# 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



Christ the King Sunday - November 20, 2022

#### 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 partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may 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 more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

#### 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: "Mountains" - Connor Chee

#### PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TEMPLE TALK** Deborah Whitford, Lutheran Services of Iowa

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God...forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have ignored voices that call for your justice.

We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.

We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.

We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

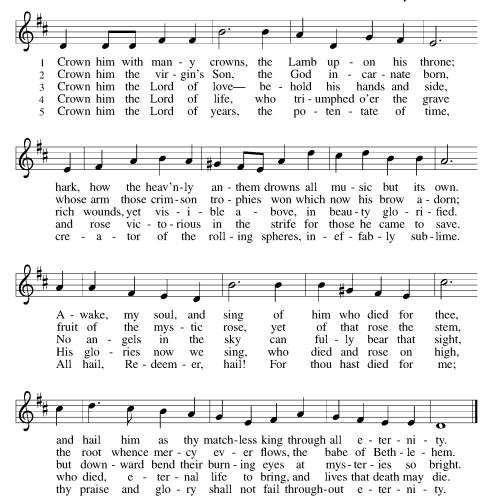
Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,

follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!...Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

\*GATHERING SONG: ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns vs. 1,4,5 (SEE NEXT PAGE)



\*GREETING The grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray ... Amen.

#### WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 46:** This hymn of praise is most familiar to many of us in Martin Luther's hymnic paraphrase "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." The psalm offers comfort and hope in the midst of chaos. The beautiful verse, "Be still and know that I am God," is often part of contemplative prayer practices.

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,

a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

104 Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

11The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 1:11-20 Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God. CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





#### \*GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

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 431 O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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\*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: Each petition ends... God of Grace, receive our prayer.

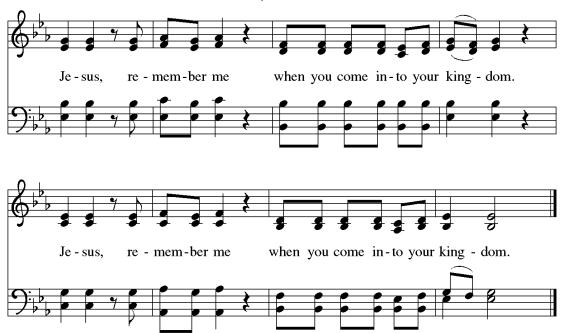
\*PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

#### MEAL

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

\*OFFERING SONG: ELW 616 Jesus, Remember Me



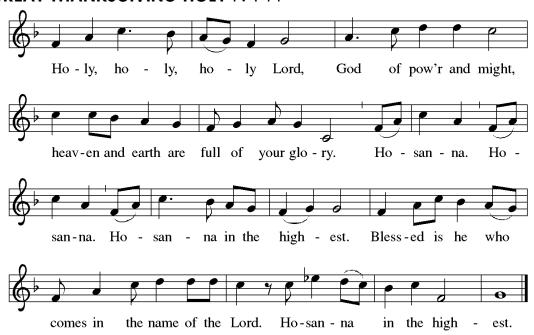
Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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# \*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray ... Amen.

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY P. 144



\*LORD'S PRAYER: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive gluten and dairy free bread. The plate of cups will then be offered for you to select wine or grape juice. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart. If you need an individual, pre-packaged serving of bread and wine, please request that of your server. Place wine/juice cups in the basket by the altar as you return to your pew. Sunday school youth, leader, and fellowship servers are invited to communion first so they may leave for programming when needed.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God P. 146, ELW 838 Beautiful Savior





Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

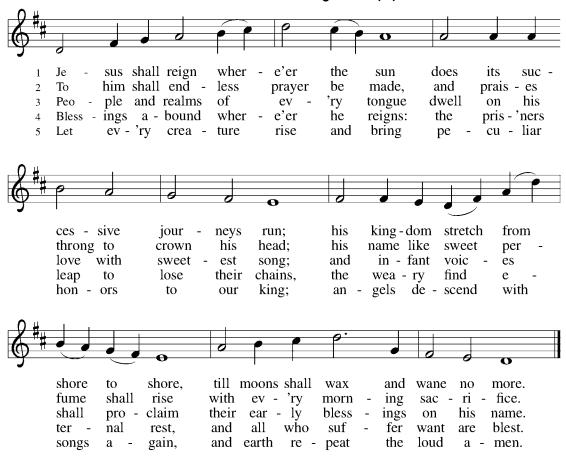
<sup>\*</sup>TABLE BLESSING- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION... Amen.

#### **SENDING**

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING ... Amen.

\*SENDING SONG: ELW 434 Jesus Shall Reign vs. 1,4,5



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.** 

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Air Spirits" - Connor Chee

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** – USHERS: Dave Peterson, Christy Tomlinson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Kris Peterson; READER: Harland Nelson; FELLOWSHIP: Carol Hasvold, Lyle & Sue Luzum, ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

To help celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Month, the prelude and postlude today are by Connor Chee, Navajo pianist and composer. His solo piano music is inspired by traditional Navajo chants and songs.

**Sunday School programming today!** Children, youth, and program leaders are invited to leave worship at 10:30 to enjoy some fellowship together before the start of programs at 10:45 am. All are welcome!

Welcome to Deborah Whitford, Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations Lutheran Services in lowa! There will be an **ADULT FORUM** today at 11:00 am in the Gathering Space with Deb today. **Come to learn and celebrate what we do together as Lutherans in lowa.** 

**FAMILY KICKBALL and FALL GATHERING:** TODAY at 2:00 P.M., Freeport Park - All families are invited to join in a Kickball and Fall Gathering at Freeport Park. The Ed Committee will provide apple cider. Please bring a snack to share and join the fun!

**REVIEW AND UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION:** A new paper edition of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Family Directory will be printed at the beginning of January 2023. Please review your information in the Directory and decide if you would like a new photo. Send information updates, photo requests, and paper copy request at any time to Ministry Support Coordinator Erica.

**GATHER BIBLE STUDY** will be Tuesday November 29 (note change of date) at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Kris Peterson, bible study leader; Bev Sheridan, refreshments.

**AMMPARO BED DONATION REQUEST:** AMMPARO seeks 5 full or queen sized beds. If you have one to donate please text or call Kathi Mitchell at 563-4196795. She can also arrange pick up.

**NORTHERN LIGHTS WOMEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS NOV. 20 CONCERT:** The Northern Lights Women's Chorus will present its fall concert at 3 p.m. TODAY November 20 at Decorah Lutheran Church.

#### **ADVENT WITH GOOD SHEPHERD**



**FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AND CALENDARS:** There are free ELCA World Hunger devotionals and calendars for this season of Advent. They are available in the Gathering Space.

**WREATH LIGHTING:** Families are invited to sign up to light the candles on the Advent Wreath on Sundays and Wednesdays during Advent. Sign up online or on sheets in the Gathering Space.

**SUNDAYS IN ADVENT:** Gardens in Parched Places, November 27-December 18. This year we hear beautiful promises from the book of Isaiah. These promises are like streams in the desert, they bring rejoicing to all creation.

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT: Opening to Holy Disruption, Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m., November 3 - December 21. (Note the theme has been revised.) In Advent we await both Christ's birth and his return to make all things new. We know Christ's arrival brings joy; yet it also disrupts. It disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness in us and in our world. This Advent during Wednesday Evening Worship, we will practice opening ourselves to Holy Disruption. This is an especially fitting theme this year as our building will be disrupted by the holy work of caring for God's creation. We'll experience four steps to open God's life-giving yet disruptive promises: breathing, releasing, receiving, and rejoicing. We'll share in short, simple, family-friendly practices that allow us to experience these steps. We'll sing portions of Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Evening Prayer and beautiful Advent hymns.

YOUTH IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The annual Christmas program is fast approaching! Rehearsal dates are December 4th, 11th, and the 18th during Sunday school time. It is a joyous celebration and we hope to have as many GS children participate as possible! In order to properly organize and assign rolls, Kelli need to know if your child will be present during rehearsals and during the program on December 18th at 5pm. Kelli is very mindful of who had what role in the past along with child preference with comfort level of reading and acting. More information on music participation will come soon. Please email or talk with Kelli if your child is able to participate by TODAY.

PURCHASE POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY: Altar Guild has arranged with Decorah's The Country Garden for members to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas season at \$15.00 per plant. Orders, with payment, are to be <u>placed through the Church Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12.</u> Contact the church office via phone, email, or note or put your check in the offering plate to place your order. Checks accompanying each order should be made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with *Poinsettia* in the memo line.

- Plants may be given in honor, as memorials, or as a gift by including names with the order. Names will be included in bulletins. Please email, or print clearly the names of those you are dedicating the poinsettia for.
- Red poinsettias wrapped in gold foil will be placed on the altar rail for services beginning Saturday, December 24. You are welcome to remove yours after Christmas, but **no later than Saturday**, **January 7**.

**THANKSGIVING MEALS THROUGH DECORAH FOOD PANTRY:** In this season when we give thanks for God's blessings, please consider sharing your blessings with our neighbors who are food insecure, For a \$25 donation you can help the Decorah Community Food Pantry provide the side dishes for 160 families to have Thanksgiving meals. We have received turkeys through a grant program, but we are purchasing the sides. If you can, please send a donation to PO Box 26 in Decorah or go to: decorahpantry.org or drop off a donation at 110 Railroad St

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL!** Please join us for a free meal on Thursday, December 1st, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome -- this is a free meal -- serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of West Side Dental who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

**STAFF OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Ministry Support Coordinator Erica: Monday & Tuesday 10:00am -5:00 pm. I will be available via voicemail and email on Wednesday. The office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday. Happy holiday!

PRAYER LIST: Good Shepherd Family: Kathy Reed (on the death of her father, Murray), Brooke Joyce & Family, Donna Bahr, Harland Nelson, Charilyn Hover, Melanie Folkerts, Jerrine Jacobsen, Glenn Nelson, Janet Gall, Verne Koenig, 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: Carol Moe (Naomi Craft's sister), Ann Hovde Nelson

(Daughter-in-law of Glenn Nelson and Jane Borelli), 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) 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), 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.

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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, the Church 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 invited to join in fellowship following worship – treats and beverages are available on the far side 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.

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Antiracism Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each week: find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code:

**We acknowledge** that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the loway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers.