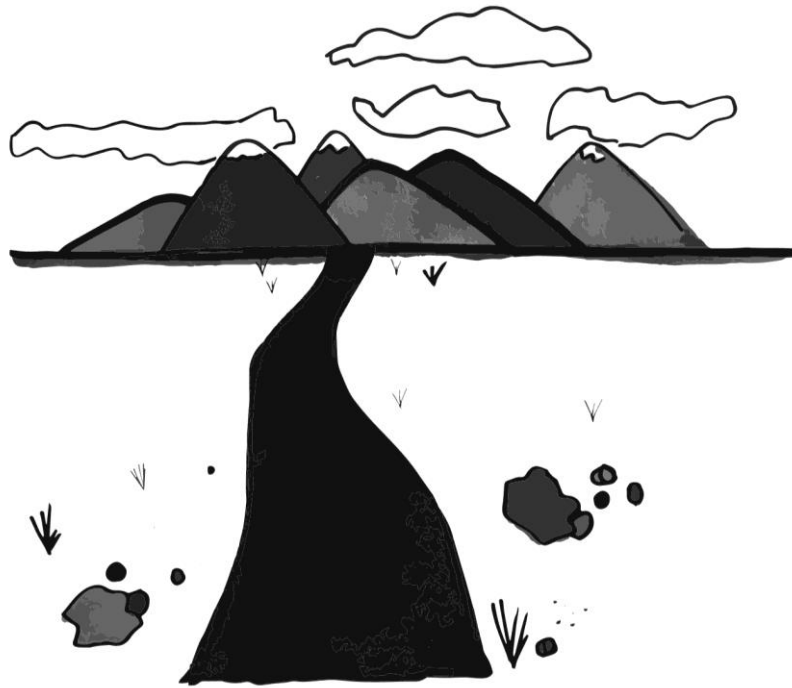


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 7 – 5th 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 ACS

congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "Prelude" - Ludwig Maurer

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ACS 979 Making Their Way



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

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***GREETING – GLORY:** 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.**



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 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 Psalm 31 demonstrates faith in the face of trouble and woe. The psalmist pours out their complaint, and then proclaims their complete confidence in God's faithfulness. Verse 5 is especially beautiful and has been part of the service of Compline – the church's bedtime prayer – for centuries.

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

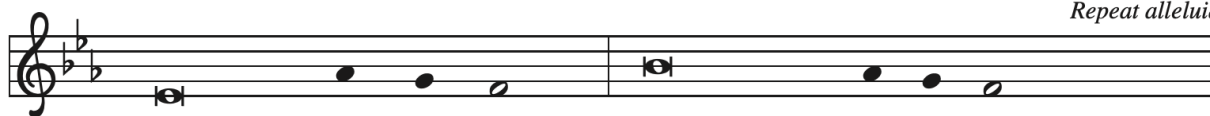
⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.— Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” - The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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Tom Buresh, Connie Buresh

Congregation President: Tim Lecander

Stewardship Committee: Luther Snow, Chris Johnson, Ginny Olson

On behalf of the body of Christ in this, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the role

to which you have been appointed? *If so, answer I will and I ask God to help me.*

People of God, will you support these, your leaders, and will you share in the ministry
that Christ has given to the whole body of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

***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**

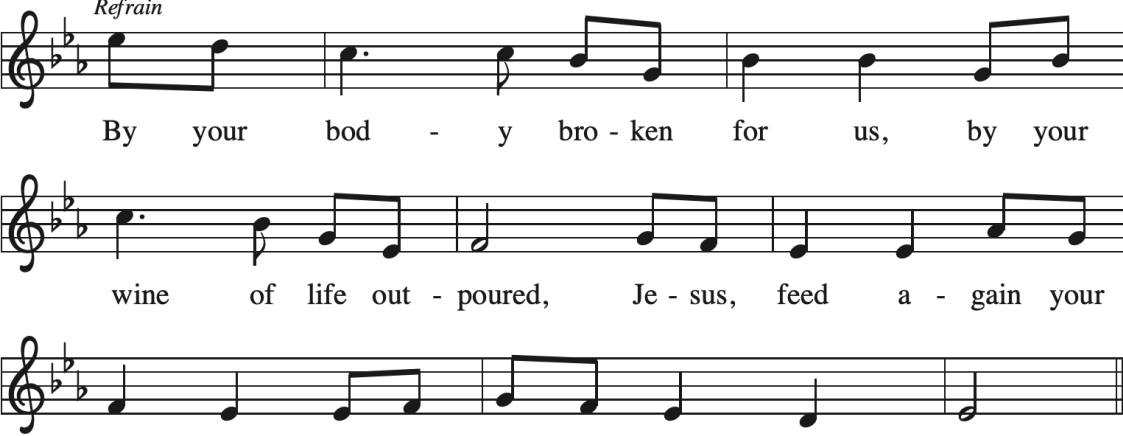
*We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and
then with those in the sanctuary. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!*

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Jesus, The Christ, is Risen Today" - G. F. Handel

***OFFERING SONG:** Refrain of ACS 966 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** (repeat "Amen" during the prayer) **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.....

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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: P. 40 Be Known to Us Lord; ELW 477 I Received the Living God; ELW 379 Now the Green Blade Rises



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.

I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Refrain

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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SENDING

* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 764 Have No Fear Little Flock see next page

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Postlude" - Ludwig Maurer

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Russ Freerking, Logan Nalean-Carlson; READER: Marv Slind & Logan Nalean-Carlson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Ruth Bruce; FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Buzza, Jeri Laursen, Bonnie Johnson, Gail Judisch, Marilyn Rue; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TODAY! Next week is the FINAL Sunday of youth programming for 2023! We will also be celebrating and blessing graduates next week.

DIRECTORY PICK-UP: There are paper directories for each person/family in the directory – pick up your copy in the Gathering Space today!

FLOCK KICK-OFF TODAY! Shepherds and their Flocks will meet in various areas of the Church during Fellowship Hour. The creation of seven Flocks is part of an initiative approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting and implemented by the Congregation Council and Stewardship Committee. Flocks are intended to help everyone get to know each other better,

connect with and care for each other, and care for our congregation's worship and fellowship ministry. Everyone at Good Shepherd is included and welcome in a Flock and invited to this start-up event!

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.

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.

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.

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/

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 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.

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

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Rachael & Aaron Palmer, Bev Nelson, Rolf Svanoë, 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 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 or by scanning the code.



We commit to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (Galatians 5:22)