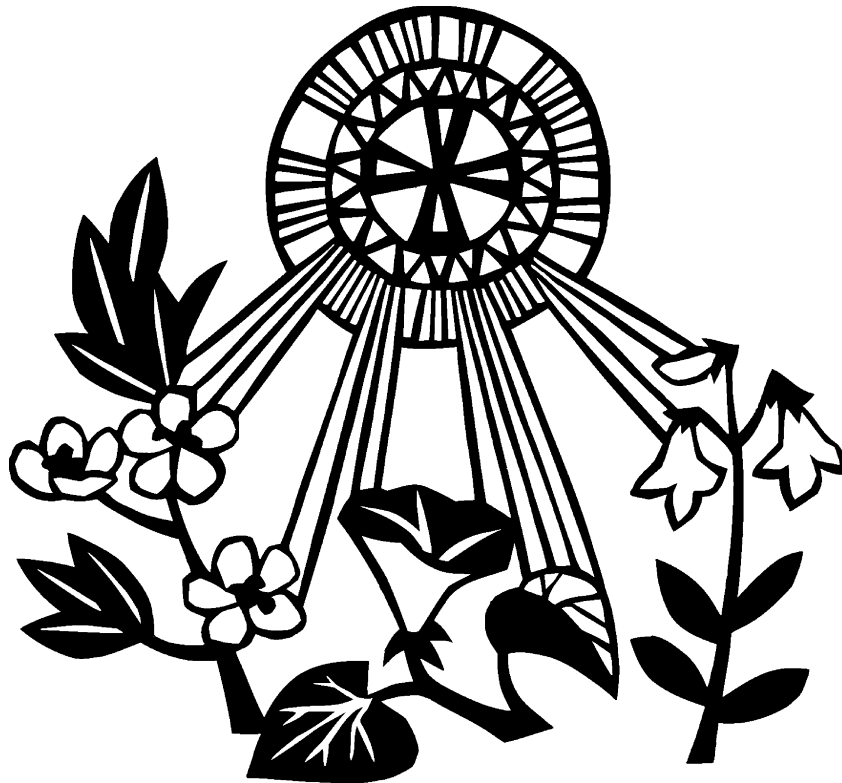


## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



**May 14 – 6th 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:** “Spring, Mvt. II” - Antonio Vivaldi

**PRAYER BELL** - Invocation (Sunday School Choir)

### WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LITANY OF MOTHERING CARE:** As a mother hen gathers her chicks, so God gathers and protects us. As a mother will not forsake her nursing child, even more will God remember us. **We thank you, Mothering God.**

We give thanks for all who provide mothering care: for biological mothers, stepmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, aunts, mentors, teachers, friends and guides.

**Bless them, Mothering God.**

We pray for all who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild, all who never got to meet a child they were expecting, all who know disappointment, heartache, and distance in mothering relationships; and all whose mothers have died. **Comfort them, Mothering God.**

We give thanks for all who are actively parenting now, all whose hearts hold love, fear and hopes for children. **Strengthen them, Mothering God.**

We pray for mothers who have been separated from their children and migrant mothers fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries. **Help them, Mothering God.**

We pray for all who walk the hard path of infertility; all who long for life to be different; all who have experienced abuse from someone who should have mothered them, and all who struggle on this day for any reason. **Uphold them, Mothering God.**

Bless and keep us all in our loving, our longing and our remembering. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG:** ELW 631 Love Divine All Loves Excelling vs. 1-3 see *next page*

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**\*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:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

### WORD

**FIRST READING:** Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I

found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."- Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 66:8-12,16-20** This is a song of praise and thanksgiving which remembers God's saving acts in liberating the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. We join in this song of praise during the Easter season as we give thanks for Christ's Passover from death to life. And we can sing this hymn every day, praising God for all of the ways in which we are continually being raised to new life.

<sup>8</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>16</sup>**Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.**

<sup>17</sup>I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup>**If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;**

<sup>19</sup>but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup>**Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.**

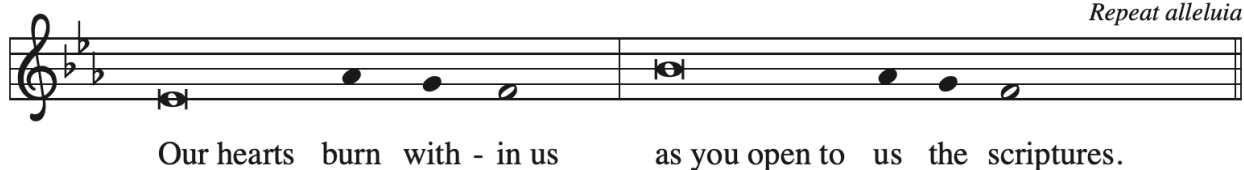
**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your

conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. – Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sunday School Choir

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

### SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 948 Womb of Life and Source of Being see next page

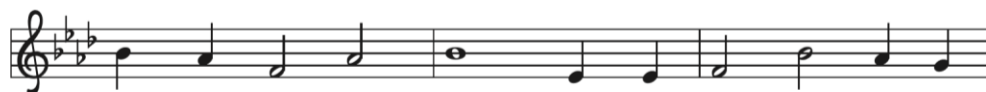
## Womb of Life and Source of Being



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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*Graduates and parents come forward during last verse of hymn of the day and stand in front of the altar. Today ... We honor: Vicky Harris, Annalise Skrade, Daniel Skrade, and Hallie Johnson (currently abroad) Graduates step forward as their name is read*

*Graduates, we rejoice with you...Let us pray... **Amen.***

*Members and friends of Good Shepherd, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future? **We will.***

*Will you promise to help these young people as need and opportunity arise? **We will.***

*- Parents and guardians may place a hand on the shoulder or head of their children as the leader offers this blessing*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you.*

*May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe.*

*May the Lord guide your every step.*

*May you always know of our unending love for you. **Amen.***

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends: God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

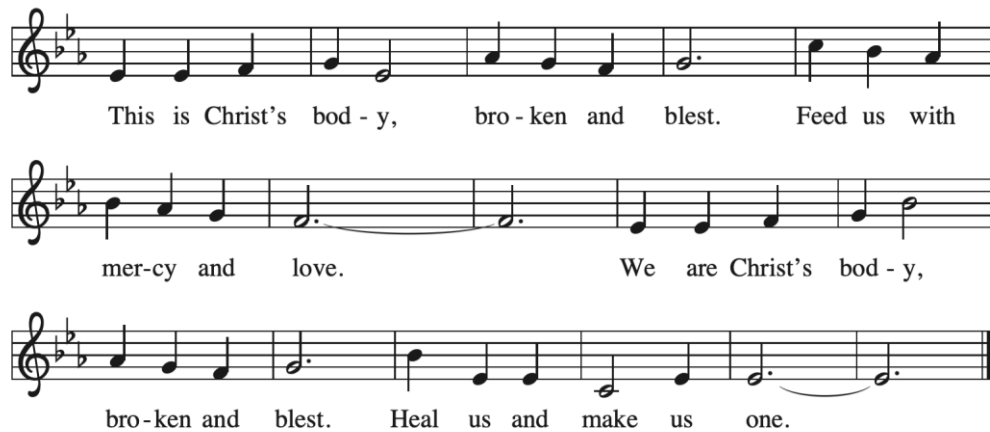
**\*PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you**

*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:** Variations on "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" - Mark Summer

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ACS 967 This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with  
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*HOLY P. 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.....**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*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. 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.*

**Fellowship Servers, Sunday School leaders, and Sunday School Programming youth are invited to the rail first.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** P. 40





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.

"Kum Ba Yah" (Sunday School choir), ELW 397 Loving Spirit, ELW 391 This Joyful Eastertide,  
ELW 613 Thy Holy Wings

## Loving Spirit



- 1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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# This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
 wake the dead in num - - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

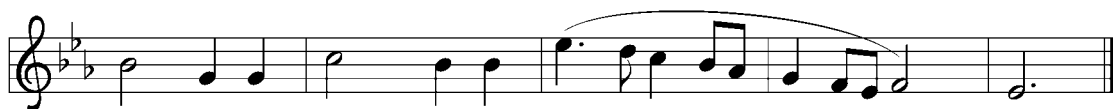
## Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

## Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy chil-dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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### SENDING

#### \* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 840 Now Thank We All Our God vs. 1-2 see next page

## Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**DISMISSAL:** "As you go on your way" (Sunday School choir)

**PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE:** "Josefin's Waltz" - Roger Tallroth

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** – USHERS: Dave Judisch, Christy Tomlinson; READER: Richard Ylvisaker; ASSISTING MINISTER: Melissa Bills; FELLOWSHIP: Carrie Solberg, Ann Naslund, Harriet Hayes, Gail Judisch, Jane Jakoubek; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

**Special thanks to Mattie Snyder and Ella Heiks for their cello music today!**

**FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TODAY!** Today we celebrate the end of a Sunday School Programming School year!

## **ADULT FORUM TODAY - MARTIN AND KATIE LUTHER: SPOUSES AND PARENTS**

In honor of Mother's Day, join Seminarian Kristin Kopperud-Stinn to discuss the original Mother of the Reformation, Katie Luther, and the Luthers' parenting style. Have you ever wondered what Martin and Katie Luther's parenting style was like? Would you like to learn about how Martin and Katie potty-trained their little Luther(an) children? Come join us and find out these and more fun tidbits of information about Martin and Katie Luther.

**GOOD SHEPHERD'S FLOCK MINISTRY LAUNCHED LAST SUNDAY:** The Flock Ministry has launched! The Stewardship committee acted the congregation's vote to approve this ministry at the annual meeting. The Flock Ministry is a way of organizing our congregation into a set of seven Flocks for care, connection, and service, especially regarding service that will strengthen the worship, hospitality, and fellowship ministry of the congregation.

Flocks met for the first time on May 7. There are some small adjustments to the flock lists being made this week. The lists will then be shared with all members via mail and email. Shepherds will begin reaching out to Flocks soon as well.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** This upcoming Wednesday, 1-3:00 in the Gathering Space. 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.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - REGISTRATION DUE FOR YOUTH SERVICE TRIP:** Youth finishing grades 6 and up are invited on a service trip to Waterloo July 9-10! Youth and leaders will be blessed during worship on Sunday, July 9, then depart for Waterloo for a two day trip filled with fun, an opportunity to learn and serve at House of Hope (one of the receiving organizations chosen for the Youth Lenten Project), and enjoy time together. Find more information and a link to the registration/medical release form at [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/education/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/education/).

**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.

**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/)

**LUTHER STUDENT ORGAN RECITAL:** Organ Recital featuring Nathan Elsbernd LC 23' and Tara Jeremiah Rajanesan LC 26' First Lutheran Church, TODAY, May 14th, 4:00 P.M.

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

### **PRAYER LIST:**

**Good Shepherd Family:** Helen Hermeier, Rachael & Aaron Palmer, Bev Nelson, Rolf Svanoie, 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), 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 Racial Justice 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 **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. (Genesis 1:27a)*