

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
... **We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture** ...
Psalm 100: 3

A *Reconciling In Christ* Congregation
An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

Pastor Amy Larson
Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson
Brooke Joyce, Music Director



ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN

CHURCH. God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identifying persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.

Guests and members please sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews. Guests, you're welcome to take the information cards about Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd members invite you to coffee and conversation following worship in our Fellowship Hall (down the east hallway).

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE

MOST WELCOME HERE. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. A nursery is also available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well. **All children ages 4 - 4th grade, including children who are guests today, are welcome to attend Sunday School from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.** Listen for the bell during Fellowship Hour to signal the start of Sunday School. Parents, please sign your kids in and out. **All youth middle school and up are invited to the Youth Forum from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.**

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND HOSPITALITY TEAM -

USHERS: Steve Holland, Max Eness; GREETER: Megan Buckingham; ACOLYTE: Jack Norris; ASSISTING MINISTER: Richard Ylvisaker; READER: Janeen Christy; COMMUNION SERVER: Jerrine Jacobsen; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; ALTAR GUILD: Jon & Janeen Christy, Barb Berg; FELLOWSHIP: Doris Barnaal, Connie Buresh, Wanda & Dale Rueber, Krista Holland; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER: Amy Larson; PRESIDERS: Marion Pruitt-Jefferson.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter

8:45 a.m. - Choir Warm-up
9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Youth Forum
10:50 a.m. - Adult Forum: Women and Justice

Tuesday, April 10

9:30 a.m. - Anna Circle - Joanne Ylvisaker hosts
5:15 p.m. - Evangelism Committee

Wednesday, April 11

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
10:30 a.m. - Communion at Aase Haugen
1:00 p.m. - Communion at Wellington Place
2:00 p.m. - Miriam/Ruth Circle - Donna Bahr hosts
6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
8:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

Thursday, April 12

10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study - Narthex
12:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee - Preus Library
1:30 p.m. - Property & Management Committee
7:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee

Friday, April 13

1:30 p.m. - Education Committee

Saturday, April 14

9 a.m. - Spiritual Gifts Workshop - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 a.m. - Choir/Band Warm-up
9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Youth Forum
10:50 a.m. - Adult Forum - Altar Paintings – Doug Eckheart

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 8, 2018

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book)
and Behold, I Make All Things New Liturgy (blue booklet);
page numbers (P.) in booklet; hymn #s (#) in back of red book;
congregational responses in **bold**; *stand when indicated

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC "Spring" (mvt. I) - Antonio Vivaldi
PRAYER BELL

WELCOME Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed.**

Alleluia!

***GATHERING SONG:** #384 That Easter Day with Joy Was
Bright

***GREETING - KYRIE - THIS IS THE FEAST - P. 2-5**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

After readings: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on
the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the
collar | of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills
of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for-
| evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** P. 5

***GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** #390 The Risen Christ

***APOSTLES' CREED:** P. 7

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE:** The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OVER

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND HOSPITALITY TEAM

USHERS: John & Lindy Moeller; GREETER: Janeen Christy; ACOLYTE: Abby Larson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Kemp; READER: Max Eness; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; COMMUNION SERVER: Jerrine Jacobsen; ALTAR GUILD: Janeen & Jon Christy, Barbara Berg; FELLOWSHIP: Jeri Laursen, Charilyn Hover, Bonnie Johnson, Marie Freerking; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER: Amy Larson; PRESIDERS: Amy Larson & Marion Pruitt-Jefferson.

FIRST QUARTER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are ready to be picked up on the Narthex Table.

EWALU CAMP brochures are on the Narthex Table; online registration is available here: <http://ewalu.org/registration>. Thanks to the generosity of Good Shepherd during the "Place to Connect" Stewardship Appeal, camperships are available for all Good Shepherd kids who wish to attend Ewalu. Bring a copy of your registration confirmation to the church office by April 29 to be eligible for a campership.

TODAY'S LWR COLLECTION FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS - Lightweight bath towels (dark colors recommended). See the April *Shepherd's Voice* for additional collection dates and items.

GS MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND Grants and Scholarships: MAY 1 APPLICATION DEADLINE, Examples of Eligible Recipients:

- Student members attending ELCA colleges (EPIC grants)
 - Members who wish to advance their church-related education or leadership skills
- Application forms are available in the cubbies outside the Church office.

SPRING LUTHER SERVES will be held on Saturday, April 28. The students will be split into groups based on the needs of each household and will work morning shifts from 9:30 a.m.-Noon and afternoon shifts from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Any member of the Decorah community who is elderly, handicapped, or simply in need of help may participate in this event. Those wishing to participate should contact the Luther College Ministries office at 563-387-1040 before Friday, April 20.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: The ELCA has now released the **Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice**. The comment period on the draft is open until September 30, 2018. You are invited to read it and use today's Adult Forum as an opportunity for comment and conversation. Wanda Deifelt will introduce the document and facilitate conversation. Copies of the draft are available on the Narthex table.

TODAY, 4:00 p.m., FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, Fireside Room -- Good Shepherd, First Lutheran, and the NE Iowa Synod are hosting a screening of a new documentary, BRIGHTNESS OF NOON: THE INTERSECT OF FAITH, IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES. Discussion with local immigrant advocates Melissa O'Rourke and Ruth Palmer will follow.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP- Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.-noon: Jane Jakoubek, congregation member and trained Spiritual Director, is offering two opportunities to participate in this 3-hour workshop. The first one is in April and two 1½-hour meetings are in May. Participants will be invited to discover, explore, and reflect on the spiritual gifts they have been given by God. Registration deadline for the April 14 workshop is April 11. Additional information and registration forms are outside the church office. Cost \$5.

PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family: Marilyn Anderson, Jerrine Jacobson, Lois Finanger, John Bale, Mary Fritz, Merlin Tangen, the family of Justine Lionberger, Kirk Johnson, Bridget Parker, Sharon Rendack, Louise Duwe, George and Martha Lowe, Helen Hermeier, Harland Nelson, Anthony Ruiz, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place, and our seminarians. Relatives and Friends: Andy Rempher (cousin of Connie Buresh), Steve Rebarcak (K J Rebarcak's brother), Donna Struve (Mother of Jonathon Struve), Cinda Levik (mother of K J Rebarcak), Alisa Leonard (friend of the Holland Family), Deeann (cousin of Louise Duwe), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), Bill Joyce (father of Brooke Joyce), Phyllis Grainger (mother of Daniel Grainger), Jiggs Sersland (friend of Judy Schoel), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary.

MEAL

OFFERTORY: "Laudamus Te" - Vivaldi
(We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you)

***OFFERTORY SONG:** P. 8 Create in me a clean heart ...

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***COMMUNION LITURGY:** P.10-11. *During the Thanksgiving at the Table, we join together in prayer ...* With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** ... Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit ...** Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit ...** *Let us pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father, who art ...*

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you to the communion line which forms at the back of the sanctuary and moves up to the altar rail. Remain standing at the rail during the Easter season. If you wish to be served Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers. **The bread is gluten-free.** Receive the bread with open hands, then dip it into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. Egg-free wheat wafers are available upon request. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in front of your chest. You are also welcome to remain in the pew for reflection.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: P.13 Lamb of God; #364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia; #619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!; #388 Be Not Afraid

TABLE BLESSING and POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

***SENDING SONG:** #376 Thine Is the Glory

***BELL - DISMISSAL:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" - G. F. Handel

(The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!)

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