

## **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



**June 4, Holy Trinity Sunday**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

**God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection.**

**We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.**

In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO *Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

***Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.***

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW (red book)**, All Creation Sings-**ACS (purple book)**

Page numbers (P.) in front of ACS and hymn numbers (#) in back of ELW and ACS

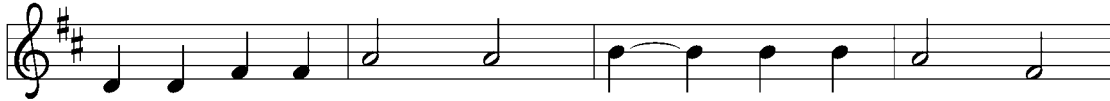
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC:

#### PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** ELW 413 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

**\*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: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

#### *The Story of Creation*

**1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

<sup>2</sup> The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was under a roaring ocean covered with darkness.

**But the Spirit of God was moving over the water.**

#### *The First Day*

<sup>3</sup> God said, "I command light to shine!" **And light started shining.** <sup>4</sup> God looked at the light and saw that it was good. [God] separated light from darkness <sup>5</sup> and named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night." **Evening came, then morning—that was the first day.**

#### *The Second Day*

<sup>6</sup> God said, "I command a dome to separate the water above it from the water below it." <sup>7</sup> **And that's what happened.** God made the dome <sup>8</sup> and named it "Sky." **Evening came, then morning—that was the second day.**

#### *The Third Day*

<sup>9</sup> God said, "I command the water under the sky to come together in one place, so there will be dry ground." **And that's what happened.** <sup>10</sup> God named the dry ground "Land," and [God] named the water "Ocean." **God looked at what [God] had done and saw that it was good.**

<sup>11</sup> God said, "I command the earth to produce all kinds of plants, including fruit trees and grain." **And that's what happened.** <sup>12</sup> The earth produced all kinds of vegetation. **God looked at what [God] had done, and it was good.** <sup>13</sup> **Evening came, then morning—that was the third day.**

#### *The Fourth Day*

<sup>14</sup> God said, "I command lights to appear in the sky and to separate day from night and to show the time for seasons, special days, and years. <sup>15</sup> I command them to shine on the earth." **And that's what happened.** <sup>16</sup> God made two powerful lights, the brighter one to rule the day and the other to rule the night. [God] also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> Then God put these lights in the sky to shine on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule day and night, and to separate light from darkness. **God looked at what [God] had done, and it was good.** <sup>19</sup> **Evening came, then morning—that was the fourth day.**

#### *The Fifth Day*

<sup>20</sup> God said, "I command the ocean to be full of living creatures, and I command birds to fly above the earth." <sup>21</sup> So God made the giant sea monsters and all the living creatures that swim in the ocean. [God] also made every kind of bird. **God looked at what [God] had done, and it was good.** <sup>22</sup> Then [God] gave the living creatures [God's] blessing—[God] told the ocean creatures to increase and live everywhere in the ocean and the birds to increase everywhere on earth. <sup>23</sup> **Evening came, then morning—that was the fifth day.**

#### *The Sixth Day*

<sup>24</sup> God said, "I command the earth to give life to all kinds of tame animals, wild animals, and reptiles." **And that's what happened.** <sup>25</sup> God made every one of them. **Then [God] looked at what [God] had done, and it was good.**

<sup>26</sup> God said, "Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans to be like [God's] own self [God] made men and women. <sup>28</sup> God gave them a blessing and said:

Have a lot of children! Fill the earth and take charge. Be responsible for the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth.

<sup>29</sup>I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat. <sup>30</sup>And I have given the green plants as food for everything else that breathes, including animals, both wild and tame, and birds. **And so it was.**

<sup>31</sup>**God looked at what [God] had done. All of it was very good! Evening came, then morning—that was the sixth day.**

<sup>1</sup>So the heavens and the earth and everything else were created.

### *The Seventh Day*

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished [God's] work, and so [God] rested. <sup>3</sup>God blessed the seventh day and made it special, because on that day [God] rested from [God's] work.

<sup>4</sup>**That's how God created the heavens and the earth.**

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

## **PSALM 8**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
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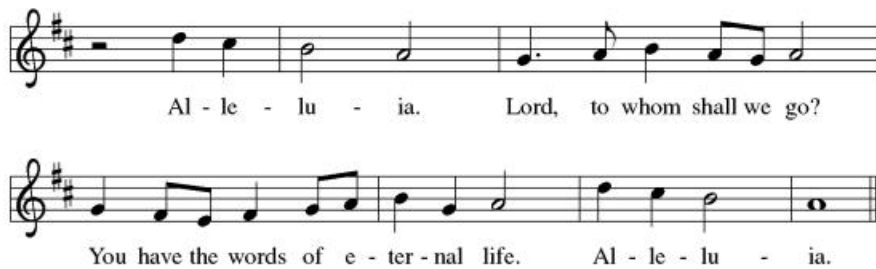
## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.**

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

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

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, [and] they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 412 Come, Join The Dance Of Trinity**

1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,

the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.

The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,

but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends: God in your 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!*

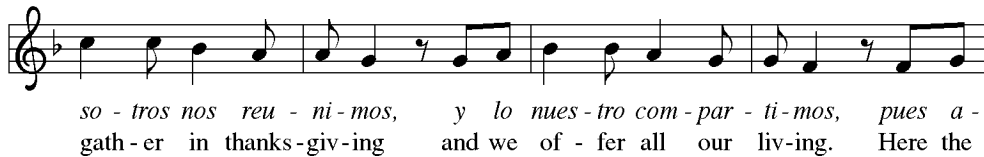
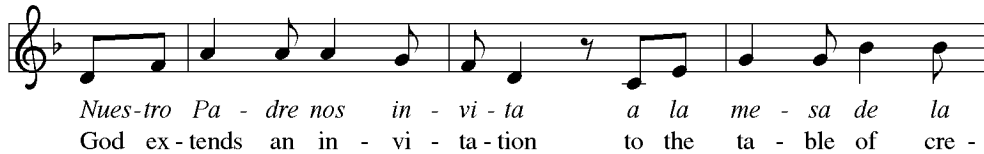
## MEAL

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ELW 486 God Extends an Invitation

### God Extends an Invitation

*Nuestro Padre nos invita*



Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: NUESTRO PADRE, Miria T. Kolling

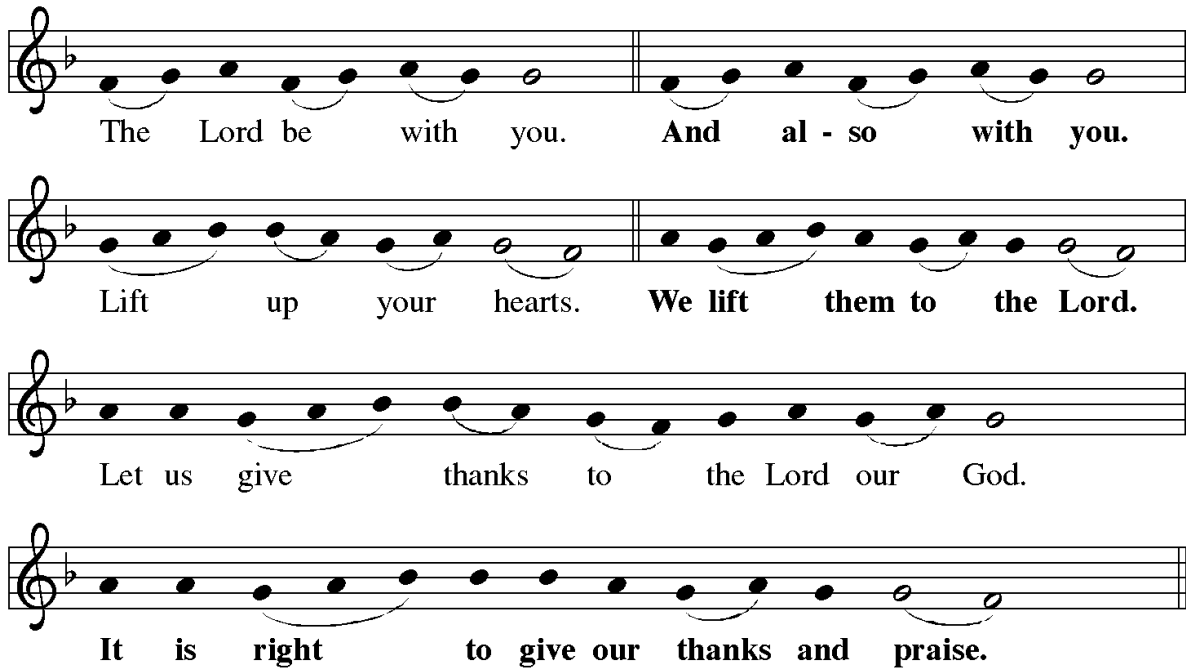
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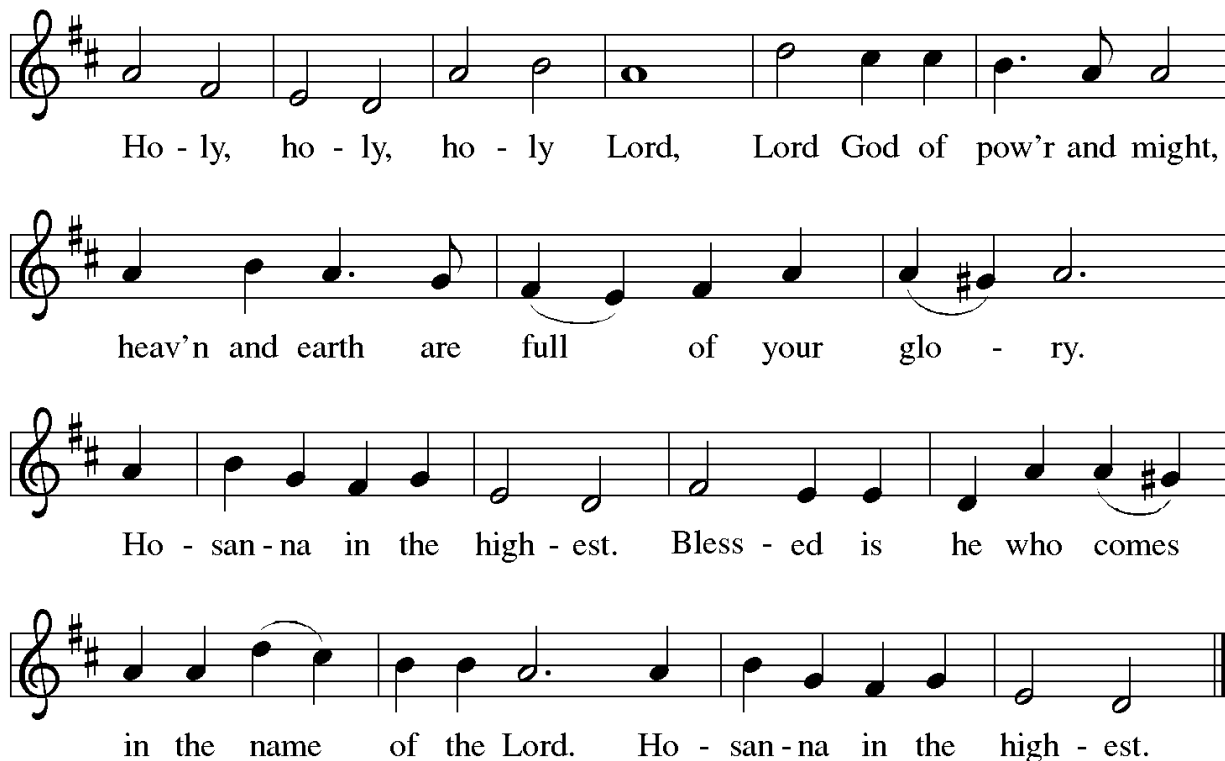
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**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray...Amen.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY** ELW p. 152-153



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**\*LORDS PRAYER:** ELW p. 154 Our Father who art 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.

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** p. 154 Lamb Of God, ELW 819 Come, All You People; ELW 735 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth; ELW 673 God, Whose Almighty Word

## Come, All You People *Uyaimose*



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

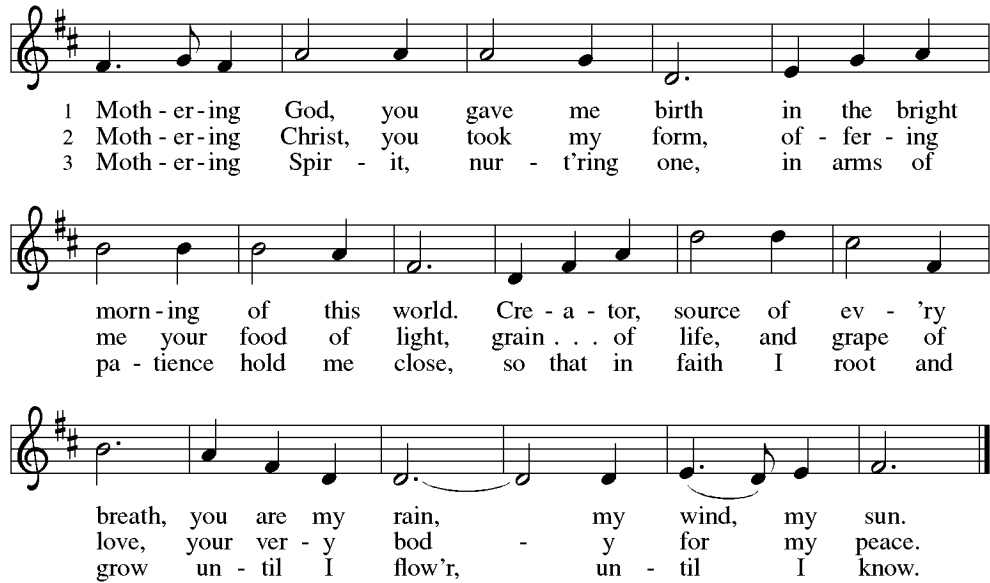
Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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## Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and

breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413  
 Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936  
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## God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## SENDING

### \* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** – USHERS: Sharon Drew, Dave Peterson;  
CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; READERS: Kris Peterson, ; ASSISTING MINISTER: Marv Slind;  
FELLOWSHIP: Gail Judisch, Carol Hasvold, Christy Tomlinson, Kris & Dave Peterson, Marilyn Rue;  
ORGANIST & PIANIST: Gabe Hiner; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

**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.

**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.

**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 spend the afternoon at Lost Island Water Park. On Monday, everyone will have an opportunity to learn and serve at House of Hope (one of the receiving organizations chosen for the Youth Lenten Project), returning home that evening. Register by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall.

**VBS AT GOOD SHEPHERD:** Operation Restoration! July 24-26th – 5-7:30 pm – Dinner provided to start each night. All youth entering grades K-6 are invited! The cost is \$20 per child, with an additional \$5 for each additional household member. Scholarships are available—contact the church office : [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org) Please register by July 5. Registration information is on the website under “Ministries” or found on the bulletin board going to the Fellowship Hall.

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR LONG-TIME MEMBER LOWELL ERDMAN:** Tuesday, June 6, 11:00 A.M., Sanctuary. Good Shepherd Charter Member Lowell Erdman, age 96, died last Friday, May 22, at Evans Memorial Home in Cresco. Visitation is on Monday, June 5, from 4:00-6:30 p.m in the Gathering Space and Sanctuary. The service is on Tuesday, June 6, at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Amy presiding. Join the family for lunch afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Burial will be in Phelps Cemetery. Blessed be the memory of Lowell Erdman!

**WEEDING HELP NEEDED FOR OUR LANDSCAPE BEDS:** The Landscape Subcommittee is now welcoming volunteers to help maintain the mulched and rocked landscape beds containing perennial plants and shrubs. Scheduling is very flexible. If you are interested and available for about an hour, approximately once a week, at a time that works for you, contact Jane Kemp, Subcommittee Convener: [kempjane10@gmail.com](mailto:kempjane10@gmail.com)

**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/)

**MESSAGE FROM ANN NASLUND:** Erica Yaneff, Good Shepherd's Ministry and Communications Coordinator, is expecting a baby due on July 2. We would like to give Erica and husband Nicky a gift of Chamber Dollars to be used to welcome their new little one. You can contribute by bringing money to the Decorah Chamber of Commerce office and noting they are for Good Shepherd. You can also give money directly to Ann.

**SHEPHERD ORIENTATION REMINDER:** A reminder to shepherds of flocks that there are 2 orientations coming up, June 4 and June 11. Come to one or the other.

**KIDS LUNCH CLUB BEGINS JUNE 6 - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** From June 6 - August 11, Decorah Kids Lunch Club (KLC) will provide kids aged 18 and under with free lunches Monday-

Friday from 12:15-12:30 p.m. at Freeport Park, and 12:45-1:15 p.m. at John Cline Elementary School. Volunteers are needed to pack lunches on Mondays and Wednesdays and/or to distribute lunches each weekday. Sign-up schedules for volunteers are at the KLC website: [decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub/](http://decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub/).

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GUATEMALAN BASICS INITIATIVE:** The Guatemalan Basics Initiative, through Neighbors Helping Neighbors, provides important staples to local immigrant families experiencing difficulties due to the rising cost of food. A typical delivery includes a 50 pound bag of rice and a 25 pound bag each of black beans and MaSeCa (corn flour) tortilla mix at a cost of \$90 wholesale, providing food basics for a family of four for approximately six weeks. You can give online at the Decorah United Church of Christ's online giving page and selecting "Neighbors Helping Neighbors—Guatemalan Basics Fund". You can also write a check, payable to Decorah UCC with "Guatemalan Basics" in the memo line, and send it to the Decorah UCC office.

**SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES:** Living as Disciples: A summer series of book discussions hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, and Decorah Lutheran Church. There will be two opportunities to discuss each book in community. You can come to either discussion (or both!)

- *US: The Resurrection of American Terror* by Rev. Kenneth Wheeler, Wed. June 14, 7pm @ Dixie's Biergarten and/or Thurs. June 15, 10:30am @ The Landing
- *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times* by Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III. Wed. July 19, 7pm @ Pulpit Rock Brewery and/or Thurs. July 20, 10:30am @ The Landing
- *Belonging: 5 Keys to Unlocking Your Potential as a Disciple* by Rev. Dr. Karoloine Lewis Wed. Aug 16, 7pm @ Dixie's Biergarten and/or Thurs. Aug. 17, 10:30am @ The Landing

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Tristan: 9-12:00 M-F. Erica: 9-5:00 Monday-Tuesday

#### **PRAYER LIST:**

**Good Shepherd Family:** Donna Bahr, Elizabeth Kaschins, Helen Hermeier, Rachael & Aaron Palmer, Bev Nelson, Laura Barlament, Martha Monson Lowe, Sue Luzum, Marv & Mickey Slind, James Barth, Melanie Folkerts, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, 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 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)*

*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. (Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6)*