

## **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



**Midweek Lenten Worship  
Open Our Ears, God**

**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)**

Hymn numbers (#) in back of ELW and ACS

congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### \*OPENING LITANY:

As children, we hear: **Don't touch! Slow down!**

As teenagers, we hear: **Your curfew begins in an hour.**

As adults, we hear: **Cash or credit?**

In the water and the word, we hear: **You are loved, my precious child.**

#### \*GATHERING SONG: ACS 1084 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



- 1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
- 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
- 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
- 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
- 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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\***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:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

## BODY PRAYER repeat after pastor

Open my eyes, Lord. (*Point toward your eyes*)

Open my hands, Lord. (*Stretch out your hands*)

Open my ears, Lord. (*Point toward your ears*)

Open my heart, Lord. (*Place your hands over your heart*)

Open my life, Lord. (*Raise your arms up to God*)

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-5- Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 13:10-17- Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

In groups of 2 people who don't live in the same house, take turns sharing- 30 seconds per turn. Listen for the chime to note when to change speakers.

1. Share about a person whose voice helps you feel calm.
2. Share about a sound in nature that brings you joy.

**\*HYMN:** ELW 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs. 1-4, 6



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,<br>O fallen human race!<br>Look and be saved through faith alone,<br>be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love<br>be now and ever giv'n<br>by saints below and saints above,<br>the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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### **\*PRAYER LITANY**

Lord of all life, when we cannot see the beauty of your creation,  
**open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow.**

When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving,  
**open our hands to do your work in the world.**

When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst,  
**open our ears, that all will know your love.**

When we are hardened against our neighbor,  
**open our hearts and heal our resentment.**

When we are closed to the grace you long to give us,  
**open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **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 house in front of the altar or note **Youth Lent project** on gifts placed in offering plate.*

**OFFERING PRAYER** Let us pray... **Amen.**

#### **\*BLESSING**

**\*HYMN:** ELW 513 Listen, God is Calling (see next page)

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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## POSTLUDE

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** – ASSISTING MINISTER: Kris Peterson; USHER: Dave Peterson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor Amy Zalk Larson

**SOUP SUPPER FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** All are invited to join in a community meal of soup together following worship in the Fellowship Hall! Confirmation students and mentors go first through the line so that you can have time together during soup.

**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.**

- March 22 musicians from the Good Shepherd community will perform a program of solo and chamber music

- March 29 students from the organ studio of Alexander Meszler, college organist at Luther College, will perform

**ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS** will be collected throughout Lent. Drop off donations in designated bins in the Gathering Space outside the Sanctuary. 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 at the end of the soup supper time on Wednesday, March 22.**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN SOUP SUPPER FOLLOWING 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 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)