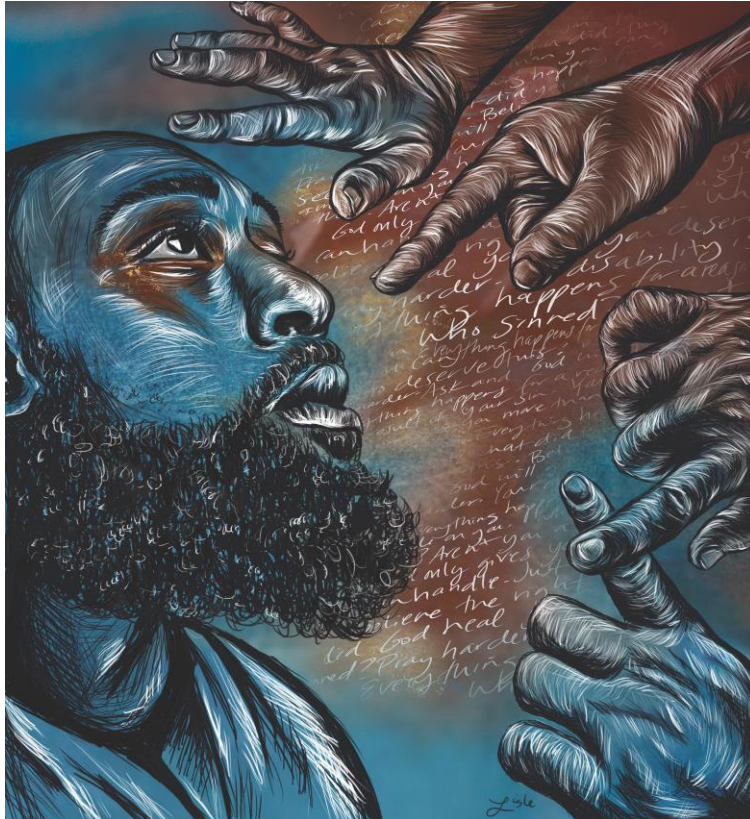


## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



March 19th – 4th 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

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

### GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC:** “Prelude For A Pensive Pupil” - Peggy Glanville-Hicks

**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.**

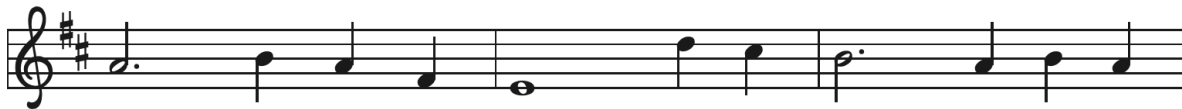
As tender as parent to child....Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**\*GATHERING SONG:** ACS 1017 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



1 “Come to me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; come to  
2 “Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not  
3 “Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my  
4 “Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -  
fear, my bur - den’s light; do not fear the path be -  
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -  
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.”  
fore you; do not run from me in fright.”  
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.”  
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.”

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

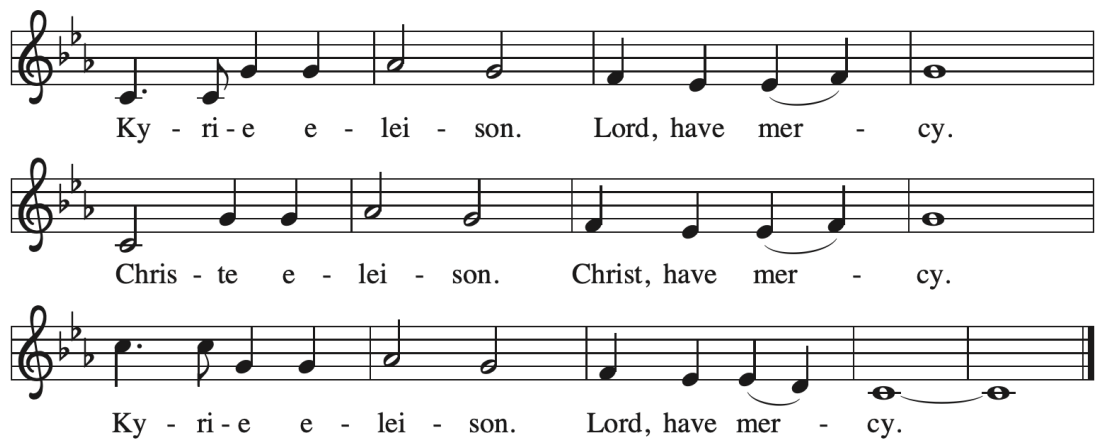
Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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**\*GREETING- KYRIE:** ACS p. 30-31



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

### WORD

**FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** —*Psalm 23 is undoubtedly the most beloved of all the psalms. Its beautiful imagery of God as gentle shepherd and gracious host, has inspired and comforted the faithful for millennia.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:8-14 -Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *remain seated for Gospel Acclamation and Gospel*



## GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

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: ACS 1020 Let My Spirit Always Sing



1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be  
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -  
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and  
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair  
gaze my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern  
chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,  
an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my  
how much more there is to learn, see a world be -  
to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be  
know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.  
com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.  
full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.  
on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: SPIRITSONG, Jane Marshall, 1924–2019

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**\*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:** “Wondrous Love” - Sacred Harp

**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 cardboard house in front of the altar or note **Youth Lent Project** on gifts placed in offering plate (please don't use the word Syria as government sanctions make that complicated).*

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ACS 918 Now Is The Time of Grace



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on 2 Corinthians 6:2 and Isaiah 58:6-9

Music: TIME OF GRACE, Marty Haugen

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**\*OFFERING 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.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

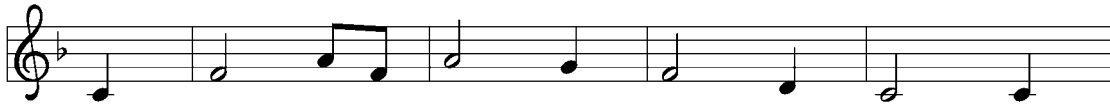
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high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

....The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**  
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 The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**  
 Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

**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 768 Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW 779 Amazing Grace

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

### \* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***BLESSING- SENDING SONG:** ELW 722 O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate see *next page*



## O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate





**Art on the bulletin cover, on display, and used in today's worship:** *Insight* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity – inspired by John 9:8-41. Original silk painting with digital drawing and collage. Purchased from A Sanctified Art LLC ©

Music notes: Peggy Glanville-Hicks (1912-1990) was an Australian composer and music critic. Clara Schumann (1819-1896) was a German pianist, composer, and piano teacher.

## **LENT WITH GOOD SHEPHERD, 2023: OPEN OUR LIVES, GOD**

**Today's question: Who Sinned?**

**Wednesday, March 22nd**, Evening Prayer at 5:30pm, Soup Supper at 6:00pm. **Theme: Open our Hearts, God.** Listening to Paul's teaching, Lydia opened her heart to God and was baptized. Her willing, trusting faith echoes down through the centuries as we witness her "open heart procedure." Seminarian Kristin Kopperud-Stinn will offer a reflection from her own experience.

**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 22nd features members of the Good Shepherd Congregation!**

**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 in the Fellowship Hall following the Soup Supper!**

**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 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.

**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.

## **SPRING PLANTS OR FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER**

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Altar Guild welcomes contributions for these services **on April 8 and 9.** They can be designated in memory or honor of friends and loved ones. Please **provide names** to the Church Office **no later than Wednesday, April 5**, and have contributions **delivered to the Gathering Space by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.** All arrangements are made individually, not through the Church Office. You are welcome to remove your plant/flowers after the Easter Sunday service.

- Due to sensitivities to odors and pollen, Easter lilies (or other lilies) are not placed in the sanctuary. Altar Guild suggestions include azaleas, tulips, daffodils, bulb gardens, kalanchoes, hydrangeas, pansies, roses. **Note:** The Country Garden is taking orders, **no later than Thursday, March 23**, for the following: Hydrangeas (\$50), Azaleas (\$35), Kalanchoes (\$30), and Daisy Mums (\$30). Direct questions to **Elizabeth Kaschins**, Altar Guild chair, [elizabethkaschins@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethkaschins@gmail.com) or 419-0764.

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

## **RESPONSES NEEDED BEFORE MARCH 27 REGARDING REINSTATEMENT OF FAMILY**

**DETENTION ON US-MEXICO BORDER:** *Friends, as your AMMPARO representative I am asking you to reach out to the Biden administration prior to March 27, at which time they intend to reinstate family detention at the US-Mexico border to deter families from coming to the US to seek safety. Faith groups are reaching out to the administration, calling for welcome to the sojourner, protection of the vulnerable, and the pursuit of justice for immigrants. Blessings, Marty Steele*

- To send a message to the Biden administration via Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, go to [lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/44458/](http://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/44458/) Or submit a public comment in opposition via the Interfaith Immigration Coalition at [immigrationjustice.quorum.us/campaign/44910/](http://immigrationjustice.quorum.us/campaign/44910/)
- Sample letter: Please do not reinstate detention of families seeking asylum in the U.S. My faith calls us to welcome the stranger, especially those fleeing violence and danger. I urge President Biden to keep his campaign promise to invest in humane alternatives to family detention, such as case management programs. These programs would cost much less than detention, would allow families to live with dignity as they work to satisfy immigration requirements, and would allow our nation respect as a humanitarian leader.
- For additional information from the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, go to [www.interfaithimmigration.org/2023/03/07/people-of-faith-express-outrage-regarding-bidens-plans-to-reinstate-detention-of-migrant-families/](http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/2023/03/07/people-of-faith-express-outrage-regarding-bidens-plans-to-reinstate-detention-of-migrant-families/)

**USHERS, WORSHIP LEADERS, & YOUTH PROGRAM LEADERS REQUESTED:** Each week services and youth programming are supported by volunteers from the community – help in a way that is right for you! Each Sunday requests an: usher, assisting minister, reader, fellowship/food/coffee support, youth program support people. Learn more on the website about what the roles entail or talk to a community member to learn more!

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Monday: 8:00-10:00 am, Wednesday-Thursday: 10:00-5:00 pm

## **PRAYER LIST:**

**Good Shepherd Family:** Abby Larson, Laura Barlament, Martha Monson Lowe, Naomi Craft, Sue Luzum, Marv & Mickey Slind, June Melby, 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, Kathryn Thompson, and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn

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



***We confess*** by what we have done and left undone that we have perpetuated systems of racial injustice and violence. (Micah 6:8)

***We acknowledge*** that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the Ioway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers. (2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery)