
April 29th, 2018 at 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

118 E. Mason, Lena, IL 61048

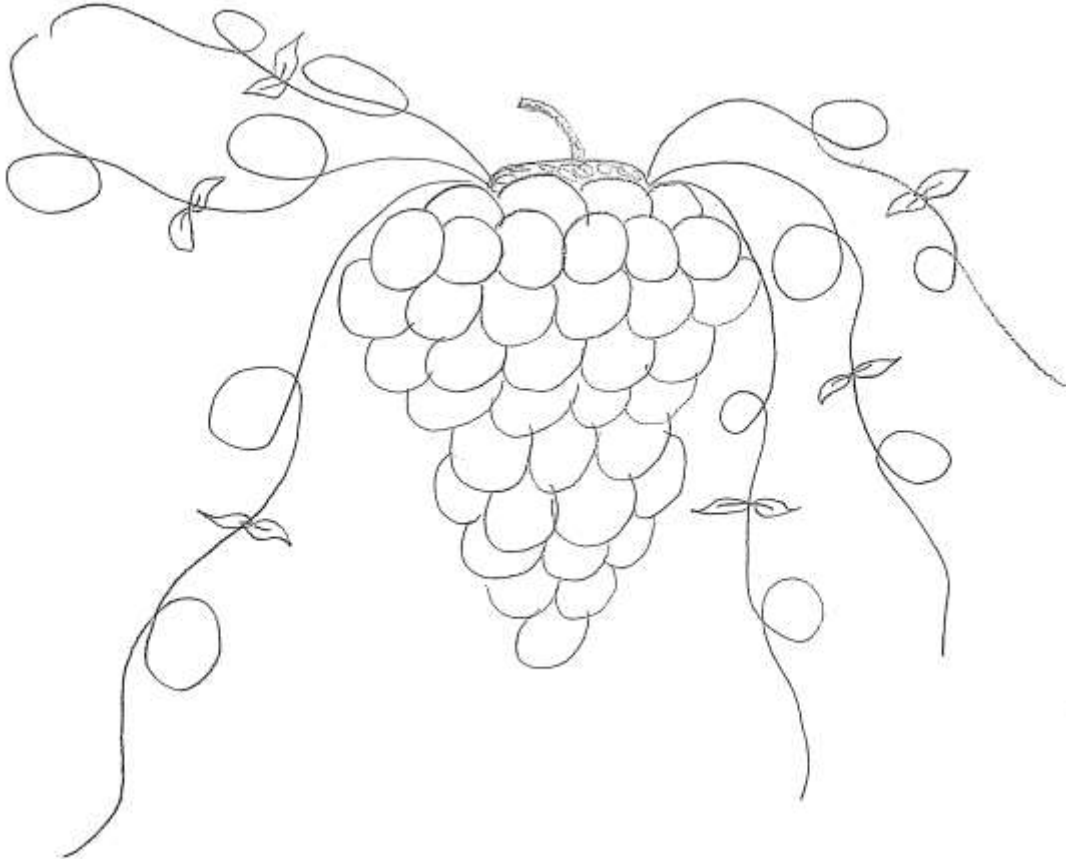
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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–**Announcement & Community Concerns****SINGSPARATION**

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Chorus: Come now is the time to worship
 Come now is the time to give your heart
 Come just as you are to worship
 Come just as you are before your God
 Come

Verse 1: One day every tongue Will confess You are God
 One day every knee will bow
 Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now

Chorus: Come now is the time to worship
 Come now is the time to give your heart
 Come just as you are to worship
 Come just as you are before your God
 Come

Verse 2: Willingly we choose to surrender our lives Willingly our knees will bow
 With all our heart soul mind and strength We gladly choose You now

Chorus: Come now is the time to worship
 Come now is the time to give your heart
 Come just as you are to worship
 Come just as you are before your God
 Come

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Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

L: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

L: I shall not die, but live.

C: and declare the works of the Lord.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING HYMNI Lift Your Name on High (*sing twice*)**ELW#857****VERSE**

Lord, I lift your name on high.
 Lord, I love to sing your praises.
 I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us.

CHORUS

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
 from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
 from the cross to the grave,
 from the grave to the sky;
 Lord, I lift your name on high.

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Awesome God (*refrain only*)*Refrain*

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power and love our God is an awesome God!

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power and love our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 15:1-8 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” **P: The gospel of the Lord**

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

SERMON

NIU Grace Place, Pastor Bob Hansen

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1: Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name

Verse 2: Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name

Pre-Chorus: Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be your glorious name

Verse 3: Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be blessed be your name

Verse 4: Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be your name

Pre Chorus: Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name

BRIDGE: You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name,
You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be your name,
(*sing twice*) Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be your glorious name

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NICENE CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the

Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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

WA: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: For ministries that nurture faith formation. For missionaries and Bible study leaders. For those who are seeking, questioning, or curious. For campus ministers, especially for Grace Place ministry and the students and pastors, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For the beauty and health of the earth. For vineyards and orchards, groves and plains. For rain forests and arctic tundra. For volcanoes and mountains, hills and valleys. For oceans deep and rivers wide, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For homeless youth and rejected children. For isolated grandparents and lonely nursing home residents. For the shamed, the slighted, and the disregarded members of our communities. For all the sick especially, *Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Gene Hesselbacher, Kayla Runkle, Carol Wybourn, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jean, Jon Forsythe, Meghan, Lucy, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye, Jean, Nick, Pam, Bruce, Jeff, Diane, Darren, and Jerilyn Strohecker.* Strengthen and encourage *Verl Price* and *Steve Fahr*, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For all who live with post-traumatic stress disorder and postpartum depression. For all who struggle with eating disorders and anorexia. For all who suffer in silence and all who suffer alone, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for all the mystics and theologians who live eternally with you. For those we mourn and those we would rather forget. For the kingdom on earth to be as it is in heaven, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (My Chains Are Gone)* **Choir Anthem**
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: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. 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 and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUSSanctuary (*sing twice*)

Lord prepare me. To be a sanctuary
 Pure and holy, Tried and true
 With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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:** Open the Eyes of My Heart**Chorus:** (*sing twice*)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You I want to see You

Verse: To see You high and lifted up
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing holy holy holy

Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You I want to see You

Verse: To see You high and lifted up
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge: (*sing twice*)
 Holy holy holy Holy holy holy
 Holy holy holy I want to see You

Verse: To see You high and lifted up
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge: Holy holy holy Holy holy holy
 Holy holy holy I want to see You

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Verse: I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died And rose again

Chorus: Amazing love How can it be
That You my King Would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Verse: I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died And rose again

Chorus: Amazing love How can it be
That You my King Would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

E Ending: You are my King You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Chorus: Amazing love How can it be
That You my King Would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You
In all I do I honor You

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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: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

How Great Is Our God

Verse 1: The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2: And age to age He stands
 And time is in His hands
 Beginning and the End
 Beginning and the End
 The Godhead three in one
 Father Spirit Son
 The Lion and the Lamb
 The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus: How great is our God
 Sing with me
 How great is our God
 And all will see how great
 How great is our God

Bridge: (*sing twice*)
 Name above all names
 Worthy of all praise
 My heart will sing
 How great is our God

Chorus (*sing twice*)
 How great is our God
 Sing with me
 How great is our God
 And all will see how great
 How great is our God

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DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miho Yasukawa
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker <u>Organist:</u> Karen Niemeier
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr <u>Guitars:</u> Sam Parks, Ryan Schick
<u>Communion Usher:</u>	Cora Hudik, Dennis Luke <u>Communion Set-up</u> Troy and Cindy Doubler
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler <u>Sound System:</u> Wayne Kurth, Ethan Fye
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson
<u>Greeters:</u>	Donna Gullickson, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher
<u>Ushers:</u>	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Jerry and Beth Martin

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**April 29th thru May 6th 2018**

Today	Worship Service – Guest speaker, from NIU “Grace Place”	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho Text Study	2:00 pm
	VBS meeting at Lena UMC	6:00pm
	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle at Rene’ Johnson’s Home	9:00am
Next Sunday	Worship Service – Graduate and Teacher Recognition Sunday	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance April 22nd 49

Total Offering 04/22/2018 - \$3592.00 Amount needed \$2896.00

*Thank you for music leaders for today’s worship
Sam Parks, Ryan Schick, Tena Rackow, Sue Diddens, and Terry Hart*

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

Children’s bulletin follows Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.
They are available at the both entrances.

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>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Can be picked up at the church office starting **April 1st**
Applications must be filled out and returned by **April 30th**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for April

Personal hygiene items: Shaving cream, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner

The Family of Susie Gordon

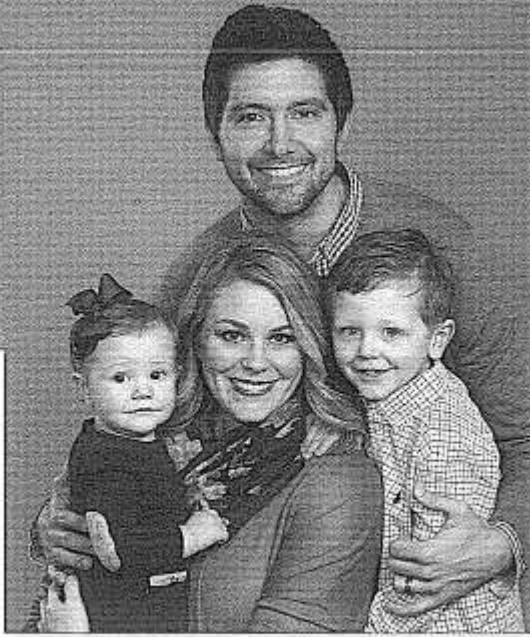
We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her illness. We would also like to thank everyone for their assistance with services and those that brought food for the fellowship luncheon after the service. Also the Good Shepherd Lutheran Women’s Group for serving the lunch.

Virgil and Tim Gordon

You are invited to

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Be a part of our new family directory program. Our goal is to include everyone!



We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families.

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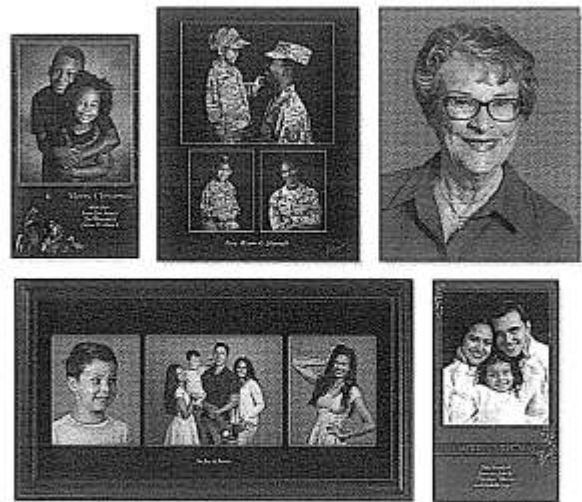
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