

## **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



**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Passion and Palm Sunday**

**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 - Begin in Fellowship Hall as able

#### \*WELCOME – ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** (*repeat*)

#### \*SONG ACS #928 Pave the Way with Branches (taught by Liz Rog)



\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

*\*Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla

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#### \*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*BLESSING OF PALMS: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...

#### \*PROCESSION


Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** (*repeat*)

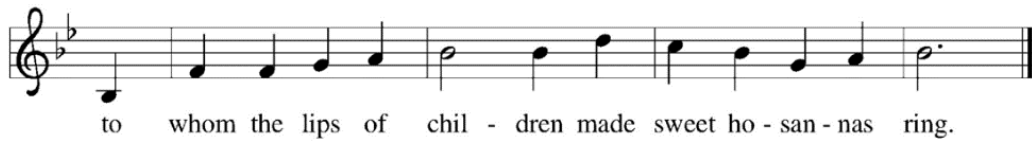
*We process outside down and up the sidewalks and into the sanctuary singing **Pave the Way with Branches**. Children lead procession, following behind the cross, with Kelli and Pr. Amy.*

**\*GATHERING SONG:** ELW 344 All Glory, Laud and Honor vs. 3-5 *Begin singing when most are in sanctuary. Adults, place your palm in front of the altar and then and go to your seats. Kids you can keep following Kelli around the sanctuary waving palms!*

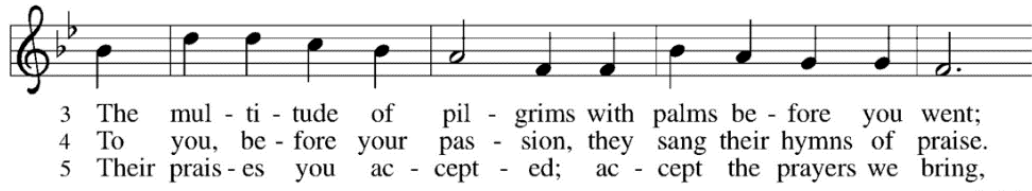
*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,

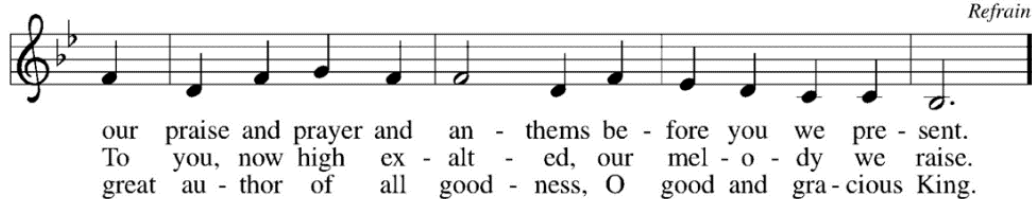


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring.

*Refrain*



our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **WORD**

**READING:** Isaiah 50:4-9a - Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 31:9-16

*Psalm 31 is the fervent prayer of a person who is enduring immense suffering – in body, mind, and spirit. But the despair does not extinguish the petitioner’s faith, for they are yet able to proclaim: You are my God! My times are in your hand.*

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.**

**I have said, “You | are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;**

**save me in your | steadfast love.”**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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



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



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**GOSPEL:** Matthew 27:11-54

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord**

*The assembly participates near the beginning of the reading:*

Pilate: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

**All: "Barabbas."**

Pilate: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

**All: "Let him be crucified!"**

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?" **All: "Let him be crucified!"**

Pilate: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

**All: "His blood be on us and on our children!"**

*The assembly rises as Jesus is led away to be crucified.*

*The assembly observes a moment of silence after Jesus breathes his last.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## REFLECTION

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 343 My Song is Love Unknown vs. 1,3-5

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| 1 | My song is love unknown,<br>my Savior's love to me,<br>love to the loveless shown<br>that they might lovely be.<br>Oh, who am I that for my sake<br>my Lord should take frail flesh and<br>die? | 4 | We cry out; we will have<br>our dear Lord made away,<br>a murderer to save,<br>the prince of life to slay.<br>Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes<br>that he his foes from thence might<br>free.  |
| 3 | Sometimes we strew his way<br>and his sweet praises sing;<br>resounding all the day<br>hosannas to our king.<br>Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,<br>and for his death we thirst and cry.      | 5 | In life no house, no home<br>my Lord on earth might have;<br>in death no friendly tomb<br>but what a stranger gave.<br>What may I say? Heav'n was his home<br>but mine the tomb wherein he lay. |

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *each petition ends: Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

**YOUTH LENT PROJECT TEMPLE TALK**

**\*PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

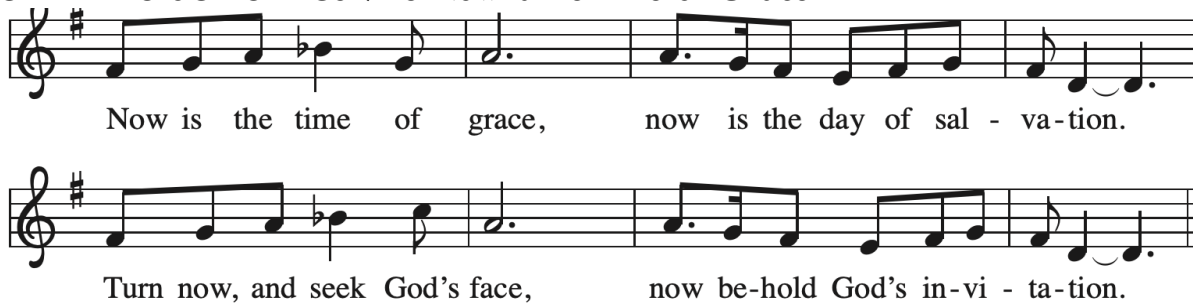
*We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel.*

## **MEAL**

**OFFERTORY:** “Go to Dark Gethsemane” - Richard Redhead

**OFFERING** *The Youth Lent Project 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 P. 36-39 LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 39 Our Father in Heaven...

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

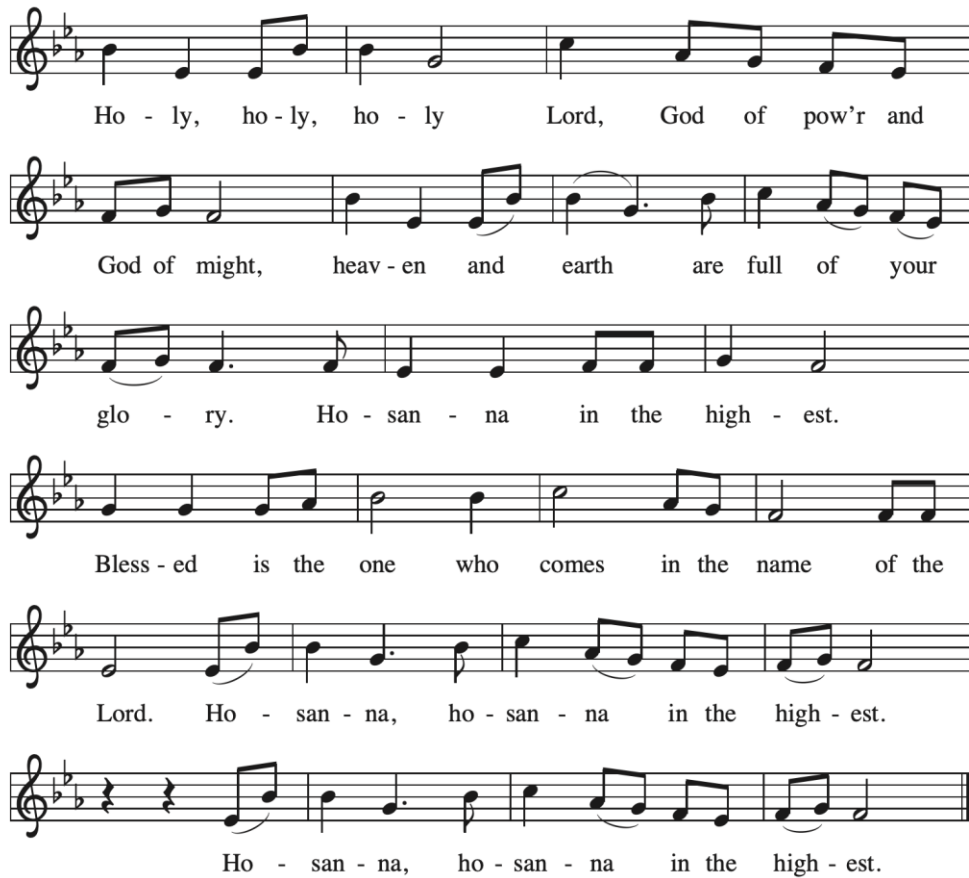
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



.....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.**

... 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:** Lamb of God P. 40, ELW 338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus, ELW 351 O Sacred head Now Wounded, 335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612



## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

### \*TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane

## Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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

**PRAYER BELL- POSTLUDE:** 'Fugue on "Redhead" - Brooke Joyce

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** – USHERS: Dave Peterson, Russ Freerking; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; ASSISTING MINISTER: Ruth Bruce; READER: Kris Peterson; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; PROCESSIONAL SONG LEADER: Liz Rog; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor Amy Zalk Larson.

The **PALMS** we used today are Eco-Palms, a Lutheran World Relief Project. In the harvesting communities of Mexico and Guatemala, workers are paid fairly, the rain forest is protected, and sustainable livelihoods are created. **Everyone is welcome to take some palms home.**

**Art on the bulletin cover, on display, and used in today's worship:** *POWER PLAY* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity– inspired by Matthew 21:1-11. Original silk painting with digital drawing and collage. Digital print and copyright purchased from A Sanctified Art LLC ©

**PALM SUNDAY SALE OF PALESTINIAN HANDWORK:** Today outside of the Fellowship Hall there is a sale of Palestinian handiwork. The selection will include olive oil, scarves, Jerusalem crosses, olive wood, olive oil soap, L'arche felt Easter eggs, and more, focusing on the Easter

season and Spring. Cash and checks accepted. Thank you for your help in supporting the Palestinian community! The sale is sponsored by members Martha Monson Lowe and George Lowe, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to Palestinian artists and craftspeople.

### **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.

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **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 9**

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

**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).

**ADULT FORUM SERIES: SERMON ON THE MOUNT:** Join Pastor Melissa Bills, Luther College Director of College Ministries, College Pastor, and Good Shepherd member, for **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.

**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/)

**FIRST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS:** (Jan.-March) are available upon request from the Church Office. You can request a print or digital copy of your giving statement at any time in the year, and paper copies will be mailed at the halfway point in the year and end of the year.

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR EPIC SCHOLARSHIPS:** (Educational Partners in Covenant) for the 2023--2024 academic year. Any Good Shepherd member attending an ELCA college or university is eligible to apply. The annual scholarships, awarded through the Good Shepherds Mission Endowment Fund, is for \$1000 and is typically matched by the qualifying college or university. For more information or to get an application contact the church office or any member of the MEF Committee. Applications must be returned to the church office by May 1st.

**UPDATE ON NEW PRINT CHURCH DIRECTORY:** A new print church directory is available for **pick up today**, since our online directory will be taken down Monday, April 3. Our online directory experienced a series of hacks, so a print directory will provide needed information until a new church management system is selected. Households are asked to pick up their directory today and if that's not possible, directories will be delivered or mailed. Contact the Church Office with any questions.

**MOWING SEASON!** Mowing Season is about to arrive at Good Shepherd, and we are looking for 2 volunteers a week April 10-Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. More information and a sign-up are on the website under "Sign-Ups" and on the table in the Gathering Space.

**EWALU Spring Work Weekend May 5-6:** Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects around camp. Lodging and meals provided free of charge. Please RSVP to [camp@ewalu.org](mailto:camp@ewalu.org) or call 563-933-4700.

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Monday 8-10:00 am, Thursday-Friday: 10-5:00 pm – office hours will flux to prepare for Holy Week. Please **note next week the office will be closed on Easter Monday**.

#### **PRAYER LIST:**

**Good Shepherd Family:** Rolf Svanoë, Abby Larson, Laura Barlament, Martha Monson Lowe, Melanie Folkerts, Naomi Craft, Sue Luzum, Marv & Mickey Slind, James Barth, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, Donna Bahr, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, 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 traveling as director of Lutheran Disaster Response), Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother), Karen & John Silseth (brother and sister in law of Kris Peterson), Frank Barth (James Barth's Brother), Sylvia Clisham (member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry), Parents of Dan Raney, Richard Caton (Brian's father), 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), 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 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)