

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



August 13th

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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: “How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them That Preach the Gospel of Peace” – G.F. Handel

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

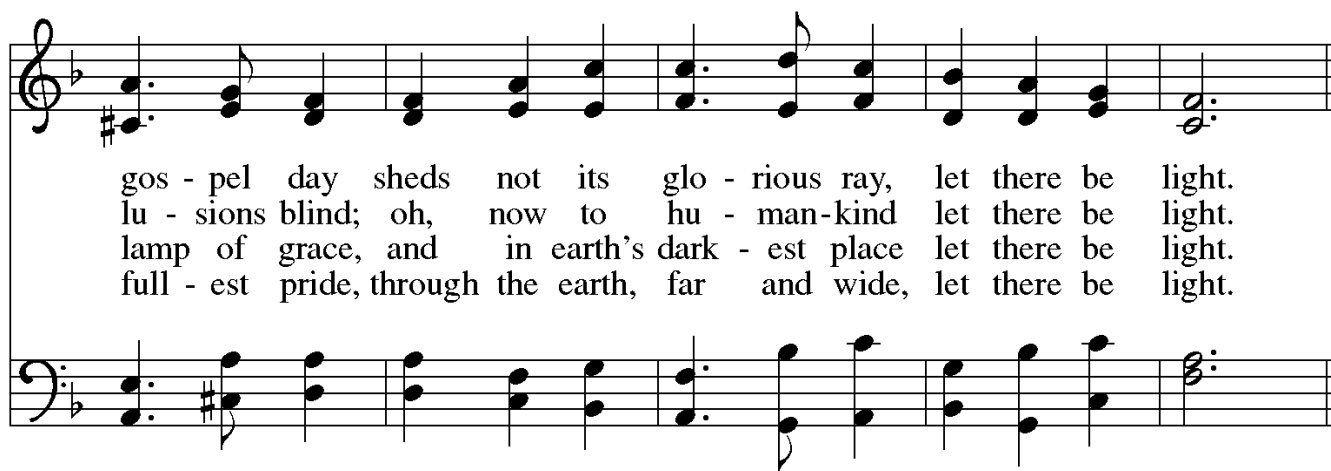
God’s mercy is showered upon creation, and upon you. God’s forgiveness is for all people, and for you. You are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Amen

***GATHERING HYMN: ELW 673 God, Whose Almighty Word vs. 1-3**

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



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

***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 37:1-14, 18-28

¹Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, **"Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf."** ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. ⁹He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, **"Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."** ¹⁰But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" ¹¹So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." **"Here I am."** ¹⁴"Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So [Israel] sent [Joseph] from the valley of Hebron. ¹⁸[Joseph's brothers] saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life...Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him". [He said this] that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the peoples.

²**Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,**
and speak of all God's | marvelous works.

³Glory in God's | holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.

⁴**Search for the strength | of the LORD;**
continually | seek God's face.

⁵Remember the marvels | God has done,
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,

⁶**O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,**
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones.

¹⁶Then God called for a famine | in the land
and destroyed the sup- | ply of bread.

¹⁷**The LORD sent a | man before them,**
Joseph, who was sold | as a slave.

¹⁸They bruised his ¹ feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an ¹ iron collar.
¹⁹**Until his prediction ¹ came to pass,**
the word of the LORD¹ tested him.
²⁰The king sent ¹ and released him;
the ruler of the peoples ¹ set him free,
²¹**setting him as a master o- ¹ ver his household,**
as a ruler over all ¹ his possessions,
²²**to instruct his princes according ¹ to his will**
and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b} | Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 600 Out of the Depths I Cry to You

Out of the Depths I Cry to You



1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.
2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with fa - vor.
3 In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own mer - it.
4 My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for morn - ing;



In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
All our good works are done in vain with - out our Lord and Sav - ior.
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Ho - ly Spir - it.
no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for your re - turn - ing.



Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from
Your prom - ise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross,
I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re - demp -



my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.
the grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.
your sig - na - ture, in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.
tion through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite
Music: AUS TIEFER NOT, attr. Martin Luther
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***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: “Great Faithfulness” – Rolf Svanoe

***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.*

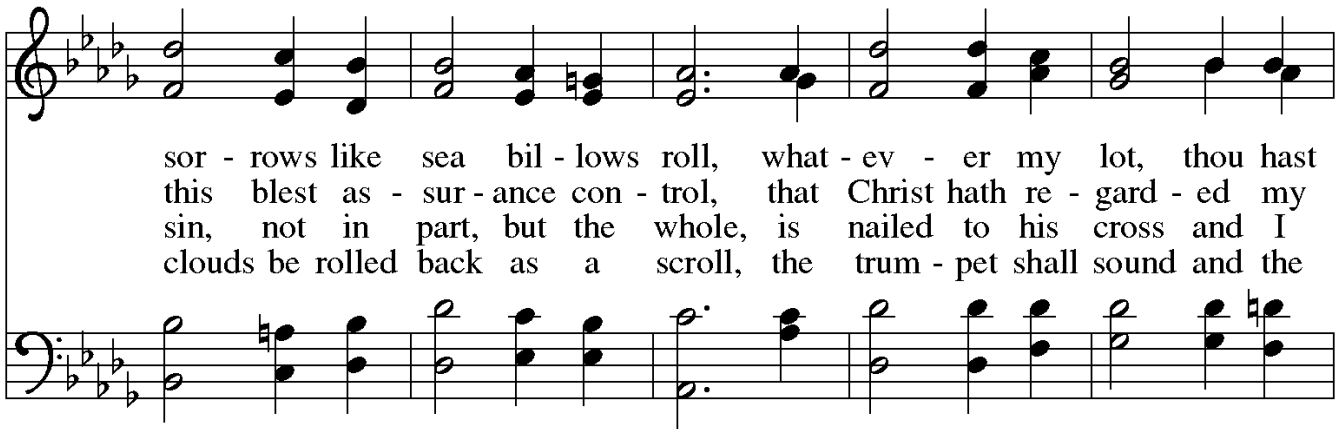
COMMUNION HYMNS: P. 12 Lamb of God, ELW 785 When Peace Like a River, ELW 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. Ref.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

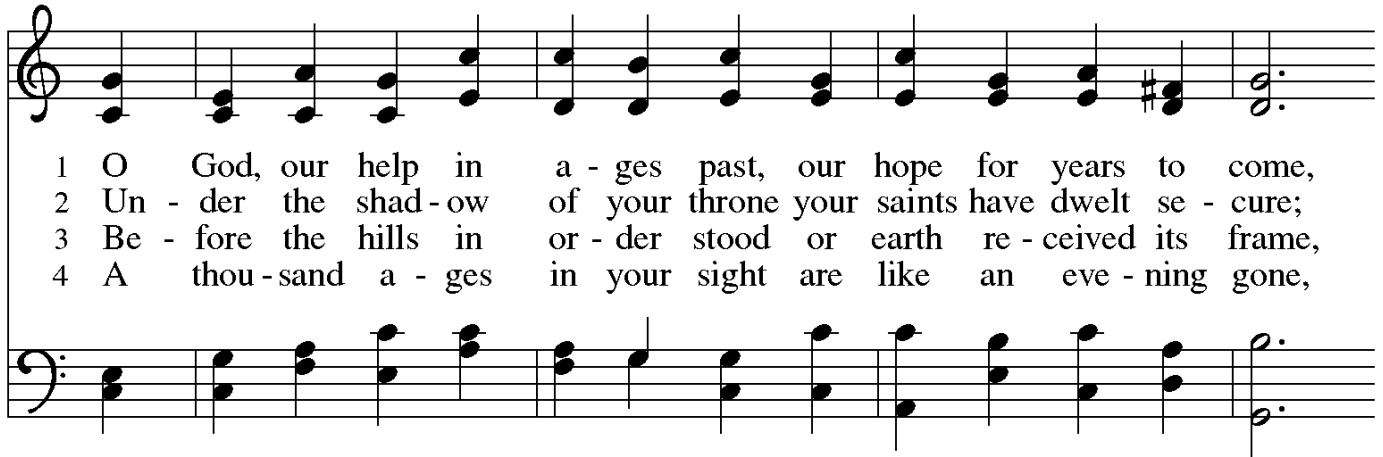
SENDING

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

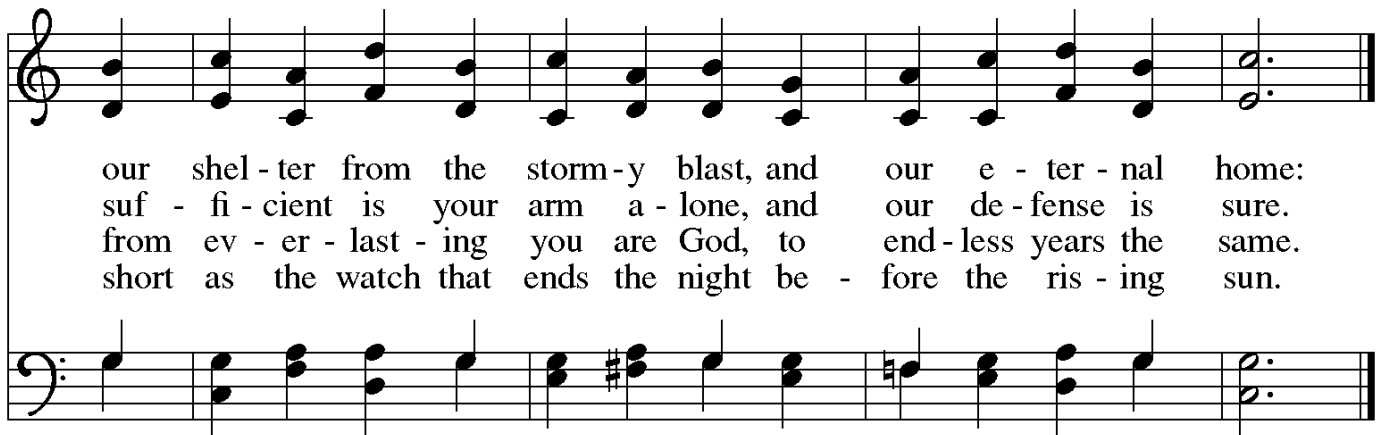
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***BLESSING- SENDING SONG:** ELW 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Peace Be With You” – Rolf Svanoe

Chorus: *Peace be with you. Peace be with you.*

May the peace of God be with you, in your heart and in your home.

May the peace of God surround you and fill you with Shalom.

Peace be with you. Peace be with you.

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: Annalise Skrade, Daniel Skrade; CANTOR: Rolf Svanoë; READER: Paul Skrade; ASSISTING MINISTER: Brian Solberg; FELLOWSHIP: Jeri Laursen, Liz Rog, Hannah Schroeder, the Skrade family; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Kimberly Svanoë; FLAUTIST: Laura Barlament; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

CUTTING GARDEN FLOWERS: Anne Clausen and Cheri Lane are 'harvesting' the flowers and providing bouquets for the sanctuary vases every Sunday in August as well as the small bouquets on the Garden Produce Table for as long as there are blooms to share.

GOOD SHEPHERD INFORMATION SESSION TODAY! Want to learn more about how to connect at Good Shepherd? Considering membership? Come to an information session today at 10:50am in the sanctuary. This will give you a chance to get to know more about Good Shepherd and to ask any questions that you might have. This session is for those considering membership and those simply wanting to learn more about connecting at Good Shepherd.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, AUGUST 20. New members to the congregation will be welcomed on Sunday, August 20 during worship. If you are interested in membership in the congregation, please talk with Pr. Amy.

MEAL TRAIN FOR ERICA YANEFF AND FAMILY: A Meal Train has been set up for Erica, Nick, and Aemon Yaneff following the birth of son **Bowen Hall**, born on July 11. To sign up to **donate a meal** or provide a **monetary donation** for meals for the Yaneff family, go to tinyurl.com/yaneff-family-meal-train .

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!

DISCIPLESHIP IN A DEMOCRACY DISCUSSION: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bateza, Reformation scholar at St. Olaf College and co-chair of the ELCA's Task Force on Studies for Civic Life and Faith, will lead a workshop on what Lutherans can do to help in our democracy will be held **Sunday, August 27th, 11:30 AM** at **First Lutheran Church**. A free-will lunch will be served. For more information and to register, go to tinyurl.com/lutheran-democracy-decorah .

TRANS MUTUAL AID SUPPORT: The Good Shepherd **Social Justice Team** is participating with **Iowa Trans Mutual Aid** to provide assistance to Trans and Nonbinary individuals in Iowa as they access gender-affirming care. Iowa Trans Mutual Aid helps facilitate life-saving care to those without the financial resources to access it on their own. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver (no minors are transported without parents) or could offer simple overnight accommodations to a parent and child, please call or text **Marty Steele** at **563-419-6163**. You can also contribute by providing a financial gift to the Iowa Trans Mutual Aid fund at iowatransmutualaidfund.org .

BEDS AND BEDDING CURRENTLY NEEDED: The **Immigration Working Group** at the NE Iowa Peace and Justice Center is helping welcome new family members to the area and seeking

donations of beds - single, full or queen - and bedding, as well as volunteers to help move beds. Please call or text **Marty Steele** at **563-419-6163** if you can help.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BABY CARE ITEMS NEEDED: Donations are needed for Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Baby Care Kits! The items needed for **School Kits** are 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, boxes of 16 or 24 count crayons, blunt scissors, pencil sharpeners, 30-centimeter rulers, #2 unsharpened pencils, blue or black ballpoint pens, and 2 1/2 inch erasers. Items needed for **Baby Care Kits** are cloth diapers, small hand towels, infant sleepers, receiving blankets (up to 50" square), sweater or jacket, cotton t-shirts, and 4-ounce soap bars. A donation box is in the Gathering Space.

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.

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 and September. 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: Mike Blair, Sue Blom, Marilyn Anderson, Ginny Olson, the family of Glenn Nelson, the Yaneff 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), 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 is 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)