

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation  
... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...  
Psalm 100:3

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**Kathryn Thompson, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry**



Building in 1958

**Anniversary of the Congregation**  
**November 25, 2018**  
**9:30 a.m.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book in pew)  
Page numbers (P.) in front of book and hymn numbers (#) in back  
congregational responses are in **bold**; \*stand when indicated as ;

### GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC:** "Chorale" - Tomas Svoboda  
**PRAYER BELL-WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENTS- RECOGNITION OF**  
**\*GATHERING SONG:** #864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven  
**\*GREETING** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: P. 149-150**  
**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### WORD

**FIRST READING:** 1Kings 8: 22-30

*Response after reading:* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to G**

### PSALM 84

How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | LORD of hosts!

**<sup>2</sup>My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD;**  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where  
young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who dwell | in your house!**

**They will always be | praising you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place c**  
**for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from | height to height, and the God of gods will b

**<sup>8</sup>LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer; give ear, O | God of Jac**

<sup>9</sup>Behold our defend- | er, O God; and look upon the face of | you

**<sup>10</sup>For one day in your courts is better than a | thousand elsewhe**  
**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my Go**  
**tents | of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing | grace and c  
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk | wi

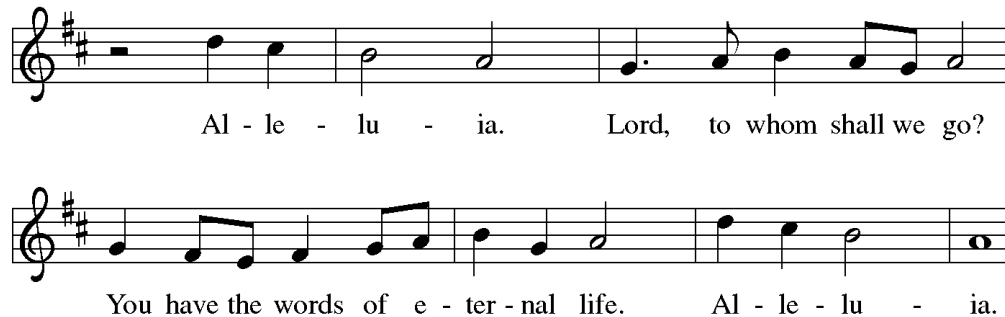
**<sup>12</sup>O | LORD of hosts,**

**happy are they who put their | trust in you!**

**SECOND READING:** Peter 2:1-6, 9

Response after reading: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL:** John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** How Beautiful is Your Dwelling Place (see insert)

**\*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.**

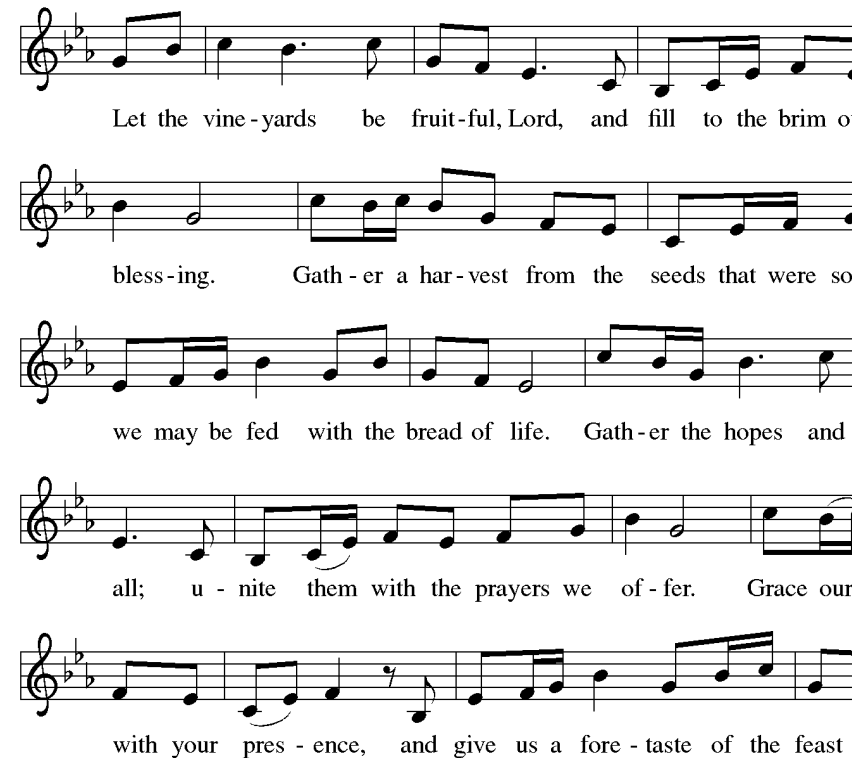
**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Each petition ends: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING MUSIC:** "Musica Dei Donum Optimi" - Orlando di Lasso

**\*OFFERING SONG** (next page)

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



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

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING - HOLY: P. 152-153**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER: P. 154** Our Father, who art in heaven ...

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will call you to the aisle on your right. If you wish to be served Communion in the pew, please approach the altar. **The bread is made with gluten-free ingredients.** Receive the bread and then dip it into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing wheat wafers are available upon request. If you prefer a blessing, please approach the altar. You are also welcome to remain in the pew for reflection.

**COMMUNION SONGS:** Lamb of God P. 154, #729 The Church of Christ in Every Age  
#733 Great is Thy Faithfulness

**TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS-\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG:** # 840 Now Thank We All Our God

**\*PRAYER BELL - DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Dance" - Svoboda

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS:** Brent Parker, Mark

Finanger; **GREETER:** Erik Berg; **ACOLYTE:** Bristol and Brenna Parker; **ASSISTING MINISTERS:** Harland Nelson; **READER:** Jonathon Struve; **CANTOR:** Tom Buresh; **COMMUNION SERVERS:** Midge Kjome; **ALTAR GUILD:** Jeri Laursen, Bev Sheridan, Glendalu Wuest; **FELLOWSHIP:** 60th Anniversary Committee; **ORGANIST/PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Amy Larson.

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF CONNECTING, GROWING, AND EMPOWERING:**

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1958 – 2018:** Our congregation was established on November 24, 1958. We celebrate our 60th anniversary today with a Festival Worship Service, recognition of Charter Members, and special music. Former pastor Rev. David Keesey-Berg is our preacher. A celebratory brunch and program in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. All are welcome!

**THANK YOU** to these additional helpers at the Anniversary Celebration Reception:

KJ Rebarcak, Christy Vrtis, Jane Jakoubek, Marilyn Rue, Wanda & Dale Rueber, Glendalu Wuest, Reg Laursen, Joyce & Ed Epperly, Jon & Janeen Christy, Harriet & Claude Hayes, Lindy Moeller, Amalia Vagts, Donna Bahr, Don Berg, Sandhya Purohit Caton, JoAnn & Jerry Auwles, Gail Judisch, Dan Bellrichard.

**SPECIAL FLOWERS TODAY** - The flowers near the baptismal font are given in celebration of Good Shepherd's 60th anniversary and in memory of Jan and Warren Berg by the Berg family, all Charter Members: Jan and Warren, Paula, Kristin, Kari, Jon Torgerson and Erik. The flowers near the pulpit are placed in memory and honor of our pastors, Clerk Members, and the spirit of this congregation through sixty years.

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Sunday, November 25 - 60th Anniversary Celebration**

9:30 a.m. - Festival Worship with Holy Communion – LIVE broadcast  
10:30 a.m. - Anniversary Celebration Brunch, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Tuesday, November 27**

4:00 p.m. – Budget Committee

**Wednesday, November 28**

5:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

8:00 p.m. - Band Practice

**Thursday, November 29**

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Pastor in the Narthex

5:30 p.m.- Executive Committee, Pastor's Review

**Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday of Advent**

8:45 a.m. – Choir warmup

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion - broadcast 11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School and Youth Forum

10:50 a.m. – Adult Forum - Amalia Vagts shares her trip stories about

3:00 p.m. - Pew to Pulpit at Pulpit Rock Brewing Co.

**GOOD SHEPHERD AND FIRST LUTHERAN AMMPARO NETWORK**

are responding to an urgent call for items that are needed by immigrants in McAllen, Texas. We will be collecting children's coats and sweat shirts, hats, gloves, shoes, and belts in a box marked "La Frontera Ministries" located in the Fellowship Hall. We will be shipping the box to Texas on Tuesday next.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP WITH HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER:**

5:30-6:00pm, December 5, 12, and 19. Following worship on Dec. 5, there will be a buffet supper in the back room of Pizza Ranch. The theme for

**SALE OF PALESTINIAN ITEMS**, including traditional handwork of

embroidery, pottery, jewelry, glass, cashmere scarves, kefiyas, and baskets. **December 2**, Fellowship Hall; **December 9**, Narthex, in conjunction with

the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. Beautiful Palestinian items will be for sale from Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Gaza. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and keepsakes while supporting Palestinian artisans and shopkeepers.

**SUPPORT NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ON #GIVINGTUESDAY, NOV. 27, AND ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a fund to assist immigrants and their families in rebuilding their lives following an immigration related crisis. This community effort is funded through individual donations, local congregations, and local organizations. Please support unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Holy Spirit. You can donate online at the Decorah United Church of Christ website - <http://decorahucc.org/neighbors/> and at the [Decorah UCC Facebook page](#). Donations made through FB may be eligible for matching funds. Your gifts help serve neighbors and strengthen networks of support and build community.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** As of Wednesday, Nov. 21 we have received 76 Statements of Intent for financial giving in 2019. Thank you to all who have offered these intents. You can still make your intent and put it in the offering basket today. Extra forms are on the counter outside the office.

**PRAYER LIST:** Dan Raney and the family of John Brandt, Connie & Tom Buresh, Verne Koenig, Russ Freerking, Kathryn Thompson, Sara Hanssen, Don Berg, Karl Jacobsen, Dev Tangen, John Bale, Mary Fritz, Sharon Rendack, Helen Hermeier, Harland Nelson, Arlene Ruiz, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, Mosaisound Houses, and our seminarians. **Relatives and Friends:** The family of Robert Ruen (brother of Helen Hermeier), Judy Johnson (mother of Kirk Johnson), the family of Caroline See (mother of Anna Norris), Joanne (mother of Sue Blair), Karsten Fischer (brother of Jutta F. Anderson), Donna Struve (mother of Jonathon Struve), Cinda Levik (mother of K J Rebarcak), the family of Alisa Leonard (friend of the Holland Family), Deeann (cousin of Louise Duwe), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), 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.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the love of God to shape our community in the name of the Holy Spirit. Keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and non-binary persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are a *Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Representation and Opportunities.

**WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.** Guests are welcome to bring and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews. Guests, you're invited to bring information cards about Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd members are invited to join in prayer and conversation in our Fellowship Hall following worship.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's intention to be the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME.** The presence of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. Our congregation is glad to share in this work. A nursery is also available for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well.

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