

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

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April 30 - Jazz Worship & Racial Justice Reaffirmation 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.

Today in worship we center the sounds and stories of Black American music. We'll sing familiar hymns and liturgy in new ways that reflect the history of the spirituals, jazz, and Afro-Caribbean music. In this music, we hear hope and lamentation, joy and dance, and the cultural imperative towards community, self-expression and creativity. In a society that violently suppressed individual freedom through enslavement and Jim Crow segregation, Black American music was both a means of survival and a form for expression of the deep spiritual need to express one's whole self. In bringing this music to worship in a predominantly white church, we challenge and reject the expressions of white supremacy that emphasize Eurocentric cultural traditions as superior to all others. By singing Black American music in worship we unequivocally lift up and celebrate the full humanity of Americans of African descent and all people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW (red book)**, All Creation Sings-**ACS (purple book)**
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "The Shepherd (Who Watches Over The Night Flock)" - by Duke Ellington and Cootie Williams

"The Shepherd" appears on Ellington's Second Sacred Concert as a feature for trumpeter Cootie Williams. It is written in honor of Lutheran pastor John Gensel, who ministered to Duke Ellington and the jazz community in New York City at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Manhattan.

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME- ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACIAL JUSTICE LITANY: *The assembly joins the parts in bold. Leaders will read the statement, noted in italics, so that we can all reflect upon it.*

We proclaim.

We proclaim that God has created the diversity of humankind in God's image and we are all equal and beloved children of God. Racism and white supremacy are evils that estrange us from one another, from God, and from the fullness of our humanity.

May all that we say and do proclaim your love, O God.

We are in need.

We are in need of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy.

Liberate us, O God.

We confess.

We confess by what we have done and left undone that we have perpetuated systems of racial injustice and violence.

Hear our confession now O God; and liberate us.

We acknowledge.

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.

We name this truth before you, O God.

We lament.

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.

Hear our laments, and the laments of all your people, O God.

We trust.

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.

We trust you. Help us to do your work, O God.

We commit.

We commit to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation.

We commit to live as your people, O God.

We publicly declare.

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.

Guide our paths, O God. Amen.

We join now in prayer and praise of the Risen One who provides all that we need for this holy work.

***GATHERING SONG:** ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright vs. 1-3 see next page

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



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** 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 OF THE DAY... Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47 - Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23: *Psalm 23 is undoubtedly the most beloved of all the psalms. It occurs 4 times in our 3 year cycle of readings, and is always heard on this 4th Sunday of Easter. Its beautiful imagery of God as gentle shepherd and gracious host, has inspired and comforted the faithful for millennia.*

Refrain sung by the congregation

Refrain



My soul, oh God calls to you. As you
hold my life in your keep - ing. - I trust in you,
grac-ious God. In your word, is life ev - er flow - ing.

¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.

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

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

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

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

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever. *refrain repeated by all*

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25- Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**
CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le -
lu ia Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:** John 10:1-10

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 1062 Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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: "How Great Thou Art" arr. Jon Ailabouni

***OFFERTORY SONG:** ELW 885 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING-THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

CANTOR **CONGREGATION**

D^{SUS} **G^{mi7}** **D^{SUS}** **G^{mi7}**

5 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

CANTOR **CONGREGATION**

C^{7sus4} **F^{ma7}** **G^{mi7}** **F^{ma7}**

5 Lift up your he - arts. We lift them to the Lord.

CANTOR

B^bma7 **G^{mi7}** **A^{7sus4}** **A⁷**

7 Let us give th - anks to the Lord our God.

CONGREGATION

B^bma7 **G^{mi7}** **A^{7sus4}** **SEQUE TO "SANCTUS"**
A⁷

9 It is — right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

Congregation:



Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord. (sing 2x)

God of pow'r and might Oh heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est ho - ly Lord. (sing 2x)

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the

name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est ho - ly Lord. (sing 2x)

Composed by Jon Ailabouni

***LORD'S PRAYER: 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. **We remain standing at the rail during the Easter season to remember we are raised to new life in Christ!** 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 MUSIC: Lamb of God, Ailabouni arr.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin

of the world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the

world. Grant us peace. Oh grant us peace.

COMMUNION

HYMN: ELW 502

The King of Love

My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
- 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
- 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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SENDING

*TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING - SENDING SONG: ELW 543 Go, My Children



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: "Go My Children" arr. Jon Ailabouni - *The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!* Copyright © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. License # SB118886 - Hymns: Copyright © OneLicense A-731311 **Liturgy music** composed by Jon Ailabouni

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY –ASSISTING MINISTER: Cindy Bellrichard;
READERS: Gabe Hiner, Cindy Ernst, Harland Nelson; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk
Larson; JAZZ MUSICIANS: Jon Ailabouni, Jill Phillips, Brooke Joyce, Jackson Kates, Nick Zielinski

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in honor of Ann & Bob Naslund from Gail & David Judisch

ADULT FORUM TODAY: 10:50 in the Gathering Space. The Racial Justice Team will lead a reflection on the fruits of a year with the Racial Justice Statement and our hopes for the future.

A PASTOR'S CRY OF LAMENT AND HOPE: A community-wide event with retired ELCA Pastor Kenneth Wheeler TODAY at 4:00 pm in the GS Sanctuary. Pastor Wheeler is the author of the recently published book *US: The Resurrection of American Terror*. This is co-sponsored by: Decorah Lutheran, First Lutheran Church, and the NE IA Peace & Justice Center.

FAMILY KICK-BALL EVENT: All families are invited to join in a kickball and Spring gathering at Freeport Park TODAY at 2:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share and join the fun! The creation of teams will happen the day of the event.

CARE KIT THANK YOU: Thank **you** to everyone who contributed and helped assemble our LWR baby care kits and personal care kits. We were just overwhelmed each Sunday when we came to church and saw how the donations had increased. We were able to assemble a record setting 53 personal care kits and 86 baby care kits. You are an amazing congregation! Thanks again!

EWALU Camperships Available: Good Shepherd campers that attend EWALU this summer receive a \$100 campership! Notify the Church Office (office@goodshepherddecorah.org) when you register and be sure to write in on your EWALU registration form that Good Shepherd is providing a \$100 campership, you are responsible for the funds for the remainder of the camp program. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL! Please join us for a free meal on Thursday, May 4th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome -- this is a free meal - serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Oneota Valley Family Eye Care and Decorah Lutheran Women's Bible Study who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

FLOCKS ARE COMING! Everyone at Good Shepherd will be included and welcome in a Flock as part of a new initiative passed by the congregation at our annual meeting. The 7 new Flocks are intended to help us get to know each other better, to connect with and care for each other, and to care for our congregation in Sunday morning ministry. You are invited to a startup session for the Flock initiative on Sunday, May 7, during Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Our Church Council and Stewardship Committee have been working faithfully to implement the congregation's direction and organize the Flocks. This will be our start for the new program, to gather and share and begin.

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES SUNDAY: Blessing & celebration of graduates from high school and college will be on Sunday, May 14th during worship – there will be a special Fellowship Hour following worship. If you are a Luther student who would like to be blessed and celebrated, please contact the church office.

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/

HIRING: GOOD SHEPHERD OFFICE & BUILDING MANAGER: The Office and Building Manager serves the hospitality and informational needs of the congregation; and tends to the function and well-being of the office and the building. The Office and Building Manager works collaboratively with both the Pastor and the Ministry-Communications Coordinator. Pay is \$15-\$17 per hour (commensurate with experience). Position is part-time, 15 hours per week. A complete job description and instructions for applying are on the website under "Contact Us – Job Postings".

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SIGN-UP: In an effort to open the space for more ways to get involved with Fellowship Hour, the sign-up process has changed, as well as the options for how to help make it happen. You can now sign-up to: make coffee & set-up, serve & clean-up, or provide treats. There are also blue collection bins for food/drinks in the kitchen where items can be dropped off at any time!

- You can sign up for each task if you want to, or just sign-up for what you want to do. In order for Fellowship Hour to happen, there needs to be a minimum of 1 coffee & set-up person, and 1 serve & clean-up person.

MOWING HELP NEEDED: It takes a village to maintain the grounds at Good Shepherd and we are requesting your help! The sign-up and full instructions are on the website under "Sign-Ups" and on the table in the Gathering Space. Good Shepherd provides all equipment needed. New to mowing at Good Shepherd? Here are the quick facts:

- Lead person will get in contact to set up a time to mow during the week.
- Mow on Thursday, Friday or Saturday after 3pm on Thur. and Fri. to respect the Kinderhaus School which concludes at the end of May.
- For orientation to the equipment please contact Jim Fritz, Bob Wilson, or Lance Wood. If you have equipment questions/need gas contact Jim.
- Mow only when the grass is dry and keep the mower height at 3.0 inches.
- The mowing shed lock code is on the paper sign-up in the Gathering Space.
- Stay away from the construction zone and watch for hoses to trees - move the hoses, do NOT mow over them.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY will be held Friday, May 5 at Decorah Lutheran church with coffee being served at 9:30. This year's theme is Labor with Love-A Heart to Care. All are welcome.

Decorah Chorale presents "Love: A Wild Force": The Decorah Chorale will present a spring concert Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. in the Decorah High School Auditorium. The concert program, titled "Love: A Wild Force," includes sacred music, thematic music that celebrates new love and setting love free after death, and honors those who have stood tall in the face of adversity. A free-will offering will be taken to support the mission of the Decorah Chorale. The Decorah Chorale is an adult mixed choral ensemble with members from Decorah and surrounding communities.

APPLICATIONS 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.

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, Twin XL, 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.

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.

CHORAL BENEFIT CONCERT: The annual concert featuring the Luren Singers, the Luther College Norskkor, High School & Middle School singers will be held on May 7th at Decorah Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM. In past years this concert has occurred on Mother's Day, but this year it is one week earlier on May 7th. This special concert features singers as young as twelve years of age and up to singers in their eighties. The free-will offering will be devoted to Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine and the Decorah Food Pantry.

FOOD PANTRY LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: The Decorah Food Pantry is beginning a Little Free Library to provide books for preschool-teens who visit the pantry with their parents. They are collecting used children's books in good condition, or cash/check donations. \$5.00 will buy 20 paperbacks at the Depot! Bins and an envelope for money are available in the Gathering Space. You can also place money labeled in the church office and we will get it to the Pantry.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday: 8:00-10:00, Wed.-Thur.: 10:00-5:00 pm

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Bev Nelson, Rolf Svano, Abby Larson, Laura Barlament, Martha Monson Lowe, 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: Bob Fahrenkrug (grandfather of Sarah Wicks), 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 Oyeade 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. Find the full statement printed during today's litany or online by scanning the code.*

