

# 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 9th

## **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**)

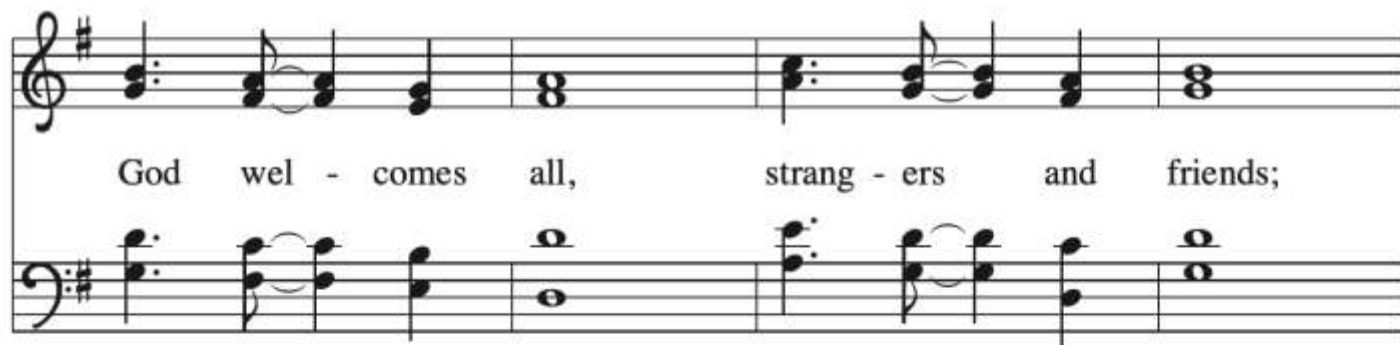
Page numbers (p.) in front of the blue booklets, (#) in back of ELW and ACS  
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC:** "Summer", mvt. 2 - Antonio Vivaldi

## PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** ACS 978 God Welcomes All (sung 3 times)



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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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 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

[Laban, Rebekah's brother, received a visitor who said,] <sup>34</sup>"I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup>My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup>but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' <sup>42</sup>"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup>I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup>and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup>"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup>She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup>Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup>Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup>Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

<sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." <sup>59</sup>So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "**May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.**" <sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. <sup>62</sup>Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup>Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped

quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup>and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

### **PSALM: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>The voice of I my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding o- I ver the hills.

<sup>9</sup>**My beloved is like a gazelle or I a young stag.**

**Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking I through the lattice.**

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and I says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one, and I come away.

<sup>11</sup>**For now the win- I ter is past,  
the rain is o- I ver and gone.**

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of sing- I ing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard I in our land.

<sup>13</sup>**The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they I give forth fragrance.**

**Arise, my love, my fair one, and I come away.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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### **SERMON**

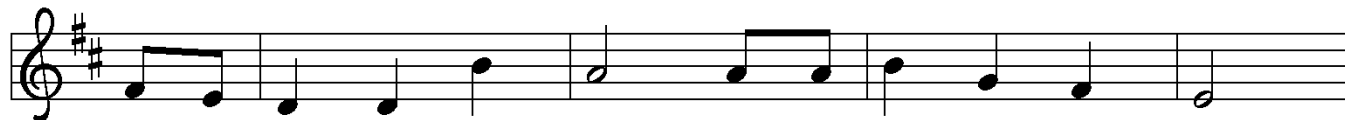
## \*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 453 Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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## YOUTH TRIP BLESSING:

We are here to celebrate the call of Christ through our baptism, to be Christ's servants in the world. **Come, Holy Spirit, empower this mission team for Service.** We are here to celebrate and affirm our unique God-given gifts and to declare that we have been blessed to be a blessing. **We thank you, Lord, for the gifts your Holy Spirit has given to these youth and adults.** We are here to ask for your prayers and blessing as we go to have fun and to serve. **May God go with you as you serve; may God give you peace and strength; may God give you the energy**

**and enthusiasm to accomplish your servant tasks. We send you out to serve in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.** God, we thank you that you have marked these youth with the cross of Christ and that you have claimed these are your children. May they continue to have faith in your promises and may they faithfully respond to your call to serve. Calm their fears, ready them for new experiences, bless them on their way, keep them safe in their travels, and give them a servant's heart. We ask these things through Jesus Christ, who came to serve. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

**\*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

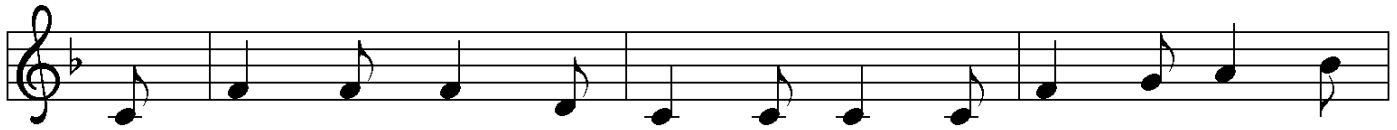
### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION-THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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 482 | Come with Joy, ELW 611 | Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

# I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*BLESSING- SENDING SONG:** ELW 790 Day by Day



## Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



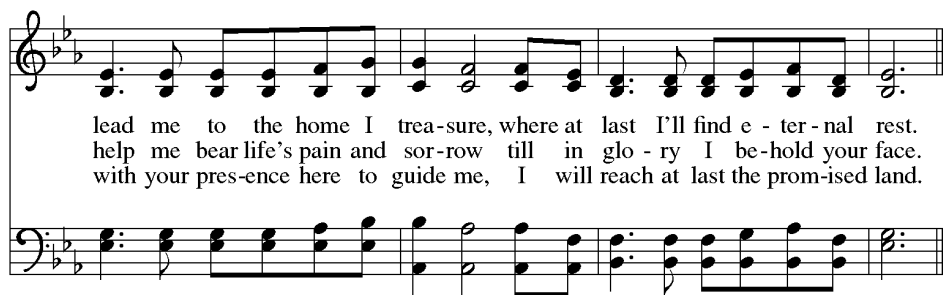
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Tend to relationships! **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:** “The Easy Winners” - 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: Ed & Joyce Epperly;  
CANTOR: Reg Laursen; READER: Midge Kjome; ASSISTING MINISTER: Tim Folkerts; FELLOWSHIP:  
Jim Fritz, Dave Peterson, Gary & Catherine Hildebrandt, Melanie Folkerts; ORGANIST &  
PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

**TODAY IS KRUMKAKE SUNDAY!** We will have a baking demonstration and also give you an opportunity to try your hand at baking. Krumkake will also be available to taste on the table during fellowship hour. On this day we will also put Good Shepherd labels on the baggies that are used for packaging. This is another fun “all congregation” event as every table is given labels and baggies to prepare (visitors have also helped us).

**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.

- Donate ingredients or money for ingredients by July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Help Prep the Krumkake Batter or Bake the Krumkake
- Help sell or demonstrate how to bake krumkake at Nordic Fest

**GLENN NELSON**, age 90, long time member of Good Shepherd, passed away at the Eastern Star Nursing Home on Monday. Services are pending. His obituary will be on the Helms Funeral Homes website at [helmsfuneralhomes.com](http://helmsfuneralhomes.com).

**A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF KEVIN KOELTZOW**, former Good Shepherd member, will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 16 at 2 PM.

**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.

**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](mailto:kelli@goodshepherddecorahorg)

**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. 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!

**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**.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED:** Souk Sengsaisouk, 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:** Marilyn Anderson, 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 Oyeade 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)***