

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

February 12, 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.

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: “There Is A Balm In Gilead” - Arr. Adolphus Hailstork

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ELW 582 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

***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.

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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:1-8 *At a whopping 176 verses, Psalm 119 is by far the longest of the 150 psalms. The first eight verses, heard today, echo the central message of the entire psalm; namely, that living in accordance with God's commandments brings fullness of life.*

- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
- ²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**
- ³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.
- ⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**
- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**
- ⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:21-37

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 603 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken**



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing;
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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(During the end of the hymn of the day, those being installed come stand in front of the altar facing the congregation.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The 2023 Congregation Council members are:

Tim Lecander, Congregation President

Kris Peterson, Congregation Vice-President

Cindy Ernst, Congregation Past President

Anne Jacobsen Clausen, Congregation Secretary

Chris Johnson, At Large Member

Brian Caton, At Large Member

Karin Martin-Hiner, At Large Member

Lise Kildegaard, At Large Member

Marilyn Rue, At Large Member

The Treasurer is: John Moeller

New members of standing committees are:

Harriet Hayes - Education Committee

Bob Wilson, Lance Wood – Facilities & Grounds Committee

Sue Blom - Outreach & Hospitality

Ginny Olson - Stewardship Committee

Rolf Svanoë - Worship and Music Committee

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected? **I will and I ask God to help me.**
People of God, will you support these, your leaders, and will you share in the ministry that Christ has given to the whole body of Christ? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**
BLESSING OF CONGREGATION SERVANT LEADERS

***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

***OFFERING SONG:** ACS 1037 Christ, Our Peace

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Christ, Our Peace'. It is written for a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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

MEAL

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

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 and leaders and Fellowship Hour Servers are invited to come to communion first.**

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 496 On Bread, One Body, ELW 247 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
 bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Ososŏ, Ososŏ



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG: ACS 985 Let Us Enter In (see next page)

1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
 2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
 3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.

Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
 Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
 Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.

Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
 Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
 Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er

Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
 Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
 sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Lord, I Don't Feel No Ways Tired" - Arr. Hailstork

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – READER: Harland Nelson; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; ASSISTING MINISTER: Reg Laursen; FELLOWSHIP: Gail Judisch, Carrie Solberg; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDERS: Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

MUSIC NOTES: Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) has written music in a variety of genres and styles, often incorporating spirituals and other folk material. Last year, his cantata, "A Knee on the Neck," was premiered by the National Philharmonic Chorale.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TODAY!

GOOD SHEPHERD INFORMATION SESSION today following worship in the Sanctuary. Pastor Amy, the Outreach and Hospitality Committee, and current members of the congregation will provide information and answer questions. **GOOD SHEPHERD WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY, FEB. 26.** If you are interested in membership in the congregation, please contact Pr. Amy or the church office.

FOOD DRIVE ENDS TODAY! Luther College Ministries has been challenged by Wartburg College Ministries to a food drive competition. The official challenge is between Luther/Good Shepherd and Wartburg/Redeemer, but donations are welcome from all! The competition is friendly, and the stakes are low - the losing college pastor has to lead one chapel service wearing the opposing school's gear. **Donations of the following are welcomed:** food (non-perishable, unopened), hygiene products (no razors), period care products, and financial donations as well. Monetary donations can be made out to "Luther College Ministries" with "Food Drive" in the memo and placed in the offering plate.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE (LDR) TO ASSIST EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA On February 6, two powerful earthquakes hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. Many thousand are dead and injured in the area. Severe weather conditions are complicating search and rescue efforts. LDR has been active in this region for several years, partnering with a number of regional and international agencies to support refugees in the area. Additional details about LDR's service in the area and during this emergency, as well as donation opportunities are here: community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis. You can give to support this work by giving to Good Shepherd and noting LDR middle east on your giving.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: This Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All are welcome on the third Wednesday of each month to come together to knit or crochet, share skills and conversation! Yarn and patterns are available.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS from Augsburg Fortress are now available for pick-up in the Gathering Space – donations to help cover the cost are welcome.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS DURING LENT During Lenten Soup Suppers, our Confirmands and Kelli will be sharing high and lows, talking about midweek worship, praying for each other, and blessing each other. This is a beautiful time together! You can experience this with these youth as a Confirmation mentor. If you can attend at least three of the suppers and would like to be part of this, please contact Pr. Amy.

OUTREACH AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE ISSUES A FIVE WEEK "INVITING CHURCH" CHALLENGE! Everyone at Good Shepherd is invited to participate in an "Inviting Church" Challenge, as referenced by Pastor Amy in her Words in the February Newsletter, pages 2-3: During the next 5 weeks, the Committee will share 5 Challenges to become not just a Welcoming Church, but an Inviting Church! Here's this week's challenge:

- **CHALLENGE 1:** *"Just go two blocks past my church and you'll be at the river."* Try using the phrase "my church" in a conversation with one person each week. It's as simple as talking with just one person one time each week during the month.

Opportunity to be part of the SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM. Are you interested in the intersection of faith and social justice? Would you like to put your faith into action by engaging in social justice work? Good Shepherd has a long history of social justice advocacy, including refugee resettlement, immigration, hunger, LGBTQ+ inclusion, voting rights, racial justice, and climate action. If you'd like to be part of this work, please join us during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, Feb. 19th. Questions? Contact Marion Pruitt-Jefferson @ mpruitt.jefferson58@gmail.com; text or call 563-379-6197.

STEPHANIE HOFF'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: Our member Stephanie has Stage 5 chronic kidney disease and needs a kidney transplant. Information about Stephanie and living kidney donation is available here: www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/

WISCONSIN SINGERS CONCERT: the University of Wisconsin-Madison's premier Broadway-caliber touring production is taking the stage at the Decorah High School Auditorium TODAY at 2:00 p.m., this is a must-see show that will entertain the entire family. More information on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

LUTHER COLLEGE ALUM TALK: "Soli Deo Gloria: Glorifying God through Understanding Associations of Health and Religiousness" on February 14th, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Valders Hall of Science. Dr. Alyssa Cheadle is an associate professor of psychology at Hope College.

ORGAN RECITAL: There is a free organ recital on Sunday, Feb 19th at 4:00 pm at the Center for Faith & Life at Luther College. Poster with more information is on the bulletin board by the Fellowship hall.

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: Caton Family, James Barth, Marion Hanson, Barbara Berg and Family, Stephanie Hoff, Donna Bahr, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, 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: Frank Barth (James Barth's Brother), 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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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 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)