

## **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



**Baptism of our Lord, January 8, 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:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" - Johann Pachelbel

**PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE:** p. 193-196



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



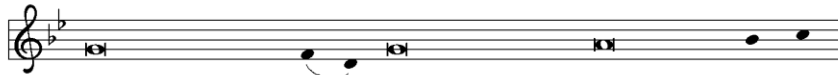
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**



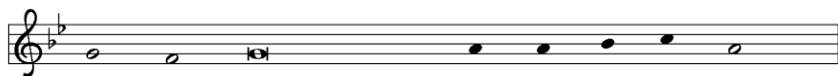
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**A - men.**



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.



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.



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.

**\*GATHERING SONG: ELW 673 God Whose Almighty Word**



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

**\*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.**

## WORD

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 42:1-9

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

**PSALM 29:** *Psalm 29 is a hymn of praise to God with the characteristic form of call to praise, (vs.1-2) reasons for praise, (vs. 3-9) and conclusion (vs. 10-11) The continuing repetition of the phrase, “the voice of the Lord,” intensifies the emotion and movement throughout this beautiful poem, and culminates with the exclamation “Glory!” in verse 9.*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
 ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;**  
**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
 the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**  
**the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
BURSTS FORTH IN | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>**O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.**

**SECOND READING:** Acts 10:34-43 - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **\* GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13-17

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:** ACS 916 Down Galilee's slow roadways (see next page)



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on  
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;  
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.  
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.  
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,  
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:  
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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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, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

### \*OFFERING SONG: ELW 460 Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

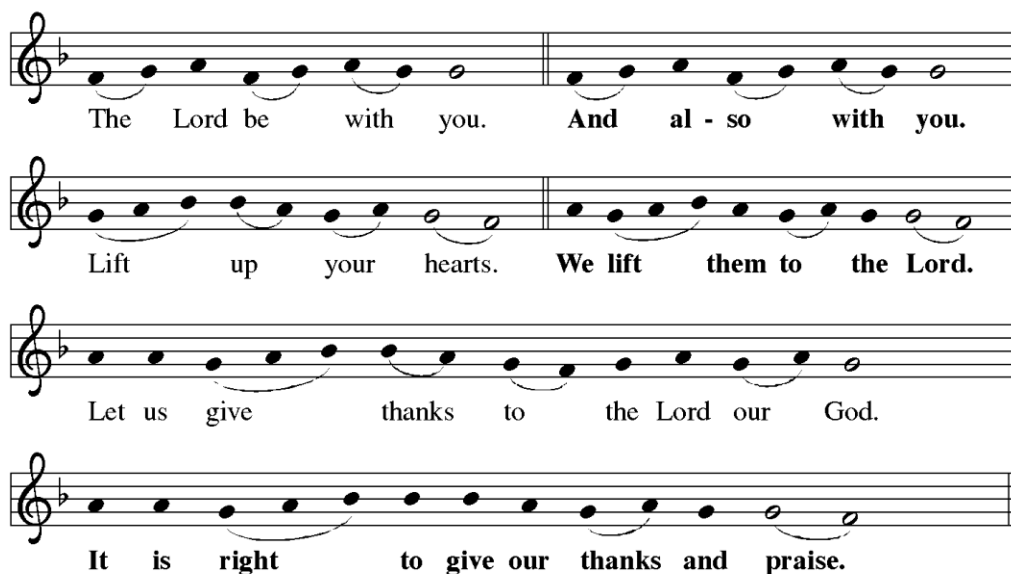
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### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray...Amen.

## 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. **Sunday school youth, leader, and fellowship servers are invited to communion first so they may leave for programming when needed.**



**COMMUNION HYMNS:** ELW 423 Shall We Gather at the River, ACS 957 Take Me to the Water

## Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

### *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## Take Me to the Water



- 1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,
- 2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,
- 3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,
- 4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.  
he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.  
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual

## \* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### \*BLESSING

\***SENDING SONG:** ELW 310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise vs. 1,2,4



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

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

**PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE:** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” – 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** – USHERS: Sharon Drew, Bev Sheridan; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; READER: Harland Nelson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Reg Laursen; FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Buzza, Lindy Moeller, ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING RESUMES TODAY!** The Youth Group will meet in the annex. All other grades will meet in the Kinderhaus/Sunday School room. There is no programming next Sunday due to the long weekend for the school district.

**ADULT FORUM TODAY:** 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:** The Facilities and Grounds committee will provide CPR training or recertification to interested members/friends of Good Shepherd. Deadline to sign-up is TODAY. 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! All GS members who are trained in CPR/interested in CPR training or recertification, **please sign up in the Gathering Space today.**

**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”.

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

**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 Gathering Space.** Come learn about the proposed 2023 Budget in Advance of the Annual Meeting, which will be Feb. 5.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MEETING:** On January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Big Canoe Lutheran Church (1381 Big Canoe Rd) the local Non-profit Friends of the Family will be leading an information session about what Human Trafficking looks like in NE Iowa, how to help folks affected, and how to prevent it. There is more information on the flyer on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**THE ONEOTA VALLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA:** Matthew Cody Music Director **presents Bel Canto** TODAY Sunday, January 8th at 3:00 P.M. - Decorah High School Auditorium. Bel Canto - “beautiful singing” in Italian - is a program of famous opera arias with professional vocal

soloists. The concert will feature sopranos Diana Stoic and Rachel Storlie, tenor Drew Duncan, baritone John Moore, and bass-baritone Dan Richardson. The artists will be highlighted in notable arias, duets, and trios from Puccini's La Bohème, Gounod's Faust, Bizet's Carmen, Rossini's Barber of Seville, and more. Marion E. Jerome Foundation & The Depot Outlet – sponsors Admission: \$15 adults & \$8 K-8 youth Tickets are on sale now at [ovcorchestra.org](http://ovcorchestra.org)

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

**ERICA OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Monday: 8:00-10:00am. Wednesday-Thursday: 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), 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, 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.

**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](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code:



**We commit** to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (Galatians 5:22)