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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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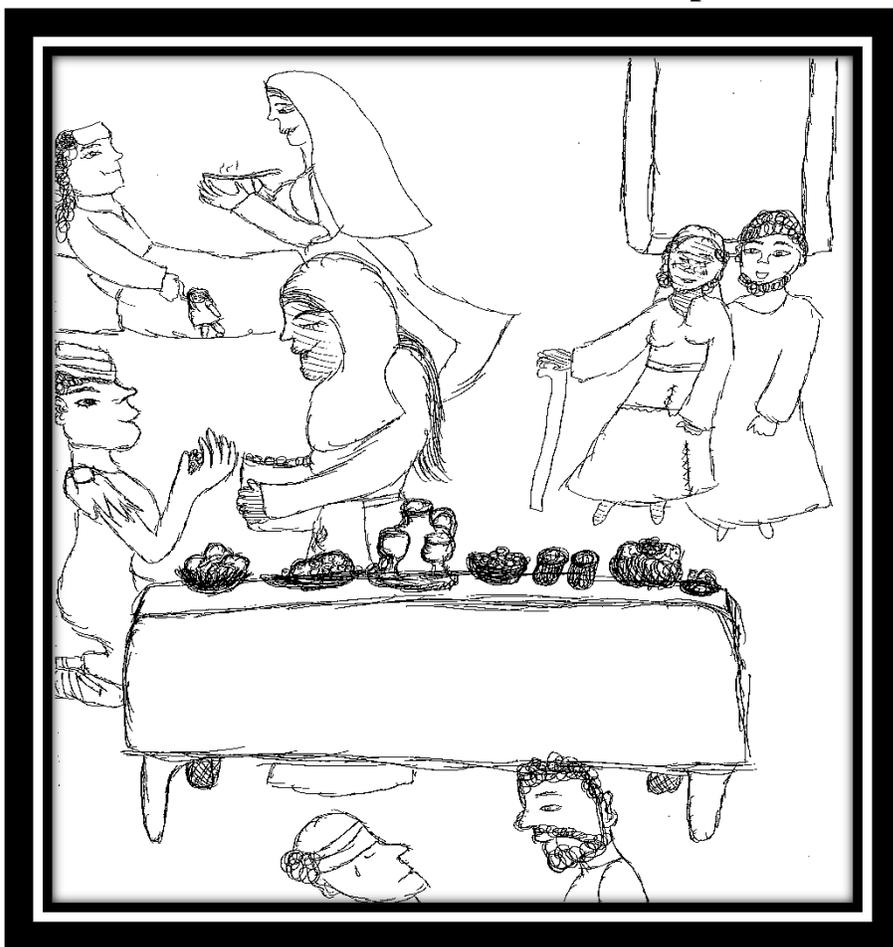
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.

*This service will use a liturgy **ELW setting 10** (cranberry hymnal) in your pew.*



Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Karen Niemeier

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Church Council

We welcome Pastor Kenn Storck as our guest preacher this morning.

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us ☩ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"GATHER US IN "

ELW#532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

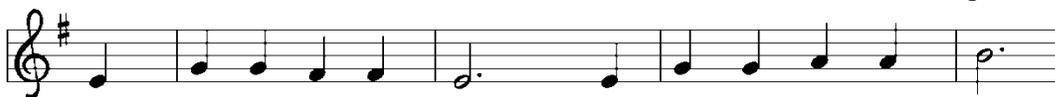
GREETING

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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

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- 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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

L: A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Assembly may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“ALLELUIA!”

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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.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 14:1, 7-14. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly may be seated.

SERMON

“Table Grace”

Pastor Kenn Storck

HYMN OF THE DAY

"WE ARE CALLED"*

ELW# 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**our member's favorite hymn*

Assembly may stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the 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: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

WA: God of peace, we pray for the leaders, teachers, and preachers who fearlessly share your word and who reveal you through humble sacrifice. Uphold and sustain all who seek to live in a way that is pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of generosity, we pray for crops growing ripe in the fields and fruit becoming ready to harvest. Grant safety to workers who will gather this bounty, and bless the yield to come. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of power, we pray for humility, kindness, and generosity to be instilled in the leaders of all nations. Inspire them to become models of servanthood, and to work for worldwide peace and prosperity. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of love, we pray for all those who are forgotten or pushed aside; for those who are suffering from poverty, neglect, physical or emotional trauma; and those who are homeless or are without a homeland. *We especially pray for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Fern Harnish, Jerry, Charmaine Magee, Nina Mueller, Sheridan Brinker, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, DebLindeman Harder, CindyTessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Cathy Stouffer, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Kayla Gobeli, Brenda Larson, Lori, J.T., Joyce Scholl, and our friends in Pine Ridge community, southern California, El Paso, TX, and Dayton, OH.*** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of all good gifts, we pray for your beloved children at Good Shepherd, especially Ryan, Heather, Ethan, Lucas, and Brianna Fye, Tyler, Lesley, Hudson, Korbin Raders, Dick and Rene Johnson, Donna Gullickson. Let your light shine upon them this week. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of grace, we pray for students of all ages and disciplines, teachers and professors, teaching assistants and aids, substitute teachers, and administrators. Provide safety in travel and in the classroom, so that a spirit of learning is fostered for all. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of mercy, we remember those you love who now rest from their labors. Grant all your beloved saints a place at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Assembly may be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

KRISTA KEENE

Assembly may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

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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

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P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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

God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready

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



COMMUNION SONG

“LAMB OF GOD”

ELW p. 208

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 HYMN

“WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST”

ELW#479

1 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know-ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Assembly may remain seated.

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: Let us pray.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received:

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Church Council

Assembly may stand.

BLESSING

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"* ELW#641



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

**our member's favorite hymn*

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

Fall Rummage Sale

Harmony United Methodist Church (2600 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport) is having fall rummage sale on September 4th-6th, 8am-5pm and 7th from 8am till 12pm. Something for everyone! Come and enjoy. There will be lunch stand, too. See flyer for detail.

**Monroe Clinic Grief Support Group**

Heal grief and education group offers sessions to anyone 18 yrs. and older who have experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and supportive setting. Six weeks session begins Wednesday, September 4th and will continue every Wednesday morning through October 9th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Meetings will take place at St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI, there is no cost to attend, and space is limited. To register or express interest in attending please call 608-324-1230 or 1-800-367-8406

The 69th Lena Fall Festival

Will be held September 6th & 7th this year's theme is,
"Lena, A Place Called Home".

If interested in helping with the float, talk to Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147.

Good Shepherd will also have a hospitality tent set up Friday evening and Saturday after the parade. Sign-up sheet is at the ramp. Please consider helping our ministry with your smile and friendliness. Each shift is 1 hour. Thank you for your support.

Lena Fall Festival 5K Run/Walk

A group of members has decided to participate in the Fall Festival 5K Run/Walk on September 7th. In preparation, we will be gathering from 5:30pm-6:30pm, Sunday through Thursday at Good Shepherd to walk. Everyone is welcome! Just show up.

Next Sunday: Quilt Sunday

We will bless the quilts which Piece Corps has made for the past year! Rene' will share the message. Invite your friends and neighbors for this special service.

September and October are Food Pantry Months

Bring your donation to the food pantry boxes (located at each entrance) or the table in the Sanctuary. Monetary donations are also appreciated. (Please mark on the envelope FOOD PANTRY and place it in the offering plate.) Current needs are: **laundry soap, dish soap (smaller sized), and personal hygiene products: toothpaste, bar soap, shaving needs, toilet paper.**

News from Pine Ridge Retreat Center

From <https://www.facebook.com/PineRidgeRetreatCenter>

Hello Friends,

We need your help! The Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps has expanded and is vital to the ministry of the Pine Ridge Retreat Center. Employing them has allowed the ministry to thrive! They are an integral part of everything from Kids' Time to sandwich making, upkeep of the Center, as well as service projects in the community.

If you are wondering how you can help the Lakota People, the Job Corps is a great opportunity. You can send your donations to the Pine Ridge Retreat Center at PO Box 862, Pine Ridge, SD 57770, please designate "Job Corps" in the memo.

We are blessed to have you as partners in this very important ministry!