

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 5th – 2nd 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: “Waltz” - Libby Larsen

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: ACS p. 29-30

***GATHERING SONG:** ACS 924 As the Winter Days Grow Longer



1 As the win - ter days grow long-er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos-som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn-ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet-ness, lur - ing hearts to thank-ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a- Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Psalm 121 is among the best loved of all the psalms. Traveling the dangerous roads of Palestine, the psalmist wonders: From where is my help to come? The unequivocal answer is that it is the Lord, the creator of heaven and earth, who is our helper in times of danger and turmoil. The final verse is a benediction for the pilgrim, promising God's faithful presence for all eternity.

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

²**My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17-Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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* GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

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 948 Womb of Life and Source of Being

Womb of Life and Source of Being



- 1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
- 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
- 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
- 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: RAQUEL, Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1944-1992

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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!

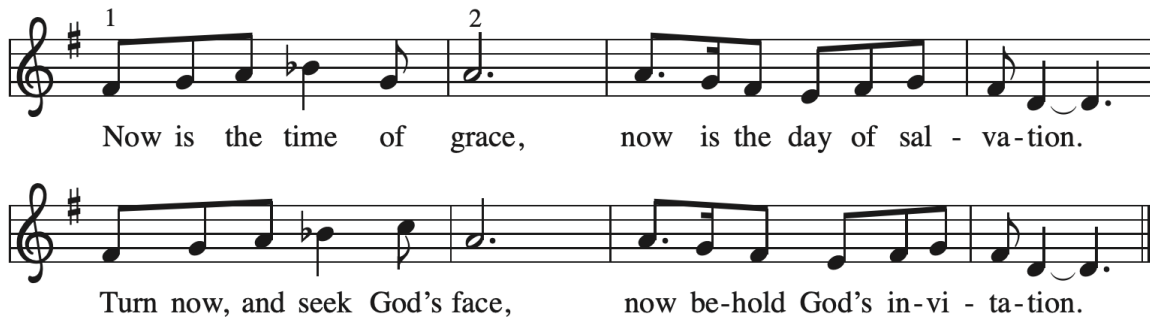
OFFERTORY MUSIC: In Paradisum - Nadia Boulanger

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: 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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***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. **Sunday school youth and leaders and Fellowship Hour Servers are invited to come to communion first.***

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 735 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth, ELW 407 O Living Breath of God, ELW 451 We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413

Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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O Living Breath of God



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir - it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune

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We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker
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* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG: ELW 325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

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

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "My God is a rock - arr. Daniel Kallman

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Russ Freerking, Jerry Aulwes;
 CANTOR: Karin Martin-Hiner; READER: Marv Slind; ASSISTING MINISTER: Ruth Bruce;
 FELLOWSHIP: Jeri Laursen, Doris Barnaal, Ingrid Callaghan; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor Amy Zalk Larson

Art on display and used in today's worship: *Renacimiento* by Carmelle Beaugelin – inspired by John 3:1-17. Original conte crayon, charcoal, acrylic, gold gild on paper. Purchased from A Sanctified Art LLC ©

Music notes for today's service: Libby Larsen (b. 1950) is a Minneapolis-based composer and one of the founders of the American Composers Forum. Lili Boulanger (1893-1918) was a French composer and the first female winner of the Prix de Rome, one of the most significant prizes for composers. **Thanks to Aurora and their conductor, Adrianna Tam, for the beautiful music this morning!**

“INVITING CHURCH” CHALLENGE 4 from the Outreach & Hospitality Committee: “Check out my church’s volunteer day at the food pantry.” Invite one person to check out something in which your congregation is involved. This should be done in appropriate conversations when an opening naturally presents itself—it should not feel forced or manipulated. By now, hopefully this feels more comfortable and you are more attuned to ways to bring church into your everyday conversations. *(learn more about these challenges in the February Monthly Newsletter accessible on the website under “News”)*

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

Wednesday, March 8, Evening Prayer at 5:30pm, Soup Supper at 6:00pm. Theme: Open Our Hands, God We use our hands to pick up a child, to serve a meal, to play an instrument, to wipe away a tear. Jesus used his hands for healing and for deeds of great power, and the psalmist reminds us that we are always held fast in God’s hands. In Deuteronomy, Moses encourages us to open our hands in service to others.

LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS: Because Lent is a season of reflection, preparation, and liturgical fasting, we embrace the idea of simplicity in our Lenten Soup Suppers. A humble meal shared together, deepens and extends the themes of Lent expressed in our worship services. Our Simple Soup Suppers will offer Soup (including vegetarian, vegan, and G-F), Crackers, Milk, and Water. The SSS are scheduled to begin at 6:00, following the Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer services on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Committee members Stephanie Hoff and Elizabeth Kaschins are the Coordinators for each Supper. A crew of five volunteers from the congregation is needed each week to host, set up, help with serving, and clean up.

Confirmation During Lent: There are no Confirmation classes during Lent so that Confirmands and their families can attend Lent worship and soup suppers. Confirmands will meet with Confirmation mentors during soup supper.

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 15** featuring renowned organist Jean-Baptiste Robin
- **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 on Wednesday, March 22.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: 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’.

YOUTH/FAMILY LED FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be on Sunday, March 12th More information about the Lenten youth project will be shared during this Fellowship Hour!

There is a **YOUTH EVENT** Saturday, March 11th from 2:00-4:00 pm to help prepare treats and table centerpieces for this Sunday in connection to the Lent Project.

PASTOR MELISSA BILLS TO PRESENT 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 Sunday, March 12, at 10:50 a.m. in the Gathering Space** (the room with a TV outside the Sanctuary). 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. These are no-homework, no-prep Adult Forums; but if you'd like to read the accompanying book of the same title, copies are available at Dragonfly Books in Decorah. Watch for additional information in the March newsletter.

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/

MARCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DELAYED: Due to Erica being out of the office through March 2nd, the monthly newsletter will be late in being published until THIS WEEK. Stay up to date on news from the weekly newsletter and the website.

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

UPDATE FROM THE DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: Thanks to the generosity of individuals, organizations and congregations, the Decorah Community Food Pantry in the last calendar year was able to provide 624 individuals with needed food. These individuals made 6001 visits to our Pantry and were given a total of 289,462 pounds of food. **Currently we are having a hard time keeping all types of pasta on our shelves. So if you wish to help, drop off boxes of pasta any day at the Pantry (110 Railroad Street) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Madison 4-H Soup Supper: Sun., March 12 • 4-7 pm Madison Lutheran Church 2658 Madison Rd., Ridgeway, IA Serving: Chili • Chicken Noodle Vegetable Beef with Dumpling
Cost: ADULTS: \$10 • CHILDREN (10 & UNDER): \$5 PRESCHOOL FREE Tickets available through Madison 4-H Members, at Serenity Fitness or at the door. Carryout's Available!

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: 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, 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), 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 lament that the white Church in the United States, through its dominant place in our country's culture and history, has actively constructed, justified, and sustained systems of racial injustice and violence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has marginalized Lutheran Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and communities and perpetuated a patriarchal, monocultural and racially segregated status quo. (From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019)