

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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Rally Sunday

September 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW (red book)**, All Creation Sings-**ACS (purple book)**

Page numbers (P.) in front of ELW and hymn numbers (#) in back of ELW and ACS
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC “Crown Imperial” - William Walton

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME- ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ELW 807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: “Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d’ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d’ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

***GREETING- KYRIE: P. 184**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY... Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14... Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10: *Psalm 51 is one of the seven great penitential psalms. In this psalm, a humble confession is offered to God, and as we will hear in the Gospel reading today, God's abundant mercy is always followed by great joy and gladness.*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17...Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON- BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

All Sunday School and Youth Group participants please stand at your seats...

Blessing to students offered by congregation:

God loves you. We love you. May you know and share God's love!

All teachers, helpers, Education Committee, and parents please stand...

Blessing offered by congregation:

We thank God for you. We will pray for you and support you in your work.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 174: Celtic Alleluia**



***GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 588: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(During last verse of the hymn, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students and parents please come forward, stand in front of the altar, and face the congregation.)



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

***BLESSING OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Blessing offered by congregation:

You are God's beloved child. May God's Word to guide you.

***APOSTLE'S 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:** God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

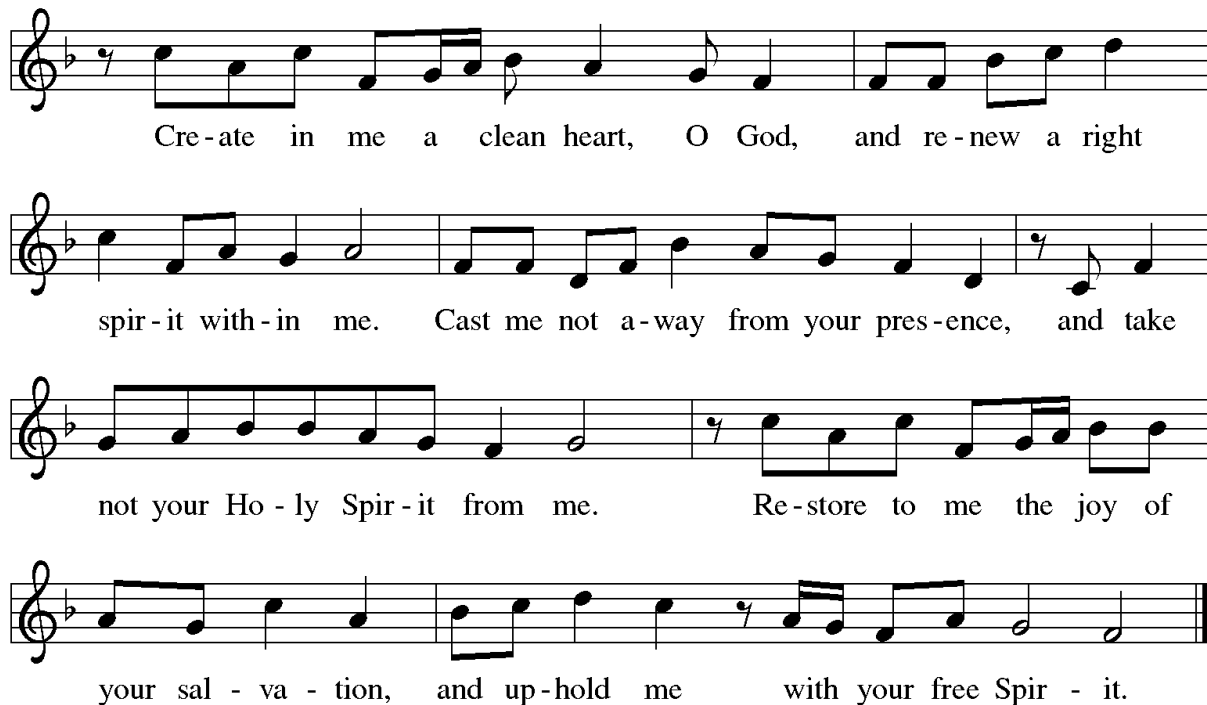
***PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share peace with those at home by waving at the camera and then share peace in the sanctuary.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Oh, Sing to the Lord" - Brazilian folk song

***OFFERTORY SONG:** ELW 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER... Amen**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING P. 190**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY P. 190**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION-THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***LORD'S PRAYER P. 191 Our Father, who art in heaven...**

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near the parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive the bread that is gluten free and dairy free. You will be offered a tray of red wine and white grape juice cups. Empty cups should be placed in the basket as you leave the altar. You can request a sealed individual serving of wine and bread or grape juice and G-F bread and partake of it at your pew. If you prefer a blessing, indicate that by placing your hands over your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC: P. 191 Lamb of God, ELW 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*SENDING SONG: ACS 1084 Christ Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “When the Saints Go Marching In” - arr. Lansing

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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TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Dave Peterson, Lyle Otte;
ASSISTING MINISTER: Reg Laursen; **READER:** Kris Peterson; **FELLOWSHIP:** Liza Hicken & Dan Bellrichard; **CANTOR:** ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

SUNDAY SCHOOL and YOUTH GROUP BEGIN TODAY: If you’re going to Sunday School or Youth Group, you get you get to go to Fellowship Hour right at 10:30, even if worship isn’t over yet. This will let you get a treat and let us start on time! Kelli, teachers, and helpers will be with you until Sunday School starts at 10:45. (Parents are welcome to stay in worship or accompany your kids to Fellowship Hall.) When you hear the bell, go to your classroom with your parents.

Today for Rally Sunday, at 10:45am everyone will go outside and meet at the bell to start. **Parents, please make sure to sign Sunday School students in and out at their classroom each Sunday, today at the bell.** Parents, please make sure you register your children for the year. We have paper copies of the online form available today.

WELCOME FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS PICNIC TONIGHT! 5:00-6:30 PM. Join for food, music, fun, and fellowship! **Please bring food items to the kitchen by 4:30 pm tonight, making sure your dish and serving utensil are labeled with your name**

AWAKEN YOUR FAITH BY HELPING WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FORUM! Good Shepherd has wonderful kids! You can learn with and from them by helping with Sunday School. No prep needed. Sign up today under the sign-up tab on the website or in the gathering space.

AASE HAUGEN BINGO HELP NEEDED: 1-2 helpers and prizes are requested to help host Bingo at Aase Haugen **THIS** Tuesday, the 13 at 2:00 (arrival) 2:30 (start). Contact the church office for details and for their requested prizes.

7TH and 8th Grade **Confirmation Class** starts this Wednesday, September 14 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your Bible!

DROP OFF ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SCHOOL KITS AND BABY CARE KITS UNTIL OCTOBER 1 Donation boxes are in the **Gathering Space** near the church office. Thanks! Items needed for **LWR Baby Care Kits** include:

- cloth diapers, small hand towels, infant sleepers without feet, 4 ounce bars of mild bath soap, like Ivory or Dial

Items still needed for **LWR School Kits**:

- 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, pencil sharpeners, black or blue ballpoint pens, 2 1/2 " erasers

MENZI ORDINATION: Good Shepherd member **Pastor Menzi Nkambule**, a 2022 Luther Seminary graduate, will be ordained on Sunday, September 18th at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, where he has been called to serve. **Pastor Amy** will preach at the ordination and represent Good Shepherd, Pastor Menzi's home congregation.

- The service will be streamed. Information is forthcoming. Pastor Menzi's email address is mnkambule001@luthersem.edu

UKRAINE BENEFIT CONCERT: Good Shepherd Music Director **Brooke Joyce**, in collaboration with Luther professor and Ukraine native **Maryna Bazylevych Nading**, is organizing a concert to support the people of Ukraine NEXT Sunday at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Performers include Decorah middle and high school students, Luther students and faculty, and community members. A freewill offering will benefit **Zahyst**, a nonprofit based in Maryna's hometown, Khmelnytskyi. Since 2014, Zahyst has supported soldiers, civilians on the frontline, and the internally displaced. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the one hour program.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY RESUMES: Wednesday, September 21st from 1-3:00 pm in the Gathering Space. We welcome all interested knitters and crocheters to join in our ministry, and

also welcome the names of those who would appreciate receiving a prayer shawl. Yarn and patterns for prayer shawls are available.

GOOD SHEPHERD INFORMATION SESSION: Want to learn more about Good Shepherd? Wondering how you can connect here and share your gifts? Interested in membership? Come to an information session with Pr. Amy, the Outreach and Hospitality Committee and current members of the congregation **Sunday, October 9 at 10:45am** in the sanctuary.

- **New members will be received in worship on Sunday, October 23rd.**

OCTOBER – DECEMBER MINISTRY SUPPORT SIGN-UP: The next sign-up is now posted on the website under “Sign-Ups” and in the gathering space. Contact the church office with any questions.

DRIVERS NEEDED: Neighbors Helping Neighbors is in need of more volunteer drivers to help support our immigrant neighbors with transportation to their appointments, as well as drivers and physical support for helping deliver furniture. More information is in the weekly and monthly newsletters. Any questions - feel free to reach out to Heidi at office@decorahucc.org or call 563-382-2661.

CHURCH HOURS IN OFFICE THIS WEEK: Monday 8:00 am-10:00 am, Wednesday 11-5:00, Thursday 10-6:00, Friday 8-10:00 am. This week's hours are slightly shifted from their normal due to family conflicts. All other days I am working from home and accessible by voicemail or email. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Kirsten & David Burrett, Daniel Schroeder, Lyle & Sue Luzum, Menzi Nkambule, Jerrine Jacobsen, Glenn Nelson, Barbara Berg, Verne Koenig, Melanie Folkerts, Lowell Erdman, Ed Hover, Jutta Anderson, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, Mosaic Homes, and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, and those preparing for public ministry: Joseph Doegen and Kathryn Thompson

Relatives and Friends: Brady and Family (Brother of Nick Yaneff), Family of Ruth Reitan (Friends of the congregation), Kevin Joyce (Brother of Brooke Joyce) Sarah Jane, Tim and Sue Broderick (friends of Jerry and Ruth Bruce), Bob Bruce (Son of Jerry & Ruth Bruce), Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), Robin Darland (Friend of Erik Berg), Dennis Martin (brother-in-law of the Slinds) Richard Buresh (brother of Tom Buresh), Karen & Randy Erion (friends of Charilyn & Ed Hover), Nathan Scheuerelein (grandson of Bonnie Flora), Lynzee Makowski (friend of Laurie Biedermann), John Monson (Martha Monson Lowe's father), Jane Hood (Martha Monson Lowe's cousin), Martha Johnson (daughter of Mickey Slind), Erik Wangsness (nephew of Sharon Drew), Todd Hove (son of Gloria Hove), Aaron Buzza (son of Jim and Kathy), Marilyn Walli (Cousin of Marv Slind), Donna Struve (mother of Jonathon Struve), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), 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. 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.

Please sign the red hospitality books for the sake of welcome and as a record of worship attendance. *Guests, if you leave your email in the hospitality books, Our office will contact you if there is news of a positive case of COVID in worship.*

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. All are welcome at Fellowship Hour today after worship! Treats/beverages are at the far end of the Church Building.

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

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. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags are available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child. An Infant Feeding Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary) for more privacy if desired.

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