

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 19 – Transfiguration of our Lord

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: "THROUGH MOANIN' PINES" - H. T. BURLEIGH

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ACS 1100 O Beauty Ever Ancient



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: ANCIENT BEAUTY, Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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***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.



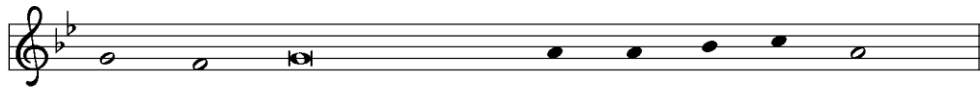
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.



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.

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18 - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 - *Psalm 99 is part of a small cluster of psalms (93-100) which praise God as king. This particular psalm praises God's character as the Holy One – a mighty king and lover of justice. Imagine how our world might look if all of our earthly leaders were truly “lovers of justice.”*

¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²**The LORD, | great in Zion,**

is high a- | bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;

God is the | Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;**

you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;

God is the | Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your | name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁹**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;**

for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21 -Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* **GOSPEL:** Matthew 17:1-9

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 917 Dazzling Presence on the Mountain (see next page)

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had
 2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ
 3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his
 4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses, nor E - li - jah,
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
 brings us now to sights un - seen.
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 as each life with grace is filled.
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956

Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960

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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

***OFFERING SONG:** ELW 473 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

***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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW Lamb of God, ELW 838 Beautiful Savior, ELW 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Beautiful Savior



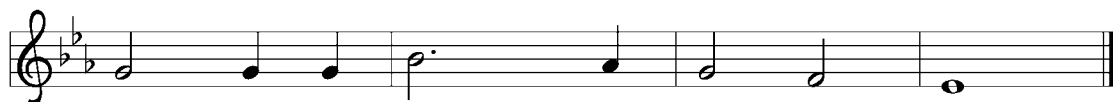
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



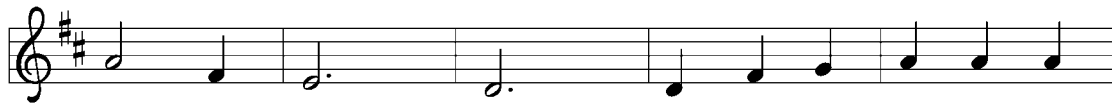
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG: ELW 306 Come, Beloved of the Maker

Come, Beloved of the Maker



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -
2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those
3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low
4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -
5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in
to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of
splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and
glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.
wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."
an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.
height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.
splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: JILL, David Cherwien, b. 1957
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***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Dave Peterson & Kris Peterson; READER: Harland Nelson; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; ASSISTING MINISTER: Kristin Kopperud-Stinn; FELLOWSHIP: Lindy Moeller; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

No Sunday School Programming Today! Programming will resume next Sunday, the 26th.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING 11:00 a.m., North end of the Fellowship Hall - If you are interested in the intersection of faith and social justice and would like to put your faith into action, please join Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson, convener, and others during Fellowship Hour today. For additional information, contact Pastor Marion: mpruitt-jefferson58@gmail.com or text or call 563-379-6197.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, Personal Morning Prayer with Pastors 7:00-9:00 AM 400 Water Street Plaza. Stop by on your way to work, school, or errands for 1-10 minutes. As long as you need and are able. Receive God's blessing and ashes. Good Shepherd, First, and Decorah Lutheran pastors will all be present in this public and accessible act of prayer and confession.

"INVITING CHURCH" CHALLENGE 2 from Outreach & Hospitality Committee: "School violence? (Gun control, immigration...) My church is hosting a forum about that next month." Consider one word or phrase that describes your congregation well, then use that word to finish the phrase: "My church is ____." Try doing this in conversation with one person per week during the month. When you start looking for opportunities to bring up your congregation in conversation, it's amazing how often they arise. *(learn more about these challenges in the February Monthly Newsletter accessible on the website under "News")*

GOOD SHEPHERD WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY, FEB. 26. If you are interested in membership in the congregation, please contact Pr. Amy.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. There is a service of Holy Communion at Good Shepherd Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at 7:00 pm.

SOUP SUPPERS: Soup suppers are back and begin following midweek worship on March 1st!

Lent with Good Shepherd, 2023: Open Our Lives, God

This Lent, we turn to God seeking release from all that binds us, seeking a spacious and expansive experience of God so that we may share God's love and mercy. During Sunday worship, we'll reflect on questions that can open us to deeper faith. During Wednesday Evening Prayer, we'll pray for God to open our eyes, hands, hearts, ears, and lives.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Good Shepherd will be hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday March 3 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March every year. The theme of the WDP 2023 program is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. All local churches are invited.

- We will be serving coffee along with fruit and muffins/coffee cake. Volunteers are needed to provide treats and also help serve. Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Space.

ADULT FORUM RESCHEDULED: The adult forum led by Russ Baldner previously scheduled for January is rescheduled for Sunday, March 5th in the Gathering Space. 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'.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL! Please join us for a free meal on Thursday, March 2nd, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome -- this is a free meal -- serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Northern Lights Chorale who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

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/

ERICA OUT OF OFFICE: I will be out of the office through March 2nd. Volunteers will be monitoring voicemail and email while I am away (Thank you to all the help!). They will pass on information as needed, or will wait for my return for me to get back to you. Thank you for your understanding. Please get in touch with Pr. Amy directly for any pastoral care needs: pastoramy@goodshepherddecorah.org - Cell 563-419-0140

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Mikey Slind, June Melby, 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 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)