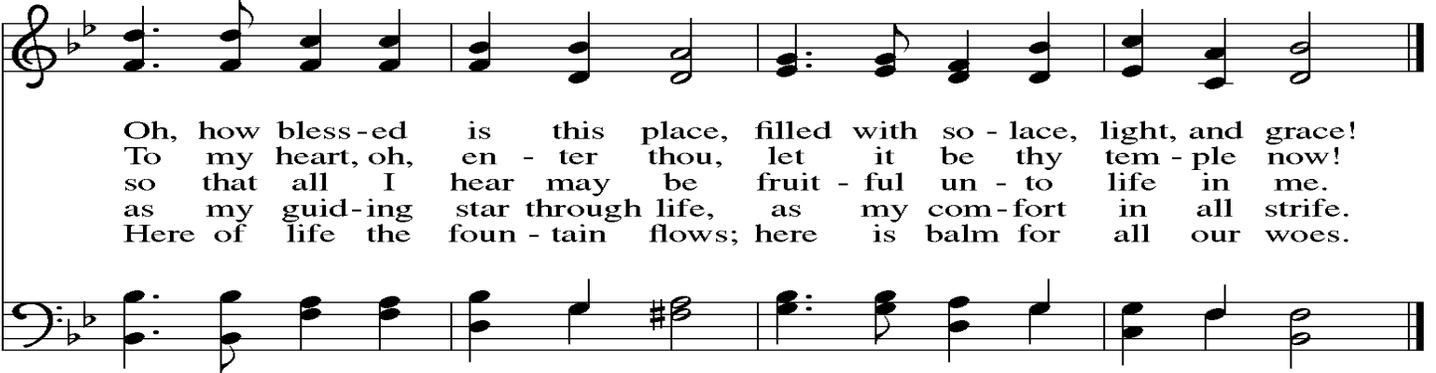
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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



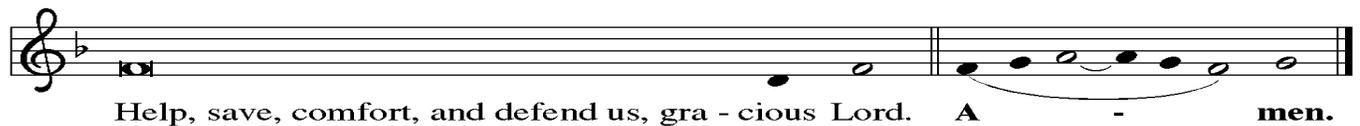
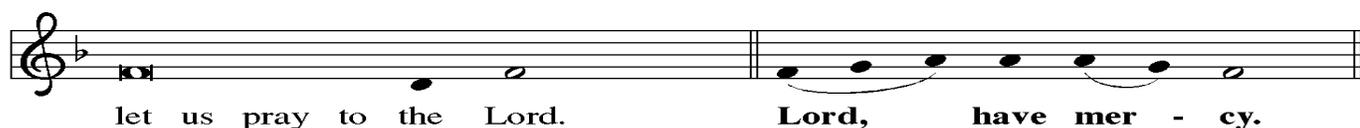
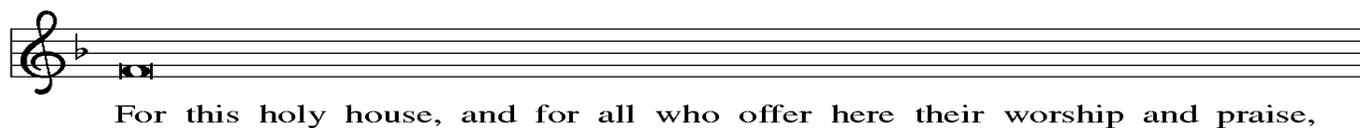
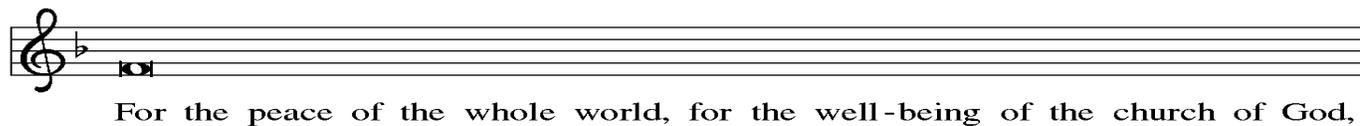
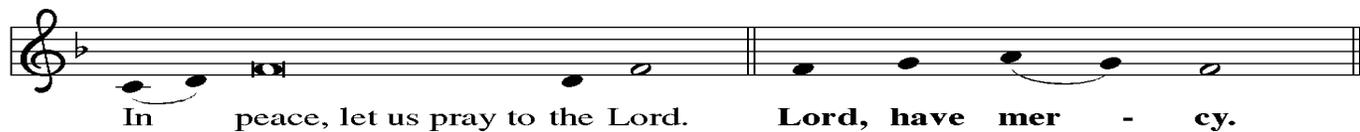
where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

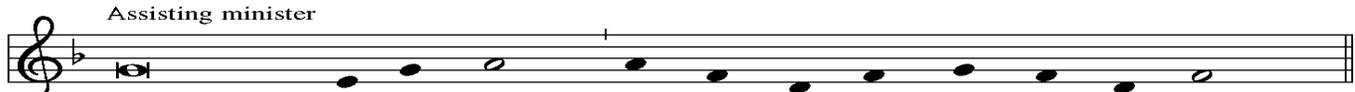
**GREETING P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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



## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray. **C:** Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#147**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love.

<sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win

the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 1:29-39 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. P: The gospel of the Lord!

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

*Please be seated*

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

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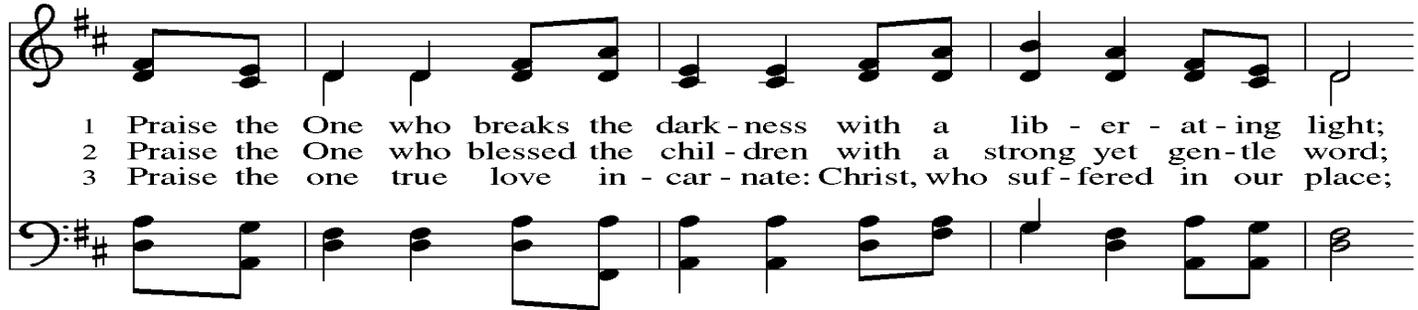
**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

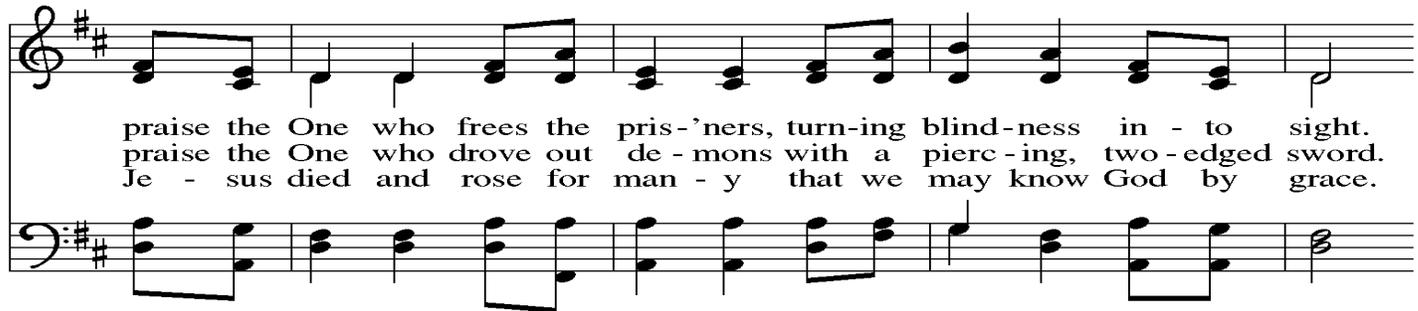
## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

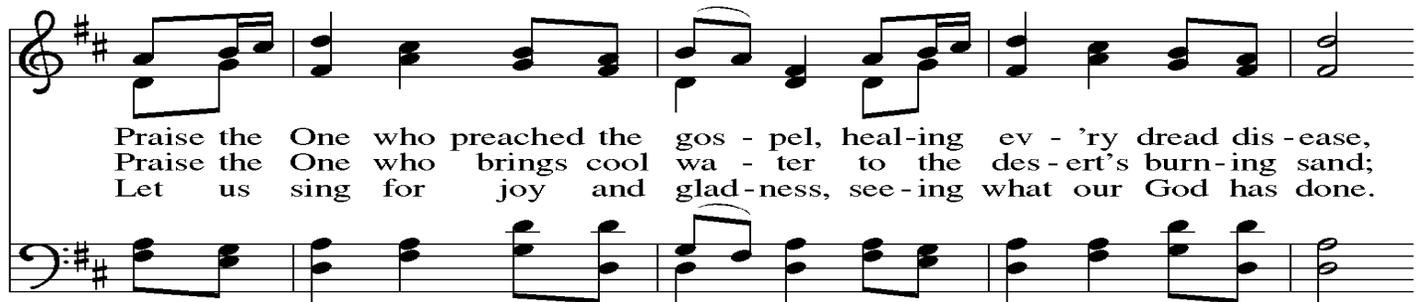
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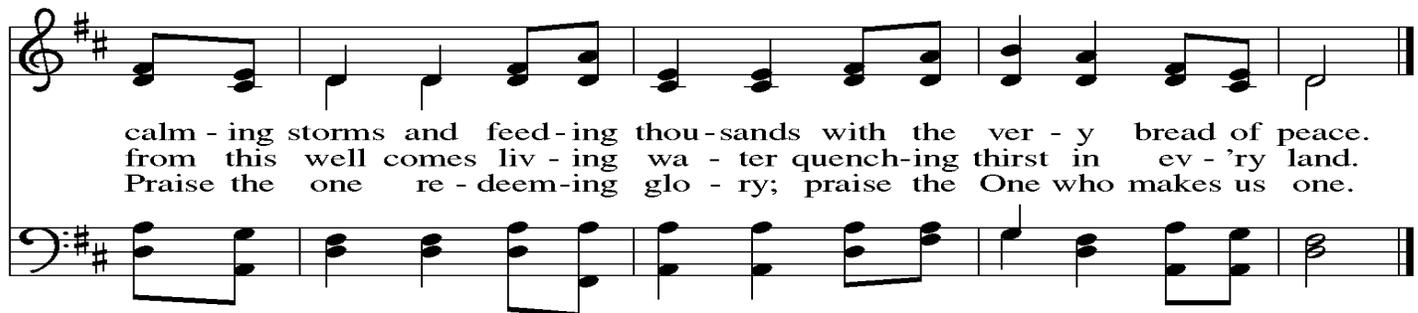
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

**CREED (from the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism) *Please Stand***

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

P: The Second Article: *On Redemption*

**C: 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.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

*Please be seated*

### **INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

P: Bari Raymer, Don Wienand, Virgil Gordon, Troy Doubler, Eugene Hesselbacher, Troy Keene, Kristy Patterson, Darci Meier, Krista Keene, and Dennis Luke have been *elected* by the congregation to the church council. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

P: Hear the words of scripture. A reading from 1 Corinthians (12:4-7): “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

**Council Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: I now declare you installed as *council members* of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence*

WA: For the church, its pastors, deacons, musicians, artists, teachers, seminarians, and all proclaimers of the gospel. We especially pray for our new council members. Though our ministry together, let your gift of steadfast love and mercy will spread throughout the world, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For the earth and all living creatures, for those preparing fields for planting, and for favorable weather, that all of us who care for this life will find voice to help creation thrive, let us pray

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For all who suffer this day: the sick and wounded, the grieving and brokenhearted, the hungry and exploited, those with malaria, and all who need our prayers *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Susie Gordon, Richard Rutter, Leona Block, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Meghan, Sharon, Lucy, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye and Mimsy Pye*, that they will be consoled and healed by health care workers, counselors, family, and friends. Strengthen and encourage *Laura Derr and Fern Harnish*, let us pray **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For those who are hungry and those who are living in poverty, and for the ministries of the food pantry and Souper Bowl of Caring. Give us generous hearts so that in all our service we see ourselves centered around Christ, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For our synod members who are going to travel to India tomorrow. We pray for their safe travel, good health and strength for the journey, sharing their faith, talents, and hope with fellow God's children whom they encounter so that God may be glorified in their time together, let us pray,

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith and now sing praises around the throne of God, and that we be assured of the promise of everlasting life, let us pray **C: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus 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, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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**

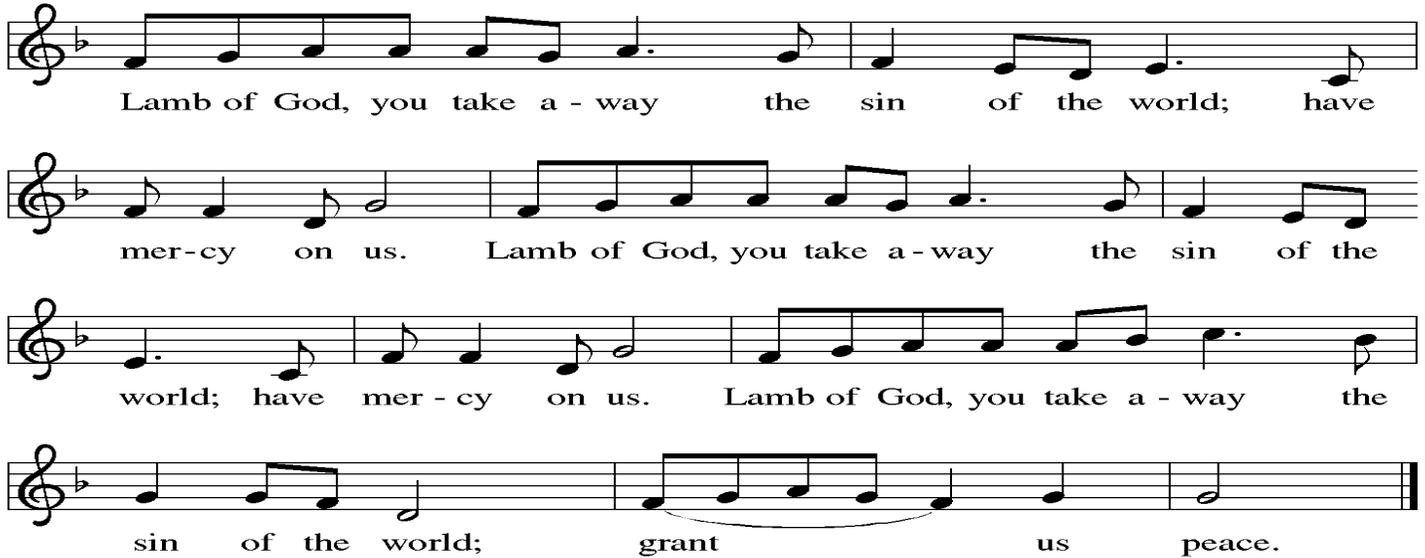
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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. 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**


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.

**COMMUNION SONG****Alabare****WOV#791***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***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: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING** P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Arise, Your Light Has Come!

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1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**February 4<sup>th</sup> thru February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

<b>Today</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
Monday	Pastor Miho at FCTE Immanuel, Amboy, IL	10:00 am-2:00 pm
	Property Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho Reformation 500 Meeting	1:00 pm
	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
Thursday	Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment	12:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Transfiguration Sunday 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 January 28<sup>th</sup> was 55

Total Offering 01/28/2018- \$1,772.00 Amount Needed \$2,644.88

**“Souper Bowl” Sunday at Good Shepherd Today**

The Youth Group of Good Shepherd are asking worshippers on today Super Bowl Sunday, to place a monetary donation in a large soup pot held by youth at each sanctuary exit. We will deliver 50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Winslow Food Pantry and 50% to the ELCA World Hunger. 100% of the offering goes directly to the agencies designated.

Help us tackle hunger in America!

**Friendship Club,**

All are invited to the Friendship Club Potluck February 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm noon luncheon and entertainment with  
“*Music with Steve*”

**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>

**Copy of the Sermon is Available**

If you would like a copy of the sermon, please talk to the ushers or Pr. Miho.

**Devotions for Lent Booklets**

We have two Lenten devotion for this year. You Are the Way is a daily devotion which explores “I am” statements in the Gospel of John. Another one is Faces of Christ which explore Christ in global perspectives. Both are available at all entrances.