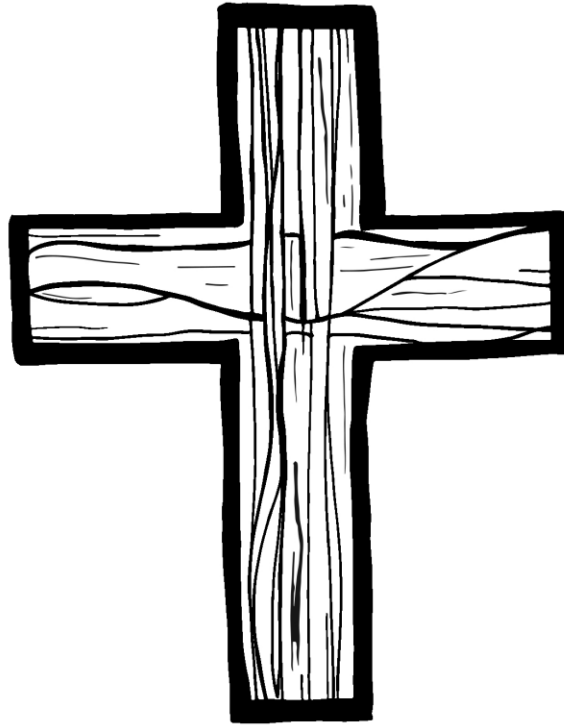


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 Life, 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: “Prelude in G# minor” - J. S. Bach

*OPENING LITANY:

When our lives are joyous and laughter abounds, **Christ is dwelling there.**

When the news is grim and we have nowhere to turn, **Christ is dwelling there.**

In the water and word, the bread and wine, **Christ is dwelling there.**

In our life and our death, in the new life to come, **Christ is dwelling there.**

***GATHERING SONG:** ELW 816 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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 with help from kids

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

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

Galatians 2:19-20: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

POETRY

"The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

"Dead Stars" by Ada Limón

REFLECTION *(in pairs, one minute per person)*

What captures your attention in God's creation?


What opens you to wonder, to prayer, to loving more?

***HYMN:** ELW 583 Take My Life, That I May Be (see next page)


Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estrillo




To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;


To stanzas *Last time*




y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estrillo

3 Que mis labios al hablar
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estrillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estrillo

***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: "Crucifixion" - Samuel Barber

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:** ACS 1034 When It Seems the Day Will End *see next page*



1 When it seems the day will end, and all
 2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
 3 When it seems the day will end, and a



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
 low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
 cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
 gain, and with you now en - ter in.
 been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep-ing, joy and weep-ing, in your call-ing. in your call - ing.

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POSTLUDE: "Fugue in G# minor" - J. S. Bach

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – ASSISTING MINISTER: Tom Buresh;
 POETRY READERS: Lise Kildegaard, USHERS: Jim Buzza & Victor Biedermann; 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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 2

- **Palm Sunday Processional:** Children and Youth will help lead the Palm Sunday



processional. Look for Kelli by the fellowship hall!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6

- **12:15pm:** Brief, Simple Service of Holy Communion- masks required
- **7pm:** Full Worship w Personal Absolution, Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

- **All Day:** Family Friendly Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary for personal prayer
- **1:00 PM** Egg dying in the Kitchen – open to all youth!
- **7pm:** Jazz Worship with the Stations of the Cross, Reflections on “The Cross and the Lynching Tree”

EASTER VIGIL, Saturday April 8

- **7pm** A Service of Fire, Scripture, Water, & Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th

- **9:30 am** Festival Worship with Good Shepherd Band; Holy Communion
- **Brunch** Following Worship – hosted by GS Youth & Mission Endowment Fund.

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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 trust in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

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)

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)