

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



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March 12th – 3rd Sunday in Lent

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 ACS and hymn numbers (#) in back of ELW and ACS

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GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC - PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

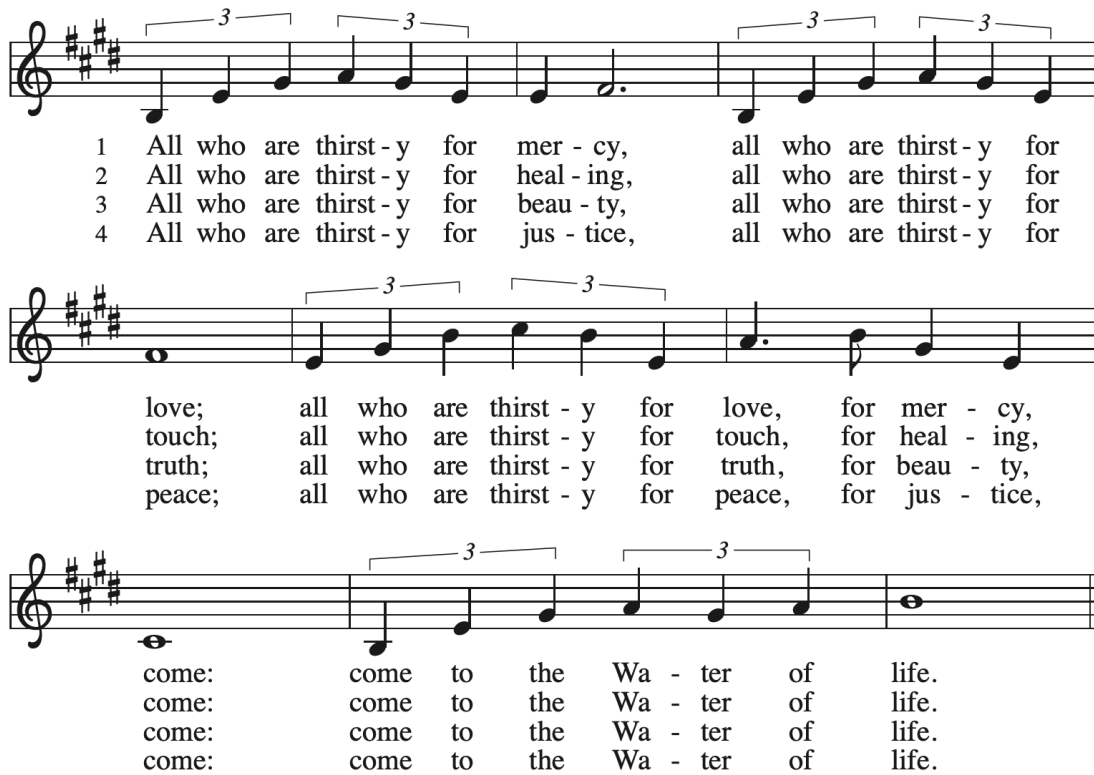
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: ACS p. 29-30

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.**

Amen.....Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. Blessed be God forever.

***GATHERING SONG: ACS 955 Come to the Water of Life vs. 1-2**




1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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*GREETING- KYRIE: ACS p. 30-31

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.**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7 Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷**For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of
God's hand. Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11-Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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* GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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 611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends: Merciful 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. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING *The Youth Lent Project, selected by our Confirmation students with a goal of \$5000, focuses on people who are unhoused. Donations will be shared locally with House of Hope, a shelter in Waterloo for single women, mothers, and children; and globally with those impacted by the ongoing crisis caused by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. You can place donations for this project in the Lego house in front of the altar or note Youth Lent project on gifts placed in offering plate.*

***OFFERING SONG:** ELW 472 Eat This Bread (see next page)

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY - LORDS PRAYER:** P. 36-39

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

O God triune, how majestic.... The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.....**
 The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.....** The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory. Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

Our Father....

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 777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty, ELW 807 Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| <p>5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING- SENDING SONG:** ELW 419 For All the Faithful Women - see next page. **Sing verses 1-2** (For all the faithful women....and Recall the outcast woman)

For All the Faithful Women

The Woman at the Well



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an with whom our Lord con-ver-sed:
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter to quench her deep - est thirst.
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
Like hers, our hearts are yearn-ing; Christ of - fers us his word.
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
Then may our lips be burn - ing to wit - ness to our Lord.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE:

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: John Moeller; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; READERS: Ruth Bruce & Richard Ylvisaker; ASSISTING MINISTER: Reg Laursen; FELLOWSHIP: Youth Led; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor Amy Zalk Larson

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“INVITING CHURCH” CHALLENGE 5 from the Outreach & Hospitality Committee: “Would you like to join me at church this Sunday?” Invite someone you know to come to worship with you. This seems to be the most frightening invitation for many to make. Remember, the basis of our identity as people of God is our new life given to us in Jesus Christ. When we quit pushing that

on others and simply be that through caring relationships, we reveal the love of God. And who knows? The neighbor you invited to church might just reveal something about God that you didn't know before.

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

Wednesday, March 15, Evening Prayer at 5:30pm, Soup Supper at 6:00pm. Theme: Open our Ears, God. Ancient Greek philosophy notes that we have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak. Jesus reminds us that we sometimes hear but don't listen, listen but don't understand. Opening our ears isn't as easy as it sounds.

LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS: Join for a simple soup supper at 6:00 pm each Wednesday following worship during lent. Bring a soup, help set-up/clean-up, or just come to enjoy the Fellowship! More information on the website and posters in the Gathering Space.

LENTEN RECITALS: Good Shepherd Sanctuary 12:15-12:45 pm – free and open to the public. More information can be found on the GS website. This week: **March 15 featuring renowned organist Jean-Baptiste Robin**

Items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits will be collected throughout Lent. Drop off donations in designated bins in the Gathering Space. Items needed include new, dark-colored, light-weight bath towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"); bath-size, wrapped bars of soap (4-5 ounces each), any brand; new adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging; sturdy new combs (remove packaging); new metal nail clippers with attached file optional (remove packaging). Kits will be assembled on Wednesday, March 22.

ADULT FORUM SERIES: SERMON ON THE MOUNT: Join Pastor Melissa Bills, Luther College Director of College Ministries, College Pastor, and Good Shepherd member, for a series of **four Adult Forums beginning TODAY, at 10:50 a.m. in the Gathering Space.** She will lead us through videos and discussion topics from the series Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 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.

BABY CARE KIT ITEM COLLECTION: The CLA Circle will be assembling world relief baby care kits Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 pm. A plastic tote is in the Gathering Space to collect donations. We especially are in need of: cloth diapers, receiving blankets, infant sleepers up to 24 months size.

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/

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday-Tuesday: 10:00-5:00 pm, Friday: 8:00-10:00 am

PRAYER LIST: Good Shepherd Family: Laura Barlament, Martha Monson Lowe, Naomi Craft, Sue Luzum, Marv & Mickey Slind, June Melby, the Caton Family, James Barth, Marion Hanson, 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:** Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson in South Sudan for LDR), Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother), Frank Barth (James Barth's Brother), Sylvia Clisham (member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry), Parents of Dan Raney, Richard Caton (Brian's father), Diane Borness (Sister of Marilyn Anderson), The family of Luke Hackman (Friends of the Bureshs), 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), 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), 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:

