

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 16th – Second Sunday in Easter

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: “Be Not Afraid” - Knut Nystedt

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright vs. 1,2,4



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16 - *Psalm 16 begins as a prayer to God for protection and concludes with a lavish expression of thanksgiving. It is this psalm the Peter quotes in the reading from Acts that we have just heard.*

¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

³But those who run after | other gods
 shall have their troubles | multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,**
never take their names up- | on my lips.

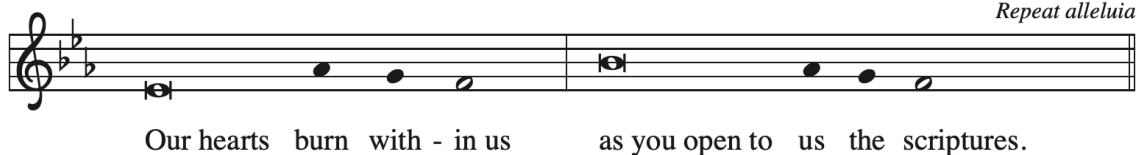
⁵O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
 it is you who up- | hold my lot.
⁶**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;**
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.
⁷I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
 my heart teaches me night | after night.
⁸**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;**
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.
⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
 my body also shall | rest in hope.
¹⁰**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,**
nor let your holy one | see the pit.
¹¹**You will show me the | path of life;**
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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: ELW 390 The Risen Christ

The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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 Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Grotorex, 1877-1949
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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends: God of mercy, 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!

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Work" - Melissa Dunphy

***OFFERING SONG:** ACS 1037 Christ Our Peace see next page

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and a bass staff. The first system's lyrics are 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;'. The second system's lyrics are 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.' The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY P. 36-37**

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.**

***LORDS PRAYER:** P. 39 Our Father in Heaven...

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:



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

p. 40 Be known to us; ELW 382 Christ is Risen! Alleluia!; ELW 363 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turs to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris-ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

SENDING

* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 388 Be Not Afraid *sung twice*

Be Not Afraid

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: “Blessed Be” - Melanie Demore

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Dave Judisch, John Moeller; CANTOR: Pr. Melissa Bills; READERS: Connie Buresh; ASSISTING MINISTER: Tom Buresh; FELLOWSHIP: Lindy Moeller, Jim Buzza, Kathy Buzza, Sandhya Purohit Caton; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor Susan Friedrich

Thank you to the Luther College Cathedral Choir and their director, Mark Potvin, for their music this morning! You can hear the rest of their program this afternoon at 4 pm in the CFL.

FINAL SERMON ON THE MOUNT ADULT FORUM TODAY: Join Pastor Melissa Bills, Luther College Director of College Ministries, College Pastor, and Good Shepherd member, in the Gathering Space for the last in a series of four Adult Forums. The forums center on the video series, *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, with Pastor Melissa leading discussion based on the series.

ST. GRUBBY'S DAY: Following worship and a quick beverage and snack, people of all ages are invited to roll up their sleeves and help clean up both the inside and outside of the church. (Wear your “grubbies” to church!) Job assignments will be given that day, with a pizza lunch afterwards

in the Fellowship Hall. There are no Sunday School or Youth Group meetings to allow students to participate in St. Grubby's Day.

- Please RSVP as able on the table in the Gathering Space or on the link in the weekly email to let the Facilities and Grounds Committee know any restrictions you have, so they can better assign tasks

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: 1-3:00 pm in the Gathering Space this Wednesday, April 19th. All are welcome on the third Wednesday of each month to come together to knit or crochet, share skills and conversation! Yarn and patterns are available.

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/

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

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.

Northern Lights Women's Chorus CONCERT TODAY: The Northern Lights Women's Chorus will present its spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Decorah Lutheran Church. The 48-member ensemble, composed of singers from Decorah and surrounding communities, will perform a variety of beautiful choral music centered on the theme of "Illuminating Love." Learn more on the poster by the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT! FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall. All middle school and high school youth are invited to another fun game night! Friends are welcome as well. Soda and juice will be provided. Participants are invited to bring a snack that has their favorite color on it.

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 or call 563-933-4700.

FURNITURE-HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED: Moving? Or Spring Cleaning? The Immigration Working Group (IWG) of the Northeast Iowa Peace & Justice Center has a ministry of providing

furniture items to newly-relocated immigrants in our area. There is a consistent need for beds (particularly Queen, Full, Twin, TwinXL, Bunk or other beds (mattresses & box springs); bed frames of all sizes -- either wood or adjustable metal; dressers, dining tables & chairs, working flat-screen televisions; also a need for Twin XL bottom sheets. We have a storage unit in Freeport where items can be delivered; or we can arrange to have items picked up from you. CONTACT Kathi Mitchell (kathimitchell1954@gmail.com or TEXT ONLY 563-419-6795). THANKS in advance.

TLOU HOUSE OPEN HOUSE: Hla Tlou and her family are excited to open the doors to the Tlou House in Decorah in a celebration and thanksgiving to all the community support in getting the home ready. **Friday, April 28th from 4:00-9:00 pm at 407 Leif Erickson Dr.** Hla encourages all to “stop by, walk through the house, grab a beverage, socialize, grab a hamburger and/or hot dog, share their opinions/suggestions, and enjoy what I hope will be a few hours of the Decorah Community reconnecting.”

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday 8:00-9:00 am, Wednesday-Thursday 10:00-5:00 pm, Friday 8:00-10:00 am in office. Other days are work from home via email & voicemail.

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Rolf Svanoë, Abby Larson, Laura Barlament, Martha Monson Lowe, Naomi Craft, Sue Luzum, Marv & Mickey Slind, James Barth, Melanie Folkerts, 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: The family of Amber Einck (friend of Jane Borelli), Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson), 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 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 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)

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)

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)