

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 23rd

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)

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

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "Summer", mvt. 3 – Antonio Vivaldi

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

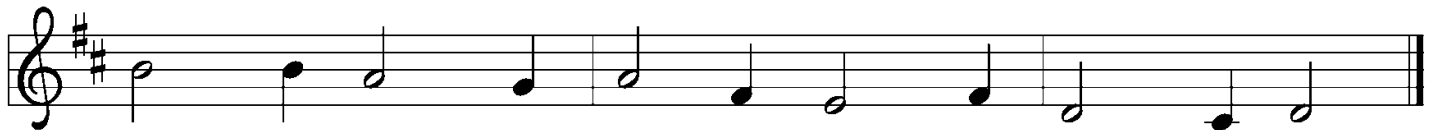
***GATHERING HYMN:** ELW 399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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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 our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.
We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak.**
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.
God's mercy is showered upon creation, and upon you.
God's forgiveness is for all people, and for you.
You are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **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 MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "**Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!**" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "**How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**" ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a}He called that place Bethel.

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

PSALM 139:1-12, 23-24

¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**

you discern my thoughts | from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

⁷Where can I go then | from your Spirit?
Where can I flee | from your presence?

⁸**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**

⁹If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

¹⁰**even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,"

¹²**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;
darkness and light to you are | both alike.**

²³Search me out, O God, and | know my heart;
try me and know my | restless thoughts.

²⁴**Look well whether there be any wicked- | ness in me
and lead me in the way that is | everlasting.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning

in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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


SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 796 How Firm A Foundation

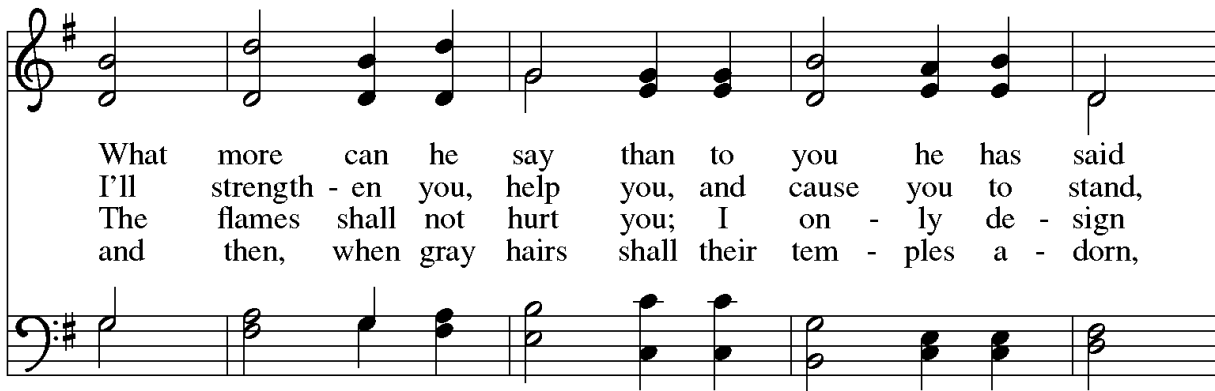
How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***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- LORD'S PRAYER** P. 11

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 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, ELW 638 Blessed Assurance

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

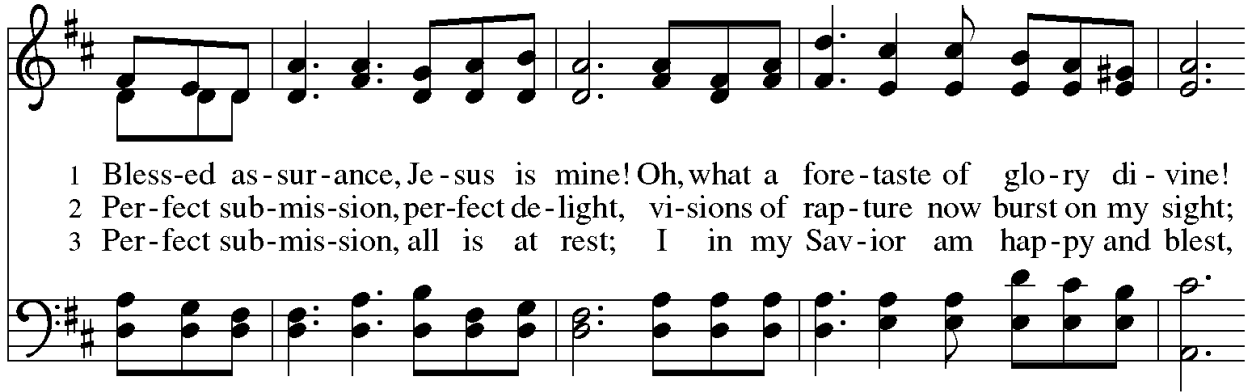
teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different verses or parts of the song.

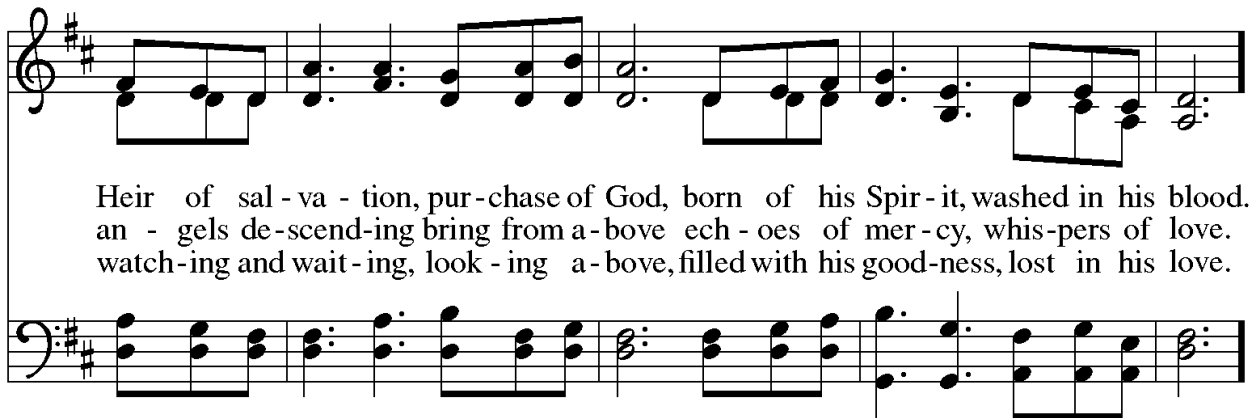
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Blessed Assurance

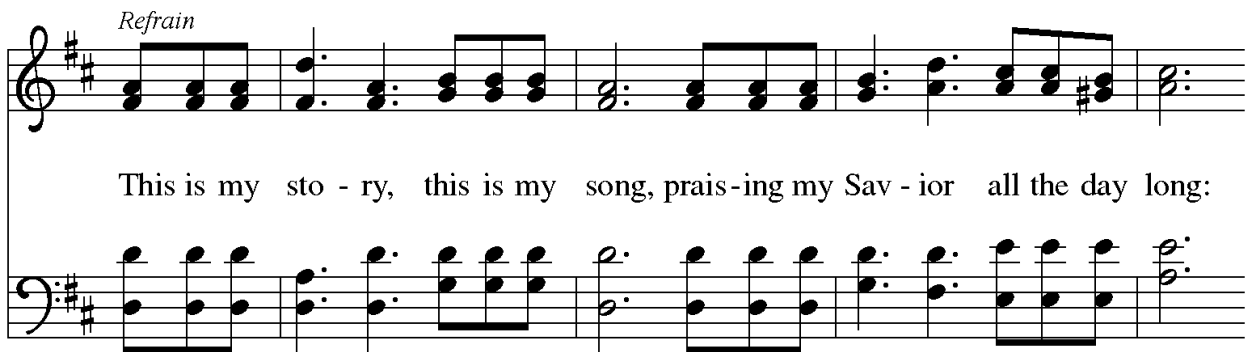


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



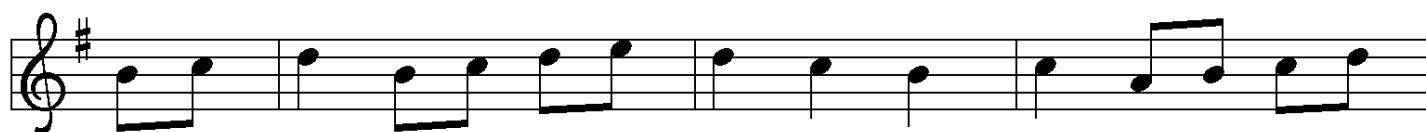
the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



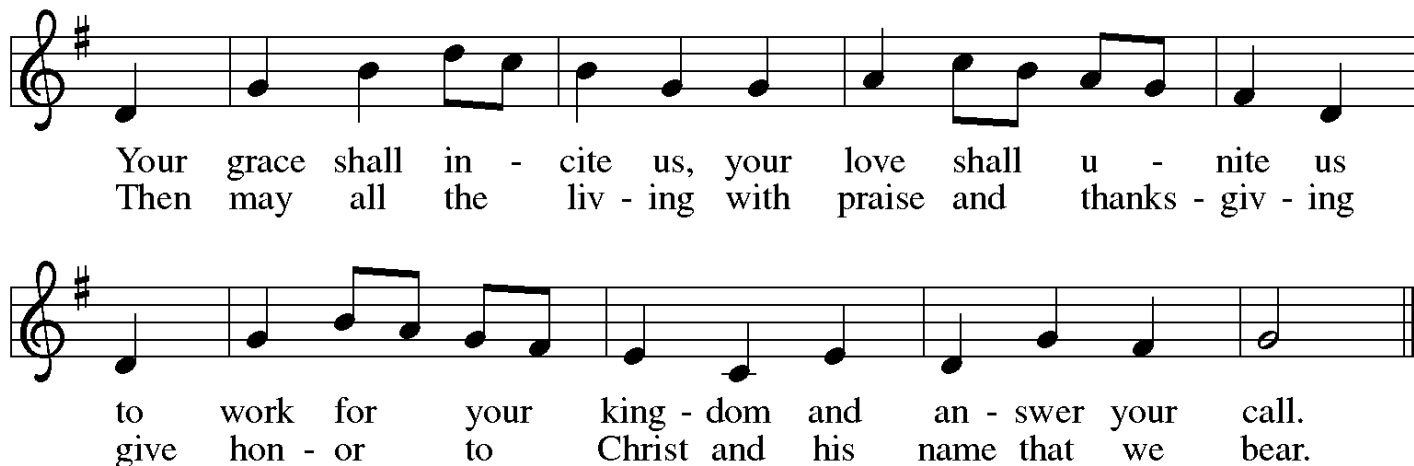
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “The Entertainer” - 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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TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Joyce & Ed Epperly; GREETER: Dave Peterson; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; READER: Lise Kildegaard; ASSISTING MINISTER: Kris Peterson; FELLOWSHIP: Luther Snow, Lise Kildegaard, Sonya & Dave Geenen, Bonnie Flora; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

ORANGE FLOCK MEETING: The Orange Flock, shepherded by Reg Laursen and Sue Blom, will meet today during Fellowship Hour to plan for August.

NORDIC FEST VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED to help deliver krumkake and supplies to Bank of the West on **Wednesday, July 26th at 9 AM**. Please contact Bev Sheridan at (563) 608-3272 if you are able to help. Thank you to all who helped with the krumkake baking! **We also still need baggers and runners** at Nordic Fest. Sign up in the Gathering Space or on Signup Genius.

DONATIONS FOR BOWEN YANEFF AND FAMILY are still being accepted—speak to Ann Naslund. Cash is preferred, or a check made out to the Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce with a note in the memo line that it is for Erica Yaneff.

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 or 563-419-0764.

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.

LIVING AS DISCIPLES BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES: The summer series of book discussions hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, and Decorah Lutheran Church concludes in August. August's book selection is *Belonging: 5 Keys to Unlocking Your Potential as a Disciple*, by Reverend Dr. Karoline Lewis. Discussions will be on **Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.**, at Dixie's Biergarten, and **Thursday, August 17, 10:30 a.m.**, at The Landing. All are welcome to attend one or both discussions!

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/.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS THIS WEEK! We scheduled for Nordic Fest week to include as many kids as possible and we have nineteen kids this year! Please keep the kids, youth helpers, and adults in your prayers.

HEALTHY LIVING CLASSES: Gundersen Health System will hold six 2½ 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: www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/

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

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Sue Blom, Marilyn Anderson, Ginny Olson, the family of Glenn Nelson, the Yaneff family on the birth of Bowen and the death of Suzie Yaneff, 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), 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 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)