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



July 16th

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: "Fountain in the Rain" - William Gillock PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION-FORGIVENESS

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

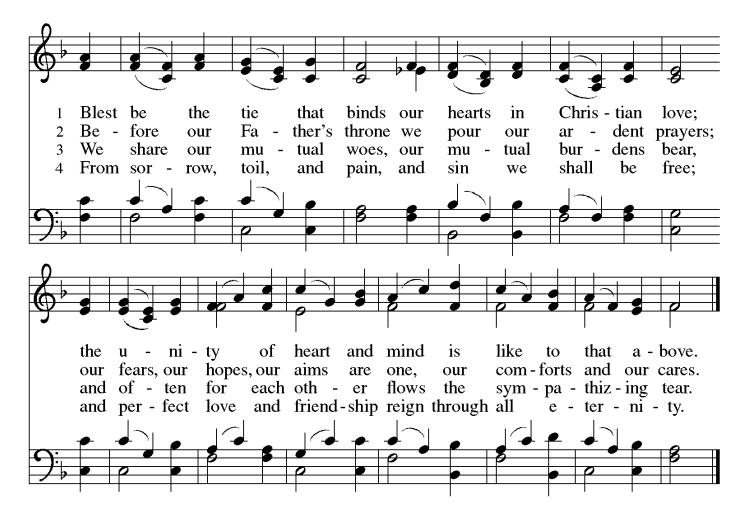
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW 656 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

***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 refrains and verses 2 and 3 sung by all



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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

PSALM 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp 1 to my feet and a light up-1 on my path.
¹⁰⁶I have sworn and 1 am determined to keep your 1 righteous judgments.
¹⁰⁷I am 1 deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according 1 to your word.
¹⁰⁸Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute 1 of my lips, and teach 1 me your judgments.
¹⁰⁹My life is al-1 ways in danger, yet I do not for-1 get your teaching.
¹¹⁰The wicked have set a 1 trap for me, but I have not strayed from 1 your commandments.
¹¹¹Your decrees are my inheri-1 tance forever;

truly, they are the joy | of my heart.

¹¹²I have applied my heart to ful- | fill your statutes forever and | to the end.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 722 O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate



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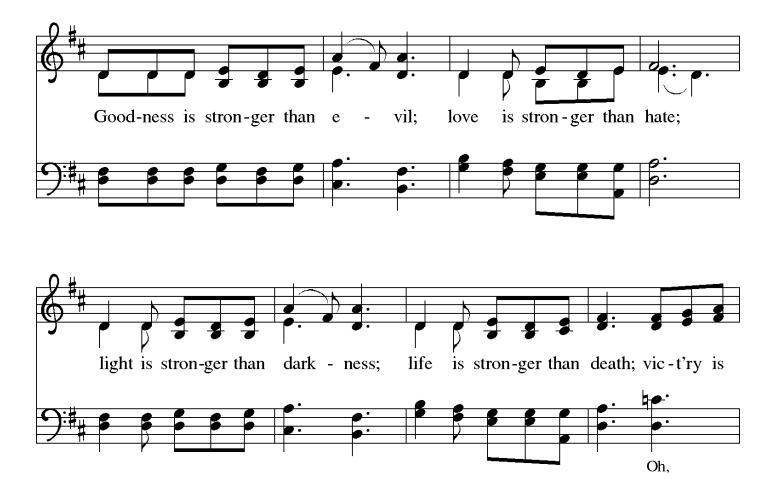
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends: God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

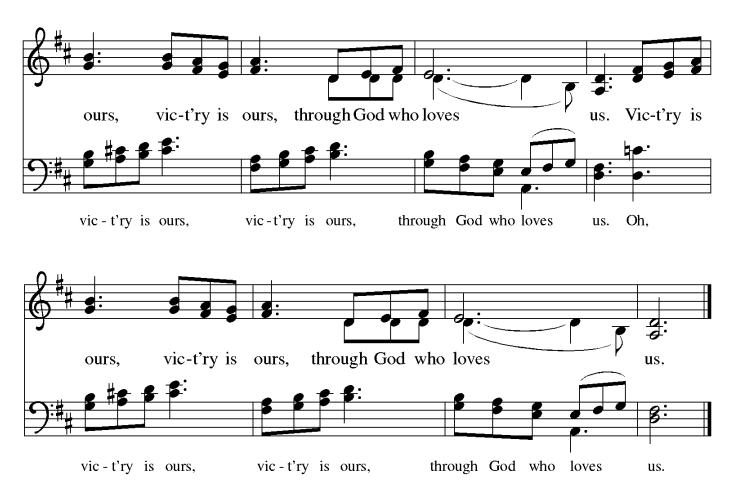
*PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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: "God's Eye is on the Sparrow" – Charles Gabriel ***OFFERTORY SONG:** ELW 721 Goodness is Stronger Than Evil





Text: From An African Prayer Book, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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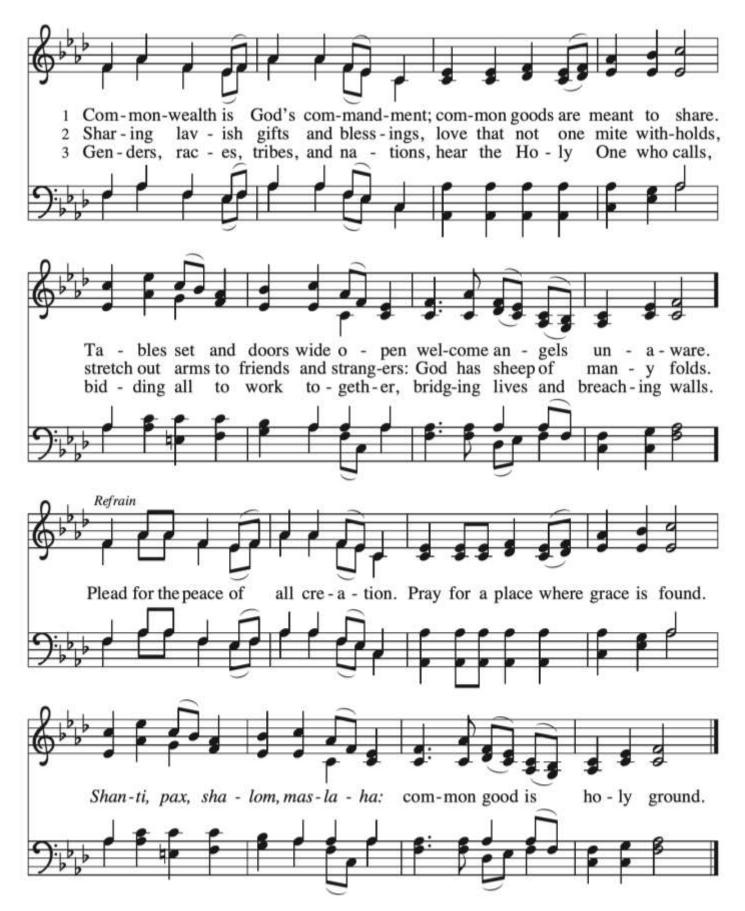
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*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray...Amen. *GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY-LORD'S PRAYER P. 190-191 Our Father, who art...

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near the 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. 191 Lamb of God, ACS 1036 Commonwealth is God's Commandment, ACS 1041 God is Love

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment



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God Is Love

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SENDING TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ACS 984 May the God of Hope Go with Us



Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt. Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: "Summer Samba" – Melody Bober

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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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Lise Kildegaard, Rebecca Hanna, Marilyn & Al Anderson; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; READER: Luther Snow; ASSISTING MINISTER: Midge Kjome; FELLOWSHIP: Dave & Sonya Geenen, Gary & Catherine Hildebrandt, Al Anderson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Linda Martin, assisted by Mikayla & Gabriel Hiner; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Rev. Rolf Svanoe

BOWEN HALL YANEFF was born on Monday, July 11 at WinnMed, 21.25" in length and 8lb14oz in weight. He and Erica are healthy and well. Thank you all for your prayers for Erica and her whole family in this time. We are grateful to God for this new life!

KRUMKAKE AT NORDIC FEST: There are many ways to get involved with the Good Shepherd Krumkake Booth & Demonstration at Nordic Fest! See the sign-ups and information on the tables in the Gathering Space for the full/detailed schedule and instructions.

- Help Prep the Krumkake Batter or Bake the Krumkake
- Help sell or demonstrate how to bake krumkake at Nordic Fest

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Former Good Shepherd member Kevin Pichai Koeltzow, 48, died on October 4, 2022, in Montrose, Colorado. As a child, he and his family were members of Good Shepherd while they lived in Decorah. **A time for remembrances will be held <u>today</u> at 2 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Kevin is survived by his wife Lina and three children, Kianna, 16, Kai, 14, and Kyla, 2. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his parents, Don and Kathy Koeltzow, and two sisters, Kim Koeltzow Sommer and Kristy Koeltzow Bolen. Blessed be the memory of Kevin Koeltzow.

GLENN NELSON, age 90, longtime member of Good Shepherd, passed away at the Eastern Star Nursing Home on Monday, July 3rd. A memorial service will be held <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September</u> <u>26</u> at 11 AM. His obituary is on the Helms Funeral Homes website at helmsfuneralhomes.com

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: <u>elizabethkaschins@gmail.com</u> or 563-419-0764.

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@goodshepherddecorahorg

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** to schedule a donation!

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!) Pr. Amy leads the discussions this month.

- 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 URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Until 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 most needed to distribute lunches each weekday. Sign-up schedules for volunteers are at the KLC website: **decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub**/.

VBS AT GOOD SHEPHERD: <u>LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!</u> 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 : <u>office@goodshepherddecorah.org</u> There are still opportunities to register your child if you wish to do so. Registration information is on the website under "Ministries" or found on the bulletin board going to the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH LOOKING FOR SILVER CORD HOURS? VBS could use 3-4 youth helpers being a shepherd for each small group. Contact Kelli if you are interested.

HEALTHY LIVING CLASSES: Gundersen Health System will hold six 2¹/₂ hour Virtual weekly classes: "Healthy Living with Chronic Pain" and "Healthy Living with Diabetes" in August-Sept. For more information, please call **608-775-6870**.

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: <u>www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/</u>

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

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Marilyn Anderson, Ginny Olson, the family of Glenn Nelson, Bowen Hall Yaneff and family, Kerry Johnson, Donna Bahr, Helen Hermeier, James Barth, Melanie Folkerts, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, Ed Hover, Harland 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: Lily Laursen (granddaughter of Reg & Jeri Laursen), 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-Justicescanning 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)