

# 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 ...

Psalms 100:3



July 2nd

## **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)**

Behold, I Make All Things New Liturgy (**blue booklet**)

Page numbers (p.) in front of the blue booklets, (#) in back of ELW and ACS congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC** Summer, mvt. 1 - Antonio Vivaldi

**PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG: ELW #848 Give to our God Immortal Praise**

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## CONFESSION-FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE-HYMN OF PRAISE: P. 2-5**

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" **"Here I am."** <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, **"Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."** <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" **"Here I am, my son."** He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **"God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."** So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

**"Here I am."** <sup>12</sup>[The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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

## **PSALM 13**

<sup>1</sup>How long, O LORD? Will you forget I me forever?

How long will you hide your I face from me?

<sup>2</sup>**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day I after day?**

**How long shall my enemy triumph I over me?**

<sup>3</sup>Look upon me and answer me, O I LORD my God;

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
<sup>4</sup>lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.  
<sup>5</sup>But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.  
<sup>6</sup>I will sing to the LORD,  
who has dealt with me richly.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Romans 6:12-14

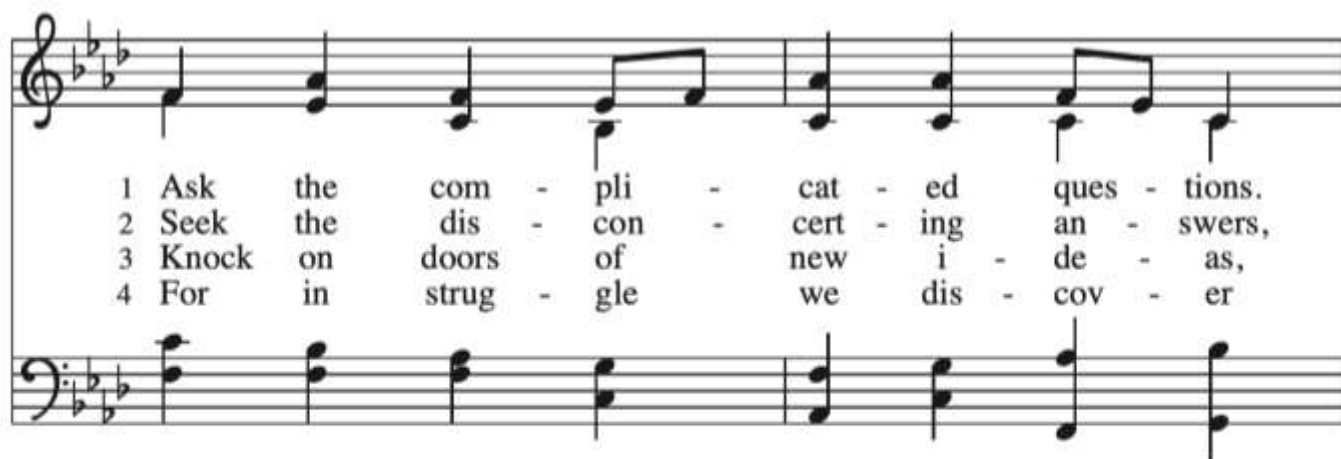
<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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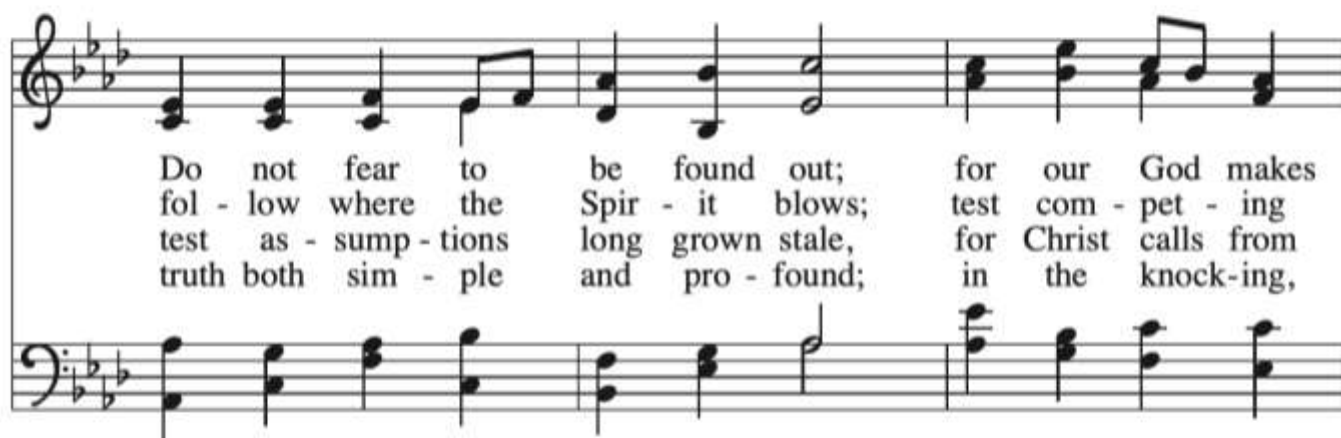
**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ACS #1005 Ask the Complicated Questions

# Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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**\*APOSTLE'S CREED:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*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**

**\*OFFERTORY SONG:** Create in me a clean heart ... P. 8

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

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** P. 10

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** P. 11

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION-THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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. 12 Lamb of God, ELW #479 We Come to the Hungry Feast, ELW #574 Here I Am, Lord

# We Come to the Hungry Feast



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

## *Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## **SENDING**

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

### **SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BLESSING- SENDING SONG:**

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

### **PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE** “Peacherine Rag” - Scott Joplin

*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!*

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### **THANK YOU TO THE RED FLOCK FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY**

– USHERS: Jim & Liz Fritz; READER: Melanie Folkerts; ASSISTING MINISTER: Midge Kjome; FELLOWSHIP: Luther Snow, Rebecca Hanna, Tim Folkerts, Matt Larson, Abby Larson, Bonnie Flora; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDERS: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

**Krumkake Can Brigade is TODAY.** This a fun way to help get the supplies from the annex to the fellowship hall. We will be looking for volunteers to move popcorn cans, pails, totes and other essentials from the annex to the Fellowship Hall right after worship.

**LINDSAY AND KARLA ERDMAN**, and all of Lowell Erdman's family, would like to express our thanks for the care of the congregation at the end of Lowell's life, after his death, and during the visitation and funeral. Lowell and Audrey were proud to be charter members of the congregation. They would be proud of the way the congregation cared for Lowell and his family at this time. Many, many thanks to all.

**HELPERS NEEDED IN THE CUTTING GARDEN:** A couple of volunteers are needed to join Elizabeth in checking on and harvesting flowers from the Cutting Garden that's within Good Shepherd's fenced garden. These flowers are used for our sanctuary vases and also made available along with veggies on Sunday mornings. Scheduling and time commitment are very flexible. For additional information, contact Elizabeth: [elizabethkaschins@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethkaschins@gmail.com) or 563-419-0764.

**SIGN UP TO HELP WITH NORDIC FEST KRUMKAKE MINISTRY** There are many ways to get involved with Good Shepherd's Krumkake Ministry. This is an all-congregation event and all ages are welcome to volunteer! From donating krumkake ingredients to helping make batter and bake krumkake at church, putting labels on bags during Fellowship Hour on Krumkake Sunday, working at the Nordic Fest booth, demonstrating krumkake baking during Nordic Fest, or providing monetary donations, everyone can participate. Check out the posters on the tables in the Gathering Space for detailed schedules, sign up opportunities, and instructions. You can also sign up online at [goodshepherddecorah.org/nordic-fest-volunteer](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/nordic-fest-volunteer)

**YOUTH & FAMILY WEDNESDAY MEET-UP:** July 5th: 6:30-8:00-- Nature and Sugar Bowl Stroll: Meet at the church, walk to the prairie and hide previous Decorah Rocks, then Sugar Bowl Treat (please bring cash with you) and back to the church

**RUN BY FAITH SUMMER RUN CLUB:** Middle and High School youth are invited to join Kelli Gapinski, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, on Thursday mornings for a Summer Run Club. All running experience welcome! Participants meet at the church at 9:00 am, share a tiny devotional, run 2-3 miles together, and come back for a healthy snack. There will be different routes throughout the summer. This will run no later than 11:00 am.

- Adult volunteers are needed for either the caboose or run leader. To volunteer, please contact Kelli at [kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org)

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL!** Join for a free meal on Thurs. July 6th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome to this free meal-serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Winneshiek County Democrats who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS OF CANNED FRUIT AND PASTA:** The Decorah Community Food Pantry welcomes donations of all varieties of canned fruit, pasta, and other shelf stable foods. These items are currently hard for the Food Pantry to obtain in quantity from the NE Iowa Food Bank. Donations can be dropped off 24-7 at 110 Railroad Street, as there are donation bins located just outside the Food Pantry door.

**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!)

- *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

**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. **A third distribution site at the Freeport Mobile Home Community will be added July 5, with lunches set up near the Community mailboxes by the intersection of Old Stage and Dogwood Road from 12:00-12:10 p.m.** 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)

**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.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** LifeServe will be conducting a blood drive at Stone Ridge Community Church on Thursday, July 27. Call 800-287-4903 or visit [lifeserve.info/schedule](http://lifeserve.info/schedule) to schedule a donation!

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED:** Souk, 2023 Luther College nursing graduate, international student from Laos, and friend of Dave & Kris Peterson, is seeking the donation of gently used household items for his first apartment in Rochester MN as he begins his position with Mayo Clinic. Contact Kris or Dave Peterson.

**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/)

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Tristan: 9:00-1:00 PM M-F

#### **PRAYER LIST:**

**Good Shepherd Family:** Erica Yaneff and family, Kerry Johnson, the Erdman family, Donna Bahr, Helen Hermeier, Rachael & Aaron Palmer, Bev Nelson, Laura Barlament, Luzum, James Barth, Melanie Folkerts, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, Glenn Nelson, Janet Gall, 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:** Josh Flora (nephew of Melanie & Tim Folkerts), Bobby Lambert (step-nephew of Melanie & Tim Folkerts), 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 meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each statement at [goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-scanning](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-scanning) the code.



at the annual developed sessions with the week. Find the full Statement or by

***We are in need of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy. (Romans 3:23)***