

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



January 15 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 *

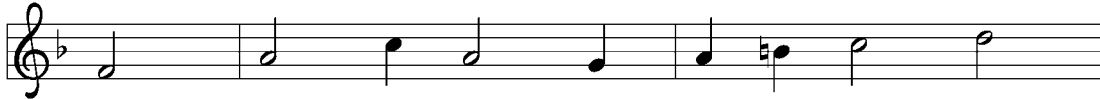
GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” - Georg Böhm

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ELW 527 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now vs. 1-3



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your
end - less hymns through all our days; in -
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!” And
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To



Spir - it send with light di - vine, and
crease our faith and light our minds; and
in the light of that blest place we
you, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty, be



let your truth with - in us shine.
set us free from doubt that blinds.
then shall see you face to face.
praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

***GREETING- KYRIE- HYMN OF PRAISE:** p. 193-196



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.



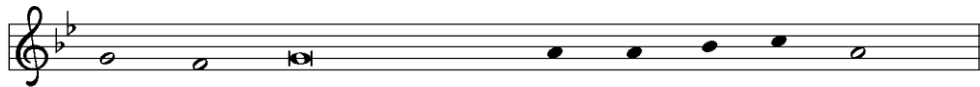
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

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

Psalm 40:1-11- *These verses of Psalm 40 are a hymn of thanksgiving to God for God's saving help. The opening verse, "I waited patiently for the Lord," is not an expression of passive acceptance, but rather a proclamation of persistent hope in God's faithfulness -a hope in which we share.*

¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

⁸"I love to do your will, | O my God;
your law is | deep within me.'".....

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*** GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

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

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 575 In Christ Called to Baptize**



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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***APOSTLE'S CREED: p.105**

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: Gracious God, 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: "The Savior of the World is Born" - Gustav Holst

***OFFERING SONG:** ACS 976 Come and See

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

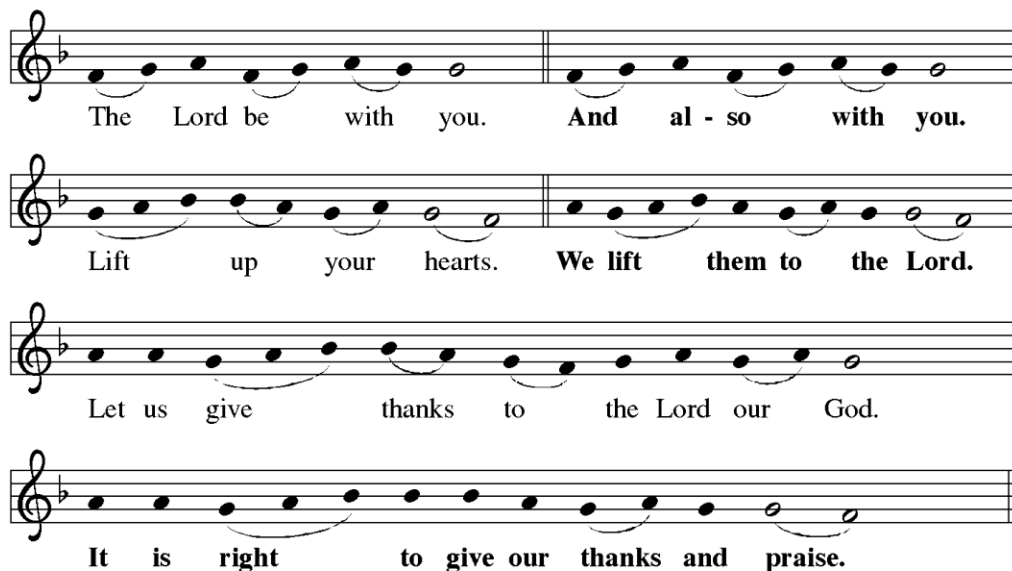
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Let us pray...Amen.

MEAL

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



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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 HYMNS: ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together, ELW 482 I Come with Joy

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING SONG:** ACS 984 May the God of Hope Go With Us



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring-ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.
Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” - Georg Böhm

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 – USHERS: Reg Laursen, Jeri Laursen;
READER: Megan Buckingham; ASSISTING MINISTER: Ruth Bruce; FELLOWSHIP: Bev Sheridan,
Doris Barnaal, Carrie Solberg; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER:
Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING – Reflecting the School District calendar there is no
Sunday school programming today. Join next week after worship when programming resumes!

JANUARY-FEBRUARY MINISTRY SUPPORT: The January-February Ministry Support sign-up is
posted on the table in the Gathering Space and online under “Sign-Ups”.

PLEDGE UPDATE DELAY: The Good Shepherd Printer was out broken for the week causing a
delay in the mailing of end of year financial statements and confirmation of 2023-24 pledges.
We hope to get all mailed early next week. In the meantime, please contact the Church Office
with any questions related to end of year giving or pledges. Thank you for your understanding!

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL GAME NIGHT: Friday, January 20, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.,
Fellowship Hall - All middle school and high school youth are invited to another game night!
Friends are always welcome too! Soda and juice will be provided. Participants are invited to
bring a snack that starts with the letter of their name!

FAMILY TIE-DYE SUNDAY! Next Sunday, January 22, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall - All
families are invited to come tie-dye together! The tie-dye supplies and light snacks will be
provided. Participants just need to bring something cool to tie-dye!

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY, Sunday, January 29 during worship. (RIC) Sunday is an
annual worship celebration created to share in the commitment to the ongoing work of welcome,
inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church. Many RIC
Congregations celebrate RIC Sunday on the last Sunday in January. Good Shepherd has often
celebrated RIC in conjunction with Decorah Pride but this year, Good Shepherd will join our
siblings in Christ in a January worship celebration.

BUDGET FORUM, Sunday, January 29, 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Come learn about the
proposed 2023 Budget in Advance of the Annual Meeting, which will be Feb. 5.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND WINTER GREENS AT GOOD SHEPHERD: Our tradition
is to use trees and greens for the Easter Vigil bonfire in April! They should be left in the space
between the Annex and Mower shed. Removal of metal and roping from wreaths and greens is
appreciated.

LIBRARY OPEN – GATHERING SPACE CLOSED: The Gathering Space is back to being the
storage/work zone during construction to allow the Library to be a usable space as being able
to close the door to the construction noise became necessary. Please contact the Church Office if
you have any concerns about if the library or Fellowship Hall would be the best space for your
group.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: Stephanie Hoff, a member of Good Shepherd who has been worshipping 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/

HOST HOMES NEEDED FEBRUARY 4TH: The Office for College Ministries is excited to welcome the 15-voice **29:11 International Exchange ensemble** to the Luther campus for a learning exchange and worship service the weekend of February 3-4. We are looking for host homes for groups of 2 or 4 musicians for Saturday evening, February 4th. If you are able to serve as an overnight host, please contact ministry@luther.edu.

- Information about the **29:11 International Exchange: 29:11** from their website (2911intl.org) *International Exchange is a music ministry based in South Africa and the United States. Our mission is to facilitate hope and reconciliation through music, cross-cultural relationships, and individual artist development. By recognizing that each of us is worthy of understanding and love, we can bridge the ideological, racial, and socio-economic gaps that divide us, and live together as citizens of the world.*
- **Listen to their latest album:** *One Tribe One Culture* on Apple Music, Spotify, Youtube or wherever you access music.

WINTER BOOK READ: *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem. Members of Decorah UU will facilitate small group book discussions starting January 23. As a trauma consultant for the Minneapolis Police, Menackem developed a body centered practice to heal racialized trauma, to feel safe and secure in our bodies and in the world, and to pass that safety and security to future generations.

- We will meet 5 times from January 23 - March 20. To join, contact Carolyn at decorahuu.contact@gmail.com Our first meeting will be: Monday January 23 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Lingonberry - 218 West Water Street. We will practice the Circle Way (see information on bulletin board by FH) we will practice seated body-mind practices and journaling outlined in Menackem's book to feel hope in our bodies, and create small groups to meet three times. We meet again as a large group March 20. You do not need to read prior to the first meeting. You can find the ebook for free on the library app Libby, find a copy at the libraries, or purchase a copy (at a locally owned bookstore).

ERICA OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday-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: The Tapscotts (on the death of Denise's father and uncle), Marion Hanson, Barbara Berg and Family, Ed Hover and Family, Family of Verne Koenig, Stephanie Hoff, Clara and Karl Knudson, Wood Family, Jonathon Struve, Sandhya Purohit Caton, Donna Bahr, Harland Nelson, Charilyn Hover, 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:** Sylvia Clisham (member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry), Parents of Dan Raney, Suzette and Richard Caton (Brian's parents), 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, juice, and treats in the Fellowship Hall on the far side of the 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 publicly declare that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships. (Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6)