

# **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 Christmas, January 1, 2023**

## **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.***

***The building is in the process of becoming carbon neutral.***

***Please excuse the mess!***

## 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 - PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

**Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

**Forgive our neglect of those who are poor.**

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy.

Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

In ☩ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy! **Amen.**

#### \***GATHERING CAROL:** The Bells of Christmas #298 vs. 1,3,4



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer  
1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly  
2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly  
3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled  
4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve  
guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly  
find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a  
babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who  
Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.  
dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.  
man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.  
glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.  
lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

**\*GREETING:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**FIRST READING:** Luke 2:1-7 - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

- *Luther's reflections on the Birth of Jesus*

**Carol:**

### Holy Child within the Manger *Carol at the Manger*

1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -  
2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your  
3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us  
go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry  
love for us was shown, when the im - age of your  
ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry  
stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.  
glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.  
stran - ger how you come to us to - day.  
As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the  
Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and  
In our lives and in our liv - ing give us  
out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -  
fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -  
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -  
spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.  
pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.  
giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**SECOND READING:** Luke 2: 8-16 - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

- *Luther's reflections on the Shepherds and Angels*

## Carol #282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



- 1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
- 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

**THIRD READING:** Matthew 2:1-12 - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

- *Luther's reflections on Herod and the Wise Men*

**Carol #300** The First Noel vs. 1, 2, 4 – on next page

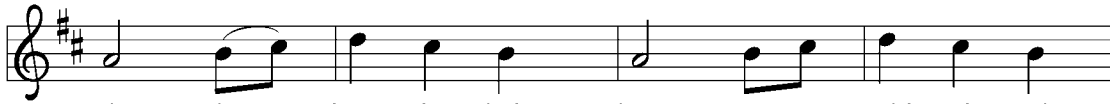
# The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . north-west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . great light, and . . so it con -  
 king was their . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

## Refrain



night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional  
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional


**\*FOURTH READING:** John 1:1-5;14-18 - Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.-

*Luther's reflections on the Word made flesh*

**Carol #295** Of the Father's Love Begotten vs. 1-3 – on next page




1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly




gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 pect - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

**\*NICENE CREED:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** Each petition ends: God of grace, hear 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.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*OFFERING SONG: #296** What Child is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HYMN** ELW #295 Of the Father's Love Begotten vs. 4-5 *see hymn printed previously in the bulletin after the fourth reading.*

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:**

...Together 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...

**\*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. The ushers will direct you out to the aisle on the right of your pew, you will return on the aisle to the left of your pew. You can hold out your hands to receive gluten and dairy free bread, then the plate of cups will be offered for you to select red 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 aisle as you return to your pew.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** #286 Your Little Ones Dear Lord, #292 Love Has Come



## Your Little Ones, Dear Lord



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and  
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and  
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and  
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry  
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,  
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to  
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.  
 sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.  
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.  
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spurgeon, 1815–1892  
 Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. I.

## Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950  
 Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de Noël's composés en langue provençale*, 1856  
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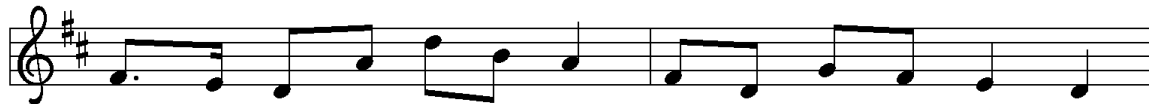
## TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### \*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

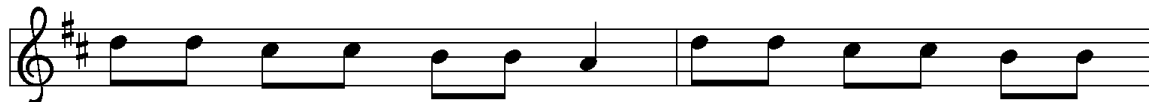
##### \*SENDING SONG: ELW #299 Cold December Flies Away



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.  
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.  
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown-ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

Text: Catalanian carol; tr. Howard Hawhee, b. 1953  
Music: EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT, Catalanian carol  
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**\*DISMISSAL:** Glory to God in the Highest! And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** –ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Jakoubek; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

**JANUARY-FEBRUARY MINISTRY SUPPORT:** The January-February Ministry Support sign-up is posted on the board outside the Fellowship Hall and online under “Sign-Ups”.

**2023 GIVING ENVELOPES:** Giving envelopes for 2023 are available for pick up on the counter outside of the offices.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING:** There will be no Sunday School Programming today or January 15th. We will have programming on the 8<sup>th</sup>, then resume on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES:** All are welcome for an hour-long Bible Study with Pastor Amy Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL!** Please join us for a free meal on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College. A few salads and desserts are still needed – sign up online or on the bulletin board.

**ADULT FORUM NEXT SUNDAY:** Russ Baldner will present “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”. Baldner’s richly illustrated presentation is about Martin Luther and his seminal translation of the New Testament to German. Sept. marked the 500th Anniversary of the publication of one of Luther’s most important literary achievements, popularly known as his ‘September Testament’.

**CPR TRAINING OR RECERTIFICATION:** Deadline to sign-up is Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Make a **New Year’s resolution** to learn or recertify CPR training, as a way to be prepared to serve others in our church, families, and community! The Facilities and Grounds Committee would like all GS members who are trained in CPR/interested in CPR training or recertification, to **contact the Church Office**.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Wellington Place - BINGO!** Please volunteer to help with bingo at Wellington Place! Three additional volunteers are needed to help with bingo. A volunteer is also needed to purchase 10-15 additional prizes, as there are some already in the office. Sign up online under Sign-Ups, or on the Poster on the bulletin board outside the FH.

**LIBRARY NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - GATHERING SPACE NOW OPEN:** The Gathering Space is now available, as all equipment and supplies for the Carbon Neutral Initiative project have been relocated to the Library.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PROVIDED POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY!** Please stop by and pick up your poinsettia by Saturday, January 7. Plan to bring a protective covering. Thank you! Contact Elizabeth Kaschins with questions and concerns.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** Stephanie Hoff, a member of Good Shepherd who has been worshiping online through Covid until just recently, has polycystic kidney disease (PKD). This has caused her kidney function to diminish over time. She is now in Stage 5, the last stage of chronic kidney disease, and needs a kidney transplant. She is seeking a living donor and is reaching out

for your help. That help can take many forms: your prayers and positive support; your willingness to share her story with family and friends who might know someone who is willing to become a living donor; and your serious consideration of becoming a living donor. For the complete story and more information about living kidney donation:

[www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/)

**ERICA OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** The Office will be closed Monday in observance of the New Years Holiday. Erica will be in office Tuesday: 10:00-5:00 pm, Friday 8:00-10:00 am and available via voicemail and email on other days. Thank you.

**PRAYER LIST: Good Shepherd Family:** Barbara Berg and Family, Ed Hover and Family, Family of Verne Koenig, Stephanie Hoff, Clara and Karl Knudson and family, Wood Family, Jonathon Struve, Sandhya Purohit Caton, Donna Bahr, Harland Nelson, Charilyn Hover, Melanie Folkerts, Jerrine Jacobsen, Glenn Nelson, Janet Gall, Lowell Erdman, 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:** Diane Borness (Sister of Marilyn Anderson), The family of Luke Hackman (Friends of the Bureshs), 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), 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), Barb Reckling (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), 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 share in coffee and shared treats following taking down tree ornaments today in the Fellowship Hall!

**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.