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September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 9:30 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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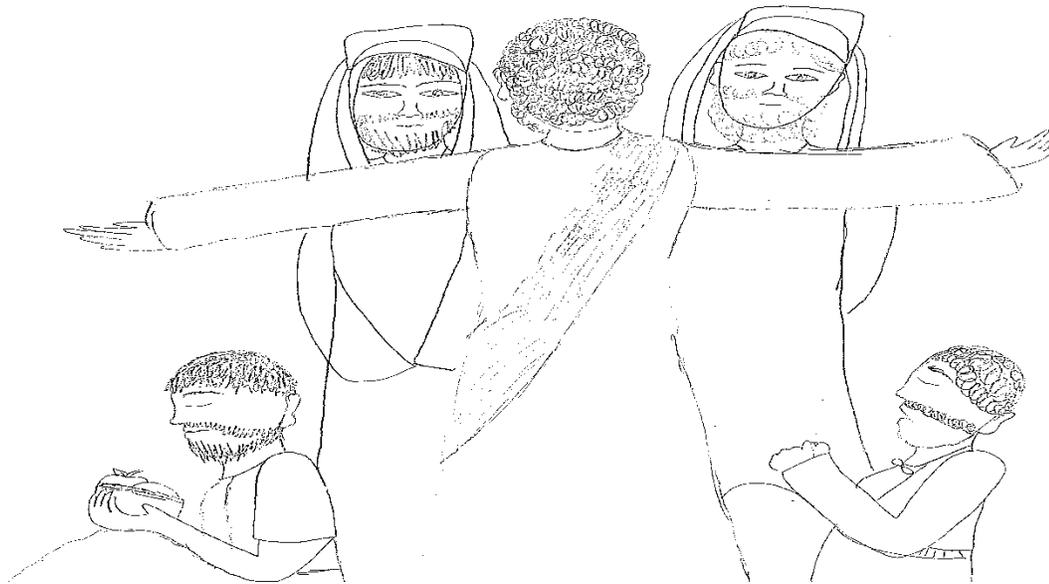
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Anna Patterson

## ***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.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

**–GATHERING –**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**PRELUDE**

**Karen Niemeier**

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Stand*)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Source of all life,

**C: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

## 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:

ELW p.138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

**C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit up on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142

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.

**GOSPEL:** according to **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” <sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.***Please be seated***SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A<sup>7</sup> D D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; you knock and the door shall be  
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4  
Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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## APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of Apostles' Creed.

**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.

## THE PRAYERS

*After each petition:* WA: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

WA: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*A brief silence*

WA: Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan, especially we lift up works of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow especially **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Laura Derr, Lois Paulsen Sheridan Brinker, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jean, Jon Forsythe Meghan, Tom Pye, Pam, Bruce, Diane, Darren, Bruce Johnson, Mary, Myron Coaty, Izaiah Heitter, Scott Bonnet, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Scott Tessendorf and Cindy Tessendorf.** Strengthen and encourage **Steve Fahr and Verl Price.**

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden us, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service.. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**C: Amen**

## PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ELW p.143**

**C: And also with you**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*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 SONG

ELW #182

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

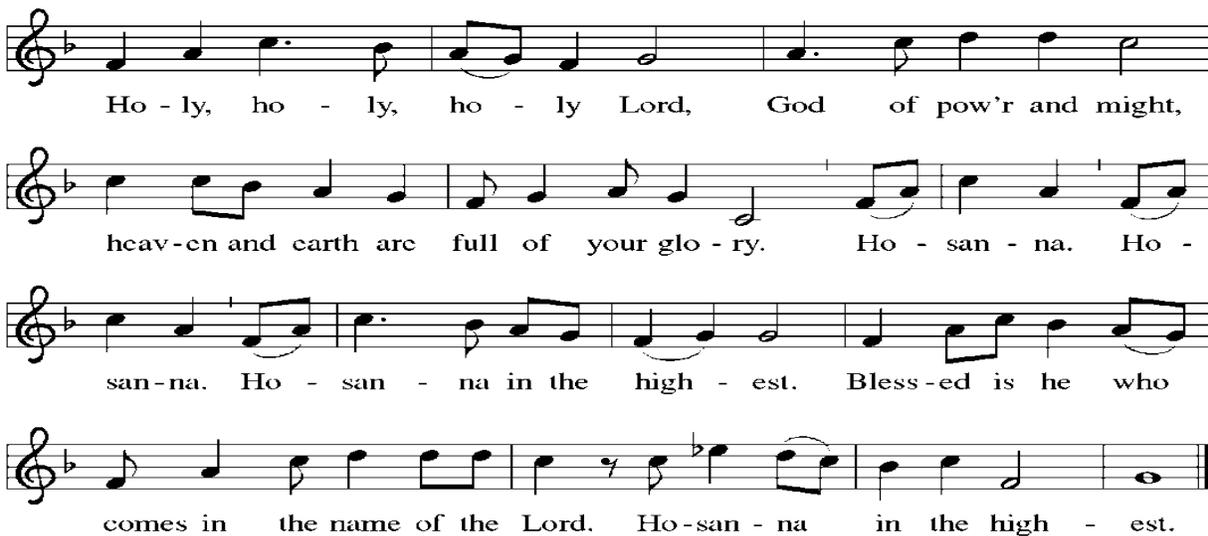
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p.144



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.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE****LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW p.145

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

ELW p. 146

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**    Just As I Am, Without One Plea    **ELW#592**

Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry  
 shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871  
 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A : Let us pray. 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.**

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

ELW#879

### For the Beauty of the Earth



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

### DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**Karen Niemeier**

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

Lector: Karen Niemeier Acolyte: Ashtyn Brinker

Assisting Minister: Krista Keene

Worship Assistant: Vivian Hesselbacher

Greeters: Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley Fox

Ushers: Chris and Angie Brinker, Troy and Sheila Keene

Communion Usher: Jerry and Beth Martin Communion Set-up: Vivian Hesselbacher

Communion Asst: Troy and Cindy Doubler Sound System: Jay Andrews and Hanna Brinker

Elevator Operator: Sue Diddens

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

September 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup>

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service- Blessing of the Backpacks</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
Monday	Labor Day, office closed	
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30am
Thursday	Hanna Circle	9:00am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am

Attendance August 26 - 48

Total Offering 08/26/18 - \$1987.00, amount needed \$3245.46

### 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.

### Lena Fall Festival

Fall Festival is right around the corner. The float for Good Shepherd will be put together for the parade on Monday evening September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the home of Donna Gullickson if interested in helping to put this float together or have any questions please contact Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147. We are also looking for volunteers at the Hospitality Tent on Friday and Saturday. Sign-up sheet is by the ramp for a 1 hour shift.

Your help is appreciated.

**Rally Day**

Get ready for Rally Day on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to help ready for the Rally Day events join us for Pre-Rally Day Fun on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-11am for cooking, decorating and setting up games. Questions? Contact the church office or talk to Kristy or Pastor Miho.

**Hannah Circle this Thursday**

Hannah Circle will meet this Thursday at Rene's house at 621 Deer Trail Drive at 9am. We will start with potluck breakfast and continue our conversation on repentance from the September Gather magazine. All women are welcome to join all circle functions.

**Choir Rehearsal Resumes Today**

Choir is back! First rehearsal will be today 11am at the sanctuary. If you would like to sing or make a joyful noise in harmony to praise God, come and join. Chime choir rehearsals will resume on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.



September and October are Food Pantry Months

Do you know that we have enough food to feed all the people in the world? However, more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. Le-Win Food pantry serves residents in the Le-Win and Orangeville school districts. For the month of July The Food Pantry served 57 households and 173 people, for the month of August they served 54 households and 143 people.

**Let Us Know**

If youth or adults in Good Shepherd family are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide a schedule to the church office by Tuesday morning so that we can include in the following Sunday's bulletin.