

## **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



**Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 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:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - Lee Dengler

### 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  $\text{†}$  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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

## ADVENT WREATH LITANY

**Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.**

You fasten righteousness around your waist  
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

**Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames;**

teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

**We ask that peace abound,**

**until none hurt or destroy over all the earth. Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF WREATH *as the hymn is introduced*

**\*HYMN:** ELW 254 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**\*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 11:1-10 - Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

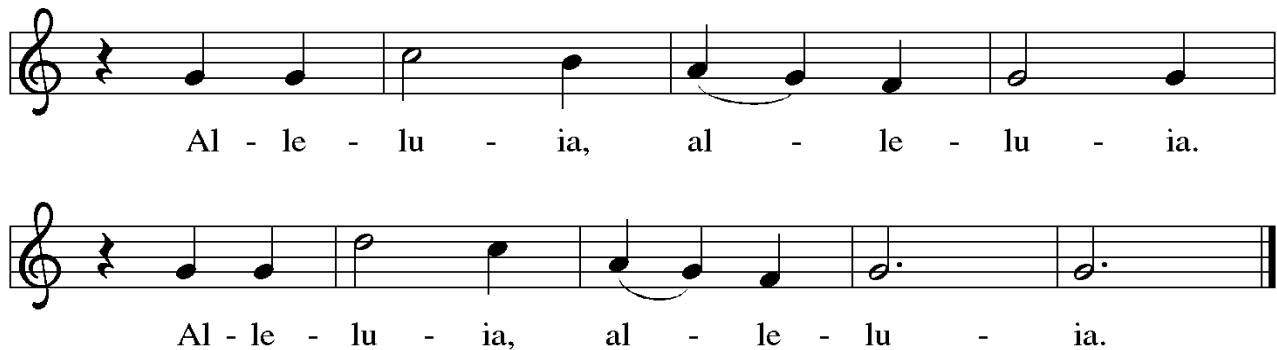
**PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19** is one of the royal psalms, celebrating the role of the Davidic kings in the life of Israel. In lyrical poetry, it proclaims that the proper use of governmental power must be the commitment to socioeconomic justice. Even today, it challenges rulers to heed its call: that authority is only valid when based upon care for the poor and the most vulnerable members of society.

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously**  
**and the | poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**  
**rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**  
**like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.  
<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;**  
**you alone do | wondrous deeds!**  
<sup>19</sup>**And blessed be your glorious | name forever,**  
**and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 15:4-13 - Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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 249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry vs. 1, 2, 4**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

**\*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:** “Advent Prayer” - Brooke Joyce

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ELW 262 Wait for the Lord – sung 2 times



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

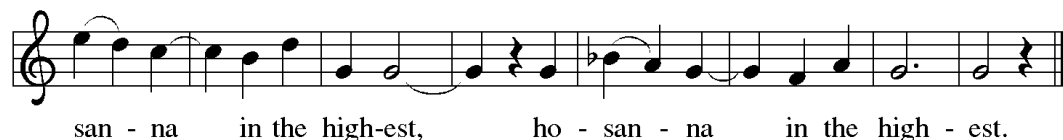
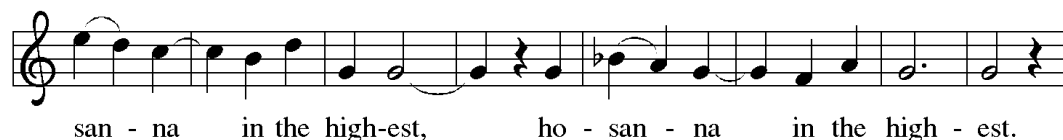
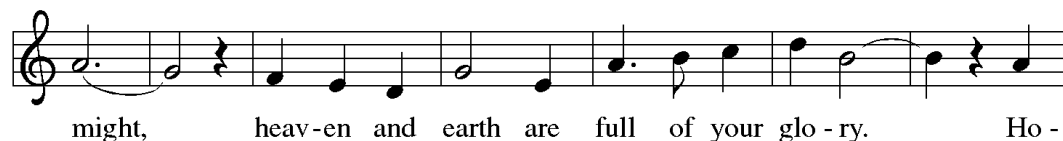
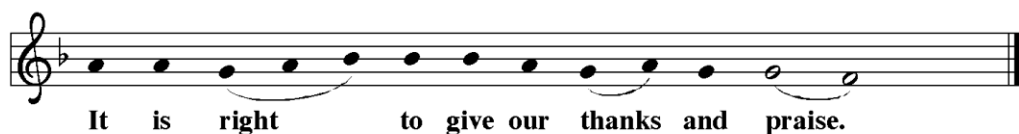


Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!



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

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



...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.

**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. **Sunday school youth, leaders, and fellowship servers are invited up first to allow time for fellowship before programming.**

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** Lamb of God P. 201, ELW 272 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4  
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

**\*TABLE BLESSING- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION... Amen.**

**SENDING**

**SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BLESSING ... Amen.**



**\*SENDING SONG: ELW 266 All Earth is Hopeful *Toda la tierra* vs. 1,3,4**



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co - a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:* 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*  
*"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"* *nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.*  
*será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,* *Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,*  
*con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.* *y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.*

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*  
*pero en el mundo está presente hoy.*  
*Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;*  
*y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.*

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" - Johann Pachelbel**

*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 – WREATH LIGHTING:** Bellrichard Family; USHERS: Jeri & Reg Laursen, ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Jakoubek; READER: Jane Borelli; FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Buzza, Lindy Moeller, Liza Hicken; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

Special thanks to Kathy Reed for conducting the choir this morning! The text for the anthem is by Christina Rossetti: *Lord, purge our eyes to see / Within the seed a tree, / Within the glowing egg a bird, / Within the shroud a butterfly: / Till taught by such, we see / Beyond all creatures Thee, / And hearken for Thy tender word, / And hear it, 'Fear not: it is I.'*

**Sunday School & Youth Group Today!** Sunday School begins rehearsing the Christmas Program TODAY. We will begin in the large classroom then move to the Sanctuary. The program is Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Youth Group will be meeting in the library with Jane Jakoubek as the leader.

**SEMINARIAN CARE PACKAGES:** Each year the Outreach and Hospitality Committee creates care packages to send to seminarians that are connected to Good Shepherd. This year we are sending three packages. Look for their cards on the table in the Gathering Space and **PLEASE SIGN THE CARDS** today so the packages can get sent out. Thank you!

**SIGN UP TO HELP WITH JANUARY DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL:** Good Shepherd is scheduled to provide volunteers, salads, and desserts for the **January Community Meal** on **Thursday, January 5**, at Decorah Lutheran Church. This **free** Community Meal is held the first Thursday of each month, with serving from 5:00-6:15 p.m. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College and different organizations provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. Sign-up in the Gathering Space or contact **Erica** at the church office, **563-382-3963** or [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org) Here's what is needed:

- **6 volunteer workers** at each of **two different shifts**. (No youth under 14 years old.) The shifts are: 4:15-5:30 p.m. & 5:20-6:45 p.m.
  - **14 salads** - each salad should serve at least 15 people: 7 green salads, 4 fruit salads, 3 other salads or sides
  - **12 desserts** - each dessert should serve at least 15 people: 10 desserts, 2 Gluten Free desserts

**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.

**WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT: Opening to Holy Disruption,** Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m., November 3 - December 21. All are welcome to join these services and share in four simple, family steps to open God's life-giving yet disruptive promises: **breathing, releasing, receiving, and rejoicing**. Worship includes portions of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* Evening Prayer as well as readings and hymns about the holy disruption Mary experienced as the mother of God. *This Wednesday our practice is releasing. If you can't join worship in person, take a few deep breaths then hold your closed fist in front of you, palms down. As you exhale, slowly open your hands. As you inhale again, return to the closed fist, repeating the opening on the exhale. Release unhelpful expectations or attachments, anxiety, and resentments, asking God to take that which you need to release.*

**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.** 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.

**CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES** Dec. 7. 7:00 P.M. Winneshiek Hotel The wonderful Dylan Thomas story, "A Child's Christmas in Wales" will headline a program of Christmas and seasonal poetry read by The Bridge Theater Co. Enjoy a glass of eggnog while sitting by the hotel Christmas tree. Tickets: \$10. Children free. Tickets available at the Oneota Coop and the Winneshiek Hotel.

**The 22nd Annual "Home for Christmas" Decorah Chorale concert** will be held Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church. The benefit concert supports the work of the Winneshiek County Habitat for Humanity through the concert free-will offering.

**ART FROM PALESTINE:** 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 NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**ERICA OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Monday - Tuesday: 10:00-5:00 pm, Friday 8:00-10:00 am. I will be available via voicemail and email on other days. Thank you.

**PRAYER LIST: Good Shepherd Family:** Jonathon Struve (on the death of his mother), Sandhya Purohit Caton, 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:** 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), 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), 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](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-scanning) the code:*



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**We lament** that the white Church in the United States, through its dominant place in our country's culture and history, has actively constructed, justified, and sustained systems of racial injustice and violence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has marginalized Lutheran Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and communities and perpetuated a patriarchal, monocultural and racially segregated status quo. (From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019)