

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Quilt Sunday

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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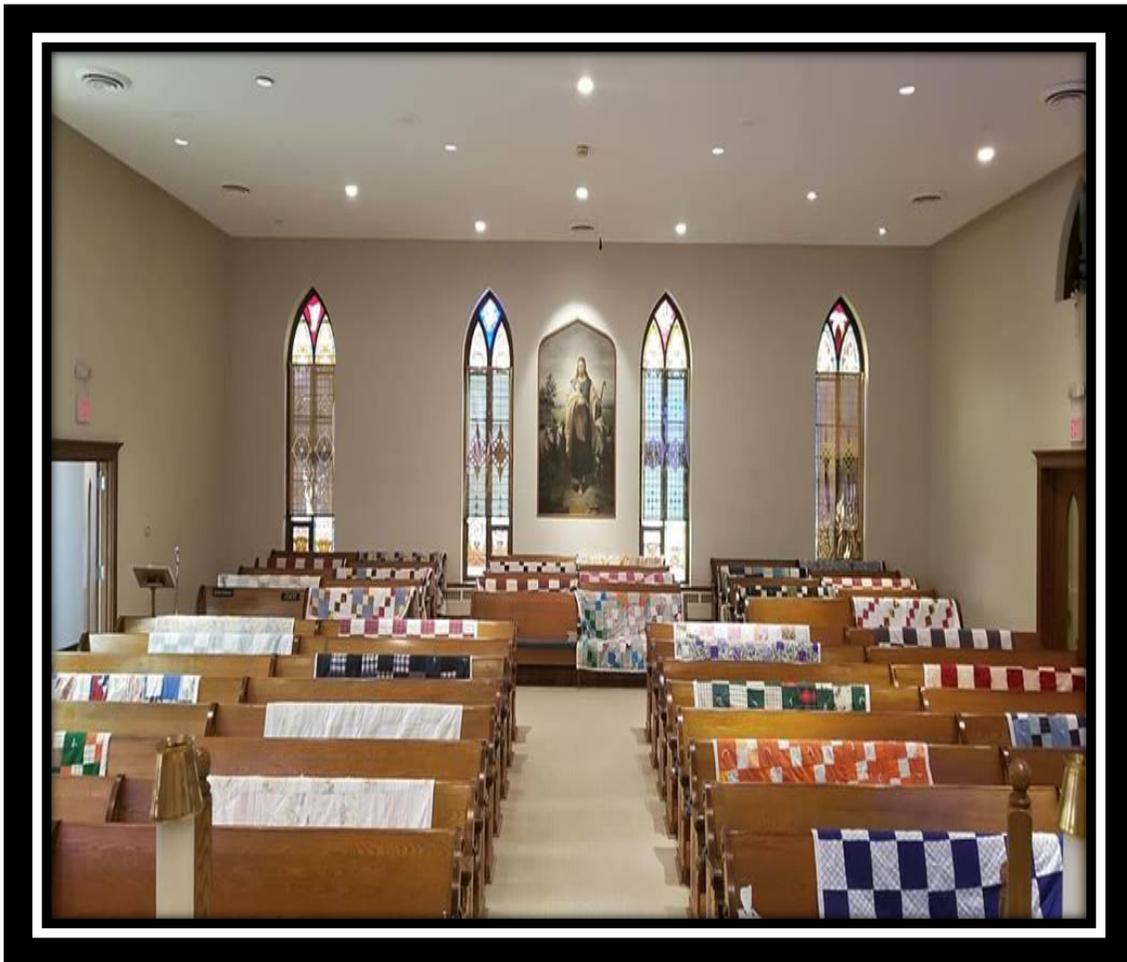
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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.*

**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.

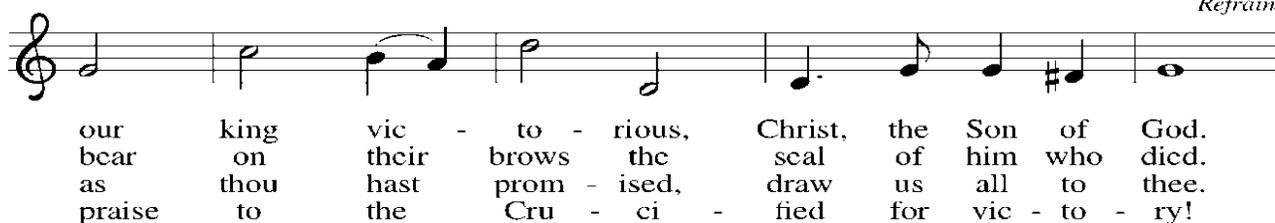
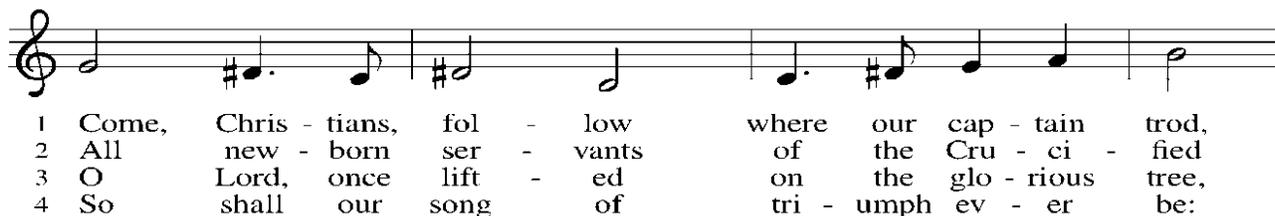
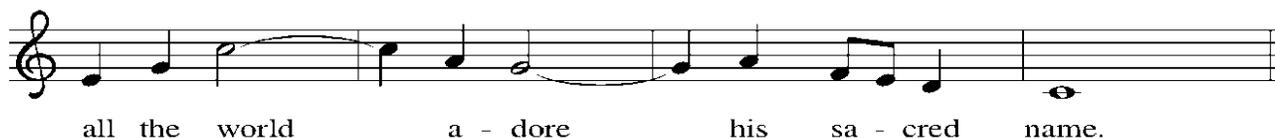
**Nursery:** Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

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.*

**GATHERING***The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***PRELUDE****Tena Rackow***Time for reflection in silence.***WELCOME***Assembly may stand.***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16**A: <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.C: <sup>2</sup>**I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."**A: <sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.C: <sup>4</sup>**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**A: <sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.C: <sup>6</sup>**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**A: <sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.C: <sup>8</sup>**I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**A: <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.C: <sup>10</sup>**For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**ALL: <sup>11</sup>**You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.****GATHERING HYMN****"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"\*****ELW#660***Refrain**\*our member's favorite hymn*

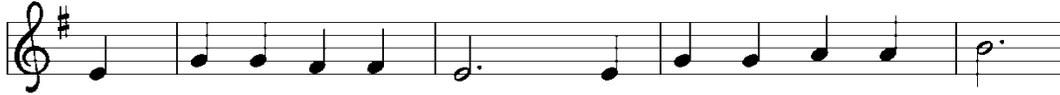
**GREETING**

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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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Assembly may be seated.*

**WORD**

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

**MESSAGE**

Rene' Johnson

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

L: The eyes of all look to you, O God.

**C: And you give them their food in due season.**

L: You open your hand,

**C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

L: Anywhere your children suffer from heat and cold,

**C: Their eyes, Dear God, are lifted to you.**

L: Where life is war-torn and brims with strife and stress,

**C: Their eyes, Dear God, are lifted to you.**

L: In lands parched with drought and abounding in hunger,

**C: Their eyes, Dear God, are lifted to you.**

L: Where the earth is broken with quakes or wrecked with wind and wave,

**C: Their eyes, Dear God, are lifted to you.**

L: Where poverty is a prison and survival fills the daily hours,

**C: Their eyes, Dear God, are lifted to you.**

L: Here too, where lives are filled with bounty,

**C: Our eyes, Dear God, are lifted to you.**

L: You open your hand,

**C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

L: You open your hand and tie tops to quilts for relief from sun and shield against cold;

**C: God take our hands in yours.**

L: You open your hand to sew blankets baby-sized for wrapping little one in warmth and love.

**C: God take our hands in yours.**

L: As this is the season of their need, Lord God,

**C: By grace it's the season due for our serving.**

L: So bless these quilts, Gracious God, as you have blessed our eyes, our hands and our hearts in their making.

**C: And bless those who receive them with life secure, sustainable and beloved.**

**Amen.**

### DEUTERONOMY 24:17-18

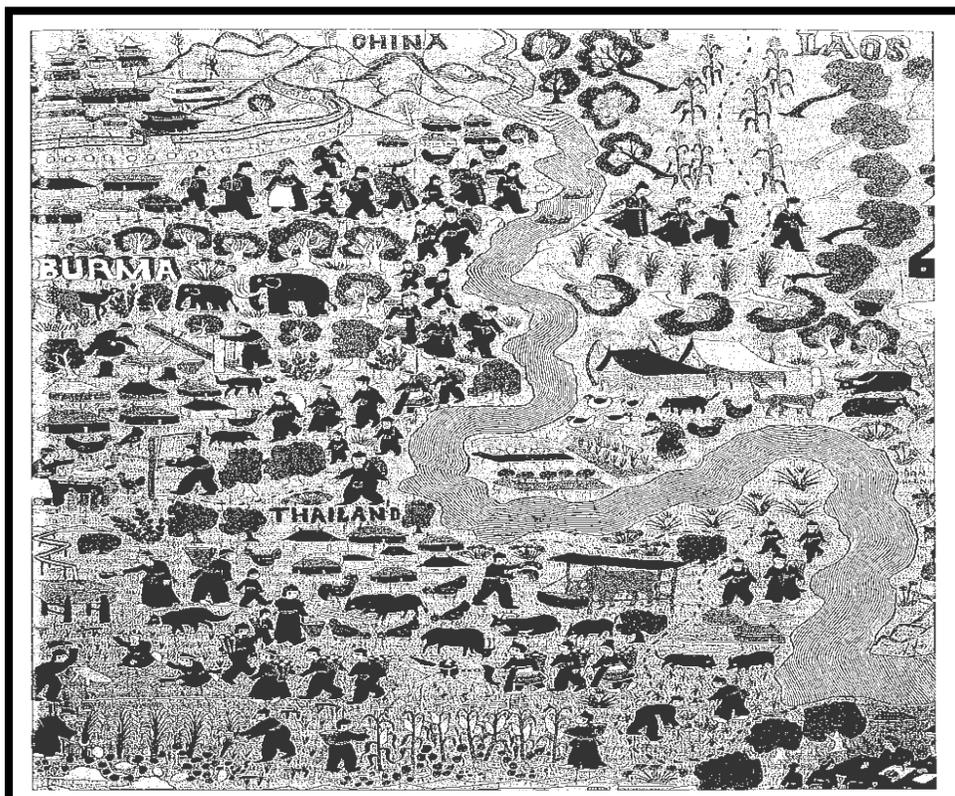
#### *Personal Dignity and Welfare*

<sup>17</sup>You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice' you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge.<sup>18</sup> Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the LORD you God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

### DEUTERONOMY 10:17-19

#### *The Essence of the Law*

<sup>17</sup>For the LORD your God is God of gods and LORD of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, <sup>18</sup>who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.



*Dia's Story Cloth*

**MATTHEW 18:20**

<sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



**It takes \$2.25 to ship one quilt overseas, if you would like to help, please use offering envelope write "Quilt Shipping Fund" and put in offering plate.**

### **The History of Our Quilting Ministry at Good Shepherd and The Piece Corps Group**

Why do we make quilts? We know they are needed, both here and around the world. But how did all this get started?

Who asked us to do this? Or did someone just wake-up one morning and decide to start a quilt ministry in Lena? I didn't know-so I called Joyce Tessendorf. She said that Women's Group Chairman-Pat DeMeyer had called her and said she had a "sewing project" and some of the churches were already involved and would our church get involved also? Joyce asked what kind of a sewing project? Well Lutheran World Relief (LWR) needed quilts and the request had come from the synod, and so they asked the women's groups to help. Joyce asked what all this would involve and what would we use to make these quilts, we needed some guidelines. Heavy, old wool coats would be used, rip them apart, cut them into squares and sew them into tops, layer the quilt with a back and some inner lining, and pin them on a quilt frame to tie. Then finish binding the quilt. In the Fall the quilts were packed up and taken to Monroe, Wisconsin for shipment to LWR. The call went out and not only our church members, but the Lena Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, and St. John's Lutheran members also got involved. What should we call ourselves? We need a name! Jeannie Engel, Bill Engel's sister, came up with the name-The Piece Corps.

Jeannie Engel drew and cut out the letters that are still on the bulletin board downstairs. Even though there were as many as 25 to 30 people-mainly women-in those first years, the quilt count was not high, by today's counts. Today we use cotton and other lightweight fabrics, we still rip things apart and cut squares, but the quilt frames have been replaced by long tables.

That call to make quilts came in 1974-45 years ago, and since that time we have made over 16,709 quilts. (See orange sheet in Fellowship Hall bulletin board to see the latest tally and each year's total.) None of this would be possible without the help of many, many hands, lot's of donations, and God's Love and Prayers. Thank you!

Rene' Johnson

## HYMN OF THE DAY "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY"

ELW# 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

*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:** Turn our hearts, O God. Make us attentive to your call to take up the cross-shaped way of life, and to share your good news with a world in need. We pray especially for all vanishing and endangered creatures who struggle to find a home in this world. Open our eyes to the value of our interconnected relationships within your natural world.

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

**WA:** Turn our hearts toward all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those in bondage to sin, addiction, poverty, physical slavery or human trafficking, and those incarcerated or detained. For those in any need we especially pray for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Charmaine Magee, Nina Mueller, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, 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, Lori, J.T., Joyce Scholl, and our friends in Pine Ridge community, and those who are affected by gun violence.** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish.** We pray for all those suffering the effects of Hurricane Dorian. Bring comfort to the afflicted and strength to those who come to their aid. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**WA:** Turn our hearts toward the ministries of our congregations that feed the hungry, share with the needy, advocate for the silenced, and work for your justice. We especially give thanks to our Piece Corps Quilting ministry, Shirley, Beth, Cindy, Vivian, Donna, Dale, Kelsey, Alexis, Deb, Darlene, Sharon, Fern, Rene, Krista, Joanne, Chloe, Anna, Ellen, Jean, and Denny. Thank you Lord for their works of love. We ask you to continue to bless all the hands that bring comfort and hope to your people. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**WA:** Turn our hearts toward your eternal reign. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers who have died, trusting the promise of life forever with you. Marked by the cross of Christ, inspire us by their examples to live in faith. 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**

*Assembly may stand.*

**LLOYD WUBBENA****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**

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE****ELW p. 207****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**

*Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.*

*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 "O MASTER, LET ME COME WALK WITH YOU" ELW#818



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er's com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

*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

### QUILT SUNDAY BLESSING (from Lutheran World Relief Prayer of Blessing)

*Please touch the quilts in the pews with your hands as we bless them.*

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

**C: Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

**C: Amen.**

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



## SENDING HYMN

## "EARTH AND ALL STARS"\*

ELW#731



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

*\*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

Tena Rackow

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**Pastor: Pastor Miho YasukawaPianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker    Organist: Karen NiemeierChoir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Tena RackowPreacher: Rene Johnson    Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene    Acolyte: Jacob RunkleWorship Assistant: Wayne Kurth    Communion Set-up: Sheila KeeneCommunion Asst: Troy and Cindy Doubler    Communion Usher: Gary and Cynthia BoekeSound System: Jay Andrews and openGreeters: Bill and Jean Engle, Bari Raymer, Willie KayserUshers: Don and Lisa Wienand, Virgil Gordon and Tim GordonElevator Operator: Sue Diddens**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	<b>Quilt Sunday</b>	
	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
Monday:	Parkinson Support Group	1:30pm
Tuesday:	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Pr. Miho at NW Conference meeting, Trinity, Elizabeth	9:30am-12:00pm
Thursday:	Friendship Club for Potluck Luncheon and entertainment	12:00pm
	Go and Cheer High School Volleyball @Lena	6:00pm/ 7:00pm
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10: 45 am
	Confirmation Class (parents/confirmands meeting)	11:00am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: September 1<sup>st</sup> – 46 + 1 guest minister

Total Offering 09/01/2019 - \$1536.00; amount needed -\$2909.07

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.

*We would like to thank Lloyd Wubbena for the special music*

*Today’s gathering hymn “Lift High the Cross” and the sending hymn “Earth and All Stars” are our member’s favorite hymns.*

**Thank you from LOMC**

LOMC would like to thank the Good Shepherd Family for donating your time, talents and resources. The many new pillows, quilts and new towels are a great addition to camp. The pillows will allow our guests to rest comfortably night after night. The many quilts will be great for Quilt Fest coming up. The new towels will be used by campers for years. Thank you for your generous gifts to camp! More words of appreciation in their facebookpage at <https://www.facebook.com/LOMCROCKS/>

**Thank you**

We give BIG thank you to all who helped with Fall Festival this past weekend.

**Join Choirs at Good Shepherd**

Choir rehearsal will begin TODAY at 11am. Come and make joyful harmony to the Lord! Chimes/Bells will start next Sunday at 5pm. If you are interested in singing and/or playing chimes/bells, talk to Janis or just show up to rehearsal.

**Property Committee Meeting**

Property committee will meet on September 16<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at 6pm.

**How Agrace Can Help**

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Harmony United Methodist Church will host, "How Agrace Can Help" from 10 am-noon. At 10am the speaker will explain differences between hospice and palliative care, what makes a person eligible for services and how Agrace can help. At 11am, there are two sessions to choose from, A: Advance Care Planning: Making decisions about the kind of care you would want if you could not speak for yourself, or, B: Caregiver burnout; how to balance care giving and your own personal/emotional care. Harmony United Methodist Church is located at 2600 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL.

**Chop Chop!: Lumberjack Day at LOMC**

If you have experience with a wood splitter or chainsaw, LOMC can use your help on Saturday, September 28. Non-cutting projects available too! The Event starts at 9am. For more information and to register:

**<http://lomc.org/lumberjack-day/>**

**Go and Cheer!**

We, as the Good Shepherd family, will go and cheer our members! Here is the schedule in September  
**September 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) High School Volleyball games @ Lena. 6pm & 7pm**  
**September 17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Jr. High Volleyball game @ Lena. 6:30pm**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Jr. High Football game @ Lena. 5:30pm**

Pick up the cheering gear at church.

If you know upcoming games/meet/concert/etc., please let the church office know.

**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!

**Annual Wine & Cheese Evening**

Will be on **September 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm** at Donna Gullickson's home. Please bring your favorite wine, pop, lemonade, cheese, or other finger foods to share.

**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.**

**A Quilt Ministry is an expression of God's Love**

Each and every Wednesday morning – for 45 years, the members of Piece Corps meet at Good Shepherd Church in Fellowship Hall from 8:00am-11:30am to assemble quilts. There are so many people who help make this ministry possible: the sewers, fabric cutters, ironers, quilt tiers, quilt binders, those who supply us with donations of fabric, batting, thread and money, and finally – those who pack-up and transport the quilts to Monroe, Wisconsin and load them on the semi so they get to the people who need them. It costs Lutheran World Relief (LWR) about \$2.25 to deliver one (1) quilt overseas to its final destination.

Each year, on Quilt Sunday, the church is draped with quilts. We thank God that he has given us work to do that impacts so many others. We will never know all the people who benefit from our quilts; but we know God's love and work is never done; and so each year we strive to do our best.

2019 Quilt Count Update: Quilts made this year – **652, plus 32 children/lap size quilts.**

*Where did our quilts go?*

The majority of our quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for distribution around the world.

We have also sent quilts and other materials to the following this year:

**Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**: 32 quilts, 6 Brown Blankets, 14 Towels, Large box bath mats. The Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton took these items on their mission trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

**Rockford Rescue Mission**: 30 quilts, 72 pool towels, 48 pillow cases, 34 white towels.

**Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC)**: 12 quilts, 14 pillows, 14 pool towels.

**Veterans in Rockford**: (to set-up housing, etc.) 20 quilts, 37 pillows and cases, 24 bath towels, 25 pool towels, 4 brown blankets.

**Tyler's Justice Center for Children in Stockton**: 8 children quilts, 4 dolls.

**Quilts given for local fund raisers & benefits:**

Youth group silent auction, 2 quilts

Terri Reel, 2 quilts

RAMP Wheel-a-Thon in Freeport, 2 quilts, 1 prayer shawl

Deb Lindeman Benefit, 1 quilt

Barb Dahl, 9 quilts

Fall Festival, 2 quilts.

Purchased quilts, 2 quilts were purchased by individuals they saw on display that they really liked.

We are always ready to help, if we can. Please contact the church office – 815-369-5552. We also accept donations of fabric, batting/filler, thread, sheets, bedding material, yarn, towels, etc. Thank you to everyone who has thought of us when you have material items you want to donate to a worthwhile project.