

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



First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 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: "When Christmas Morn is Dawning" - arr. Jim Engebretson

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

***KYRIE:** p. 193-194



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



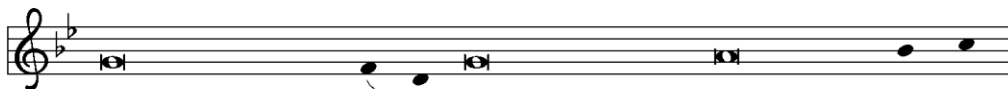
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



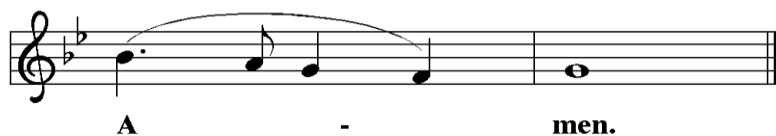
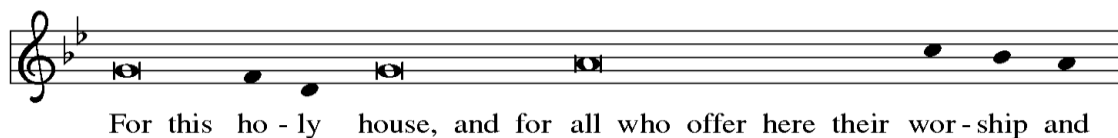
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



ADVENT WREATH LITANY

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,

you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

SONG & LIGHTING OF WREATH: ACS 949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (SEE NEXT PAGE)



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

GREETING: From the one who is, who was and who is to come, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 - Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122 - *Psalm 122 is an expression of the pilgrim's wonder and delight in the holy city of Jerusalem. The city itself, the monarchy that resided there, and the temple where the faithful worshipped, were the focal point of Jewish spiritual and cultural imagination. Even today, nearly 3 thousand years later, people of the three Abrahamic faiths regard Jerusalem as a sacred place and continue to pray for peace within its walls.*

¹I was glad when they ¹said to me,
“Let us go to the house ¹of the LORD.”

²**Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- | per who love you.**

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

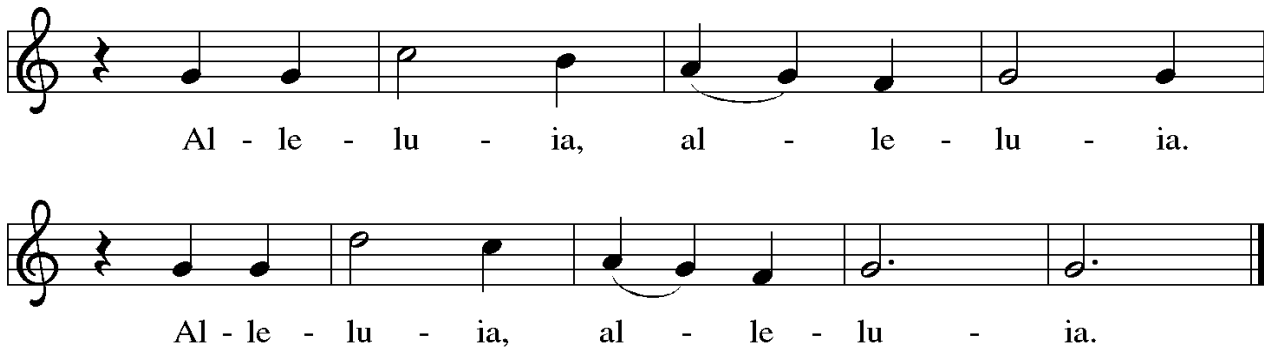
⁸**For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14 - Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 436 Wake, Awake for Night is Flying (SEE NEXT PAGE)

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* Stir up your power O God, **Stir up your power and come.**

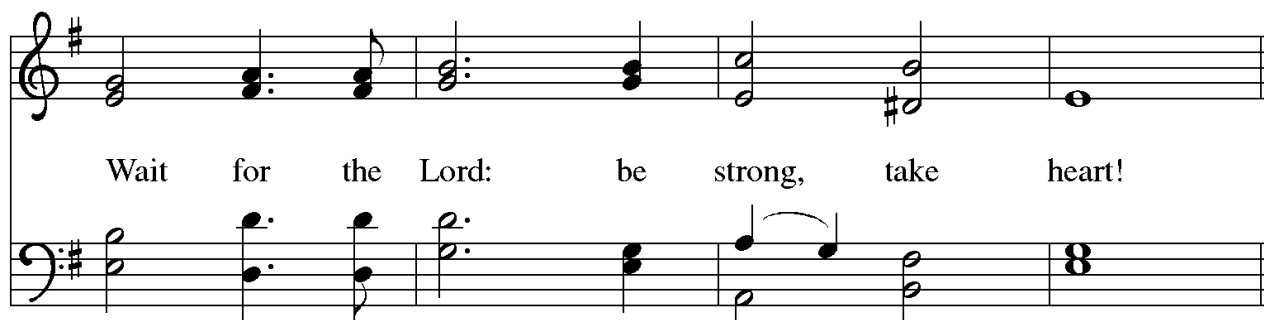
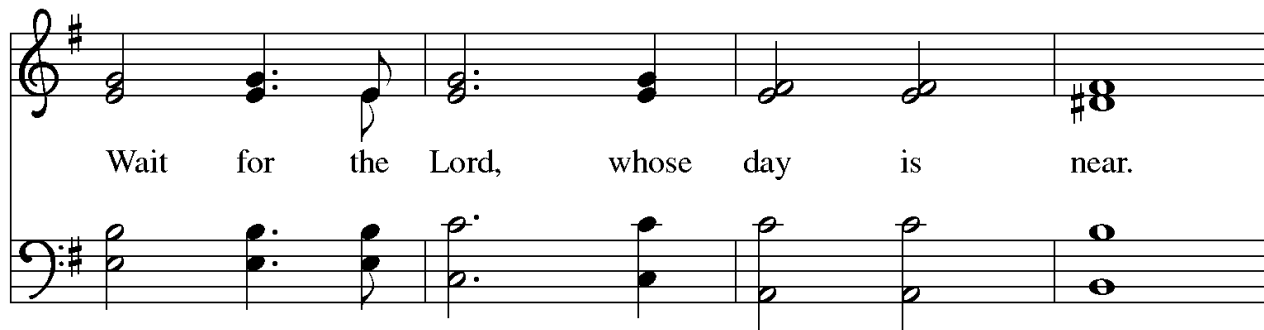
***PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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: "Ave Maria" - Jacob Arcadelt

***OFFERING SONG:** ELW 262 Wait for the Lord



***OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray ... **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY-LORDS PRAYER:** P. 199-201

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup... We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.... Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven... (we will pray the ecumenical version of the prayer during Advent)

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.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God P. 201, ELW 257 O Come, O Come Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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***TABLE BLESSING- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION... Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING ... Amen.**

***SENDING SONG: ELW 711 O Day of Peace (SEE NEXT PAGE)**

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de-vour the small;



guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes.
as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease,
Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: JERUSALEM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:

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! Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. License # SB118886 - Hymns: Copyright © OneLicense A-731311 ELW 262 WAIT FOR THE LORD: text and music copyright 1984 Les Presses de Taize, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – WREATH LIGHTING: Larson Family;
USHERS: ASSISTING MINISTER: Tom Buresh; **READER:** Melissa Bills; **FELLOWSHIP:** Larson Family;
ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

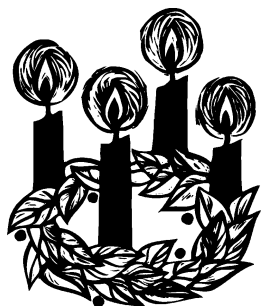
No Sunday School programming today due to the long Thanksgiving Weekend.

Programming will resume next Sunday with Christmas Program Practice! Scripts and parts will be sent out before practice officially starts.

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 and photo requests at any time to Ministry Support Coordinator Erica at 563-382-3963 or office@goodshepherd.org Contact Erica if you would like a paper copy. Paper directories will be mailed or delivered to all who have no internet access.

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.

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.

- this Wednesday our practice is **breathing**. If you can't join worship in person, take a few moments to take some deep breaths. Inhale to a count of three and exhale to a count of six as a way to open your spirit to God's peace.

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 **placed through the Church Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12.** 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.**

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.

ART FROM PALESTINE December 11: Martha Monson Lowe and George Lowe have just arrived back from the Holy Land bearing wonderful treasures of olive wood carvings from Beit Sahour, scarves and kefiyas from Bethlehem, Hebron glass, rugs from Gaza, olive oil from the Mount of Olives, za'atar from the fields of Bethlehem, crosses and tree of life necklaces from Jerusalem, feltwork made from Bethlehem wool, traditional Palestinian embroidery, Hebron pottery, lotion with Dead Sea minerals, and olive oil soap from Nablus! Here is an opportunity to give gifts this Christmas from the Holy Land, supporting local artisans and shopkeepers, Christians and Muslims, in the land of Jesus's birth. We will be offering these special items for sale in the Fellowship Hall the morning of December 11.

STAFF OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Ministry Support Coordinator Erica: Monday: 8:00-10:00 am, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:00am – 5:00 pm, Friday 8:00-10:00 am. I will be available via voicemail and email on Tuesday. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Sandhya Caton & Family (on the death of a beloved family member), Kathy Reed, 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 meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was through the work of the Antiracism Team which held listening congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-scanning the code:*



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We acknowledge that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the Ioway, 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. (2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery)