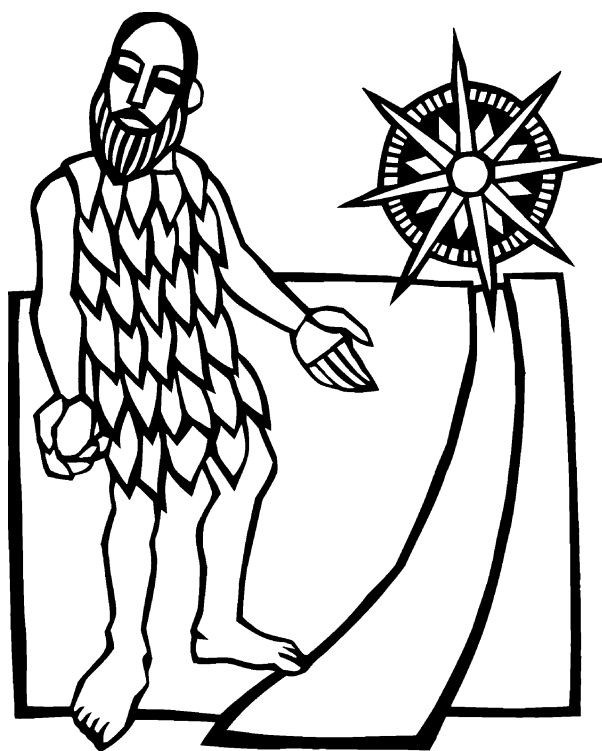


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ... Psalm 100:3



Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 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 - PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



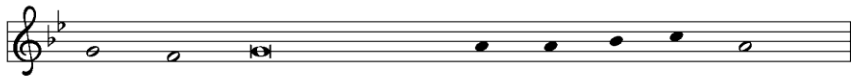
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

ADVENT WREATH LITANY

Let us join in prayer together.

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:** ACS 901 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody

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***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 35:1-10

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM-CANTICLE: Luke 1:46b-55 *Mary's Song -The Magnificat-* is the first of four canticles (songs) in the Gospel of Luke. Mary's song is characterized by lavish praise, and by a robust proclamation of God's coming reign of justice for the poor. Three of Luke's Canticles are used in the church's liturgies of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline, and the fourth is used as a hymn of praise in the service of Holy Communion.

All:

1., 3. My ——— soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, heart, You have looked with the love on your
You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

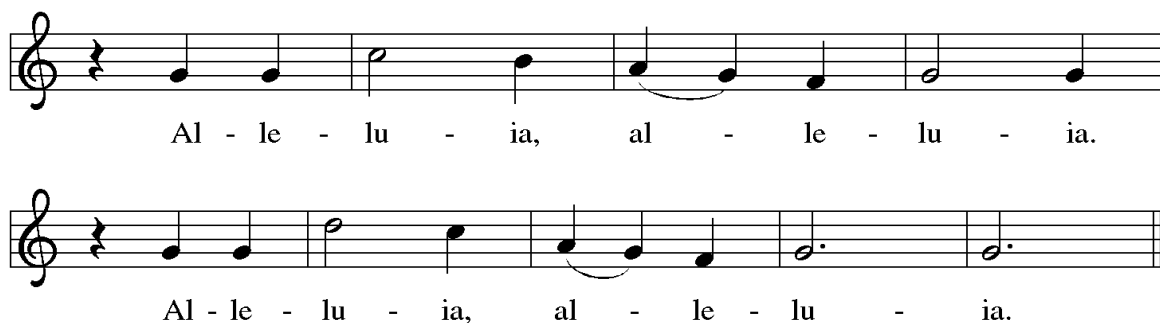
How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10 - Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.
CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

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 239 Hark the Glad Sound vs. 1-3

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* Stir up your power O God, **Stir up your power and come.**

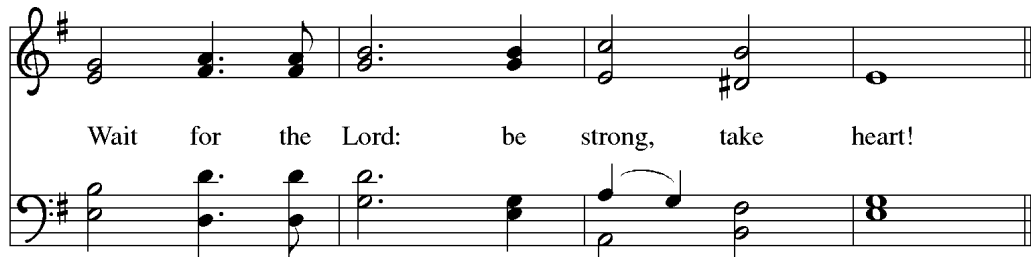
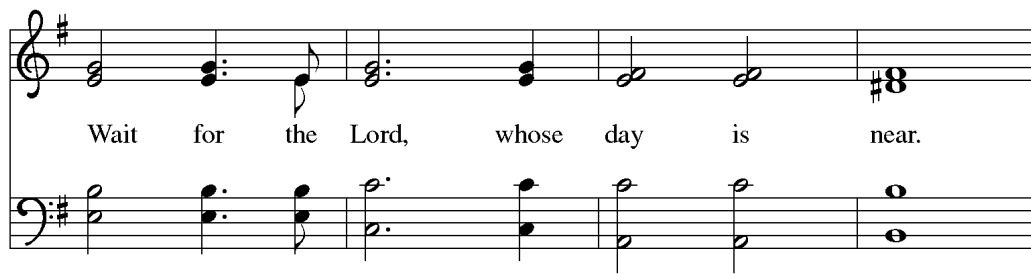
***PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

MEAL

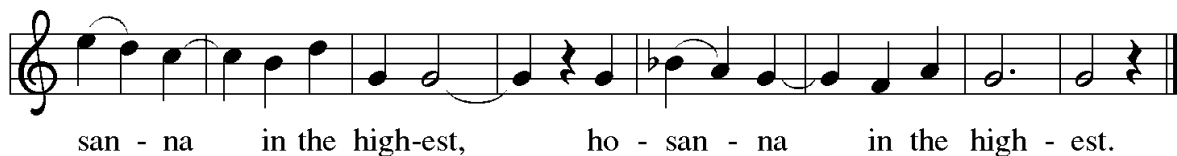
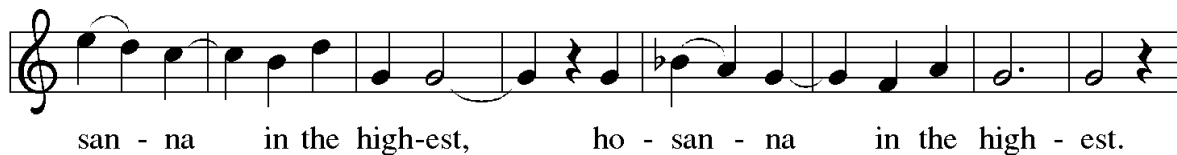
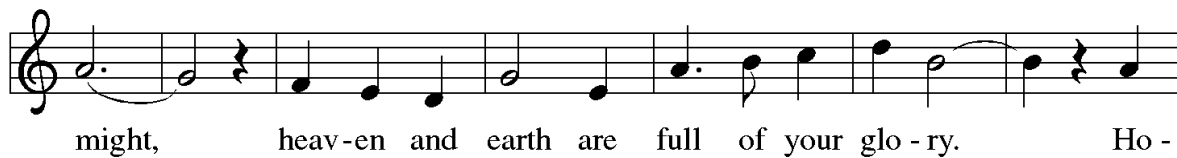
OFFERTORY MUSIC

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



***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 256 Comfort, Comfort Now My People



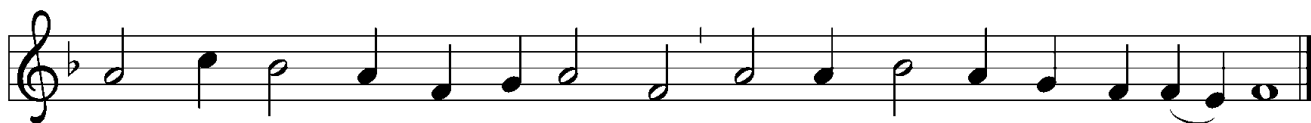
- 1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
- 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING ... Amen.**

***SENDING SONG: ELW 267 Joy to the World vs. 1-3**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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:

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – WREATH LIGHTING: Bills Family;
USHERS: Dave Peterson, **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Kris Peterson; **READER:** Cindy Bellrichard;
FELLOWSHIP; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING/COSTUME TRY-ON – TODAY 11:30-12:00 After program practice, children and youth are invited to help decorate the tree in the sanctuary! As this is happening, students in the Christmas program may be pulled aside for costume fittings. **All ages are welcome to join the fun!**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM MUSIC: If your child would like to play prelude or postlude music for the Christmas program. Please contact Brooke by TODAY.

GATHERING SPACE DURING CONSTRUCTION: During the season of construction, the Gathering Space will serve as a storage space for the equipment that is used during the week. All sign-ups and materials typically found in that space will be moved inside the Fellowship Hall on Sundays/Wednesdays and in the Church Office during the week.

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 on the board by the Fellowship Hall or contact **Erica** at the church office, **563-382-3963** or office@goodshepherddecorah.org.

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***. *This Wednesday our practice is **receiving**. You can join this practice at home. Begin with deep breathing. Then, on an inhale, close your fists. On an exhale, open them and turn palms up to receive. Repeat.*

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 **LIBRARY, TODAY SUNDAY, Dec. 11th**.

LUREN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Luren Singers will present their annual Christmas Concert **TODAY**, Sunday, December 11th, 3:00 PM at Decorah Lutheran Church. Featured performers with the Luren Singers are internationally known pianists from Luther College, Xiao Hu and Du Huang, the Unison Piano Duo. This concert is free to the public -- a free-will offering will be taken and donated to the Decorah Food Pantry.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: All are invited to the Christmas Program put on by Good Shepherd youth NEXT Sunday, the 18th at 5:00 PM. A dinner will be served following with sandwiches, chips, and homemade desserts. Come join the festivities!

CHRISTMAS WITH GOOD SHEPHERD:

- **Christmas Eve worship:** Dec. 24, 5pm, Preaching, Carols, Holy Communion, Candlelighting
- **Christmas Day worship:** Dec. 25- 9:30am, Preaching, Carols, Holy Communion
- **Second Sunday of Christmas:** Jan. 1- 9:30am, Service of Lessons and Carols, Holy Communion

ERICA OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday: 8-10:00 am, Wednesday- Thursday: 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: Joanne Ylvisaker, 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, 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 Buzzza (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 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:*

