

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 27th, 13th 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.

Good Shepherd is a Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use facility.

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: “Gardens in the Rain” – Claude Debussy
PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 1:8—2:10

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶“When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, “**Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.**” ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

^{2:1}Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷Then his sister said to

Pharaoh's daughter, **"Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"** ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with **I** my whole heart;
before the gods I will **I** sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast **I** love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- **I**bove all things.**

³When I called, you **I** answered me;
you increased my **I** strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise **I** you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words **I** of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways **I** of the LORD,
that great is the glory **I** of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares **I** for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty **I** from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you **I** keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right **I** hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- **I**pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works **I** of your hands.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 639 When We Are Living (during last verse, all students, teachers, faculty, school staff come and stand in front of the altar, facing the congregation for a blessing.) **NOTE:** We'll sing the last verse a second time after Blessing of Backpacks.



<i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i>	<i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i>
1 When we are liv - ing,	it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row	and in times of pain,
3 A - cross this wide world,	we shall al - ways find



<i>y si mo - ri - mos</i>	<i>pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.</i>
and when we're dy - ing,	it is in the Lord. . . .
when sens - ing beau - ty	or in love's em - brace, . . .
those who are cry - ing	with no peace of mind; . . .



<i>Sea que vi - va - mos</i>	<i>o que mu - ra - mos,</i>
Both in our liv - ing	and in our dy - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer,	or sing re - joic - ing,
and when we help them,	or when we feed them,



<i>so - mos del Se - ñor,</i>	<i>so - mos del Se - ñor.</i>
we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.
we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.
we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942

st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/BAGS (and the people who carry them!)

You are God's beloved child. God is with you, and you are loved when you are at home and when you are away, when you work and when you rest, when you are happy and when you are sad and all the times in between.

TRAVELING MUSIC ELW 639 vs. 3 in English or Spanish

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Let us pray...

God, God, we give you thanks for fresh starts and for the ways you always at work bring new life. We pray as and for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

We pray for our hearts...Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for our minds.... Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for our hands... Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for our mouths... Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for our feet... Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for our eyes.... Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for our ears... Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for parents...Loving God, **hold us and our prayers.**

We pray for teachers ... Loving God, **hold us and our prayers....**

We bring all our prayers to you...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***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 583 Take My Life That I May Be, ELW 466 In the Singing

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875-1955
Music: TOMA MI VOICESTRAD, William Drexler Platts, b. 1936
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In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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SENDING

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING- SENDING SONG:** ELW 544 Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Elite Syncopations” – 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: The Bellrichard/Hicken Family;
CANTOR: Reg Laursen; READERS: Lulu and Poppy Bellrichard; ASSISTING MINISTER: Steve

Hopkins; FELLOWSHIP: Solveig Bellrichard, Liza Hicken, Dan Bellrichard, Reg & Jeri Laursen, Jim & Kathy Buzza; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

WELCOME to all guests and especially to Luther Students! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship- follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

RALLY SUNDAY for kids and parents. Youth Sunday School students will have games and fun as we launch a new program year. Please register for ALL youth programming, including Confirmation class, at tinyurl.com/gs-youth-registration-23 or on the handouts in the **Gathering Space**. Parents and Sunday School helpers, please meet Kelli in the Gathering Space at 10:45am for a brief orientation about schedules and programming. Youth ages 7th-12th grade, Pr. Amy will meet with you about opportunities for a year of faith and fun!

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 **today at 11:30 AM at First Lutheran Church**. A free-will lunch will be served. You can still join Pr. Amy and others for this even if you haven't registered!

END OF SUMMER GARDEN PRODUCE AND FLOWERS ARE AVAILABLE in the Fellowship Hall Entry. Freewill offerings are donated to the Decorah Community Food Pantry. As the season is winding down, Good Shepherd's Gardner John Moeller is to be thanked for preparing the Garden space, planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, and preparing produce for Sunday displays and offerings.

2024 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION DUE SEPTEMBER 3rd: Decorah area ELCA churches set **September 3rd** as the due date for registrations for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024. This deadline allows for Early Bird registration, which reduces the cost per person and provides more housing options. All students entering Grades 8-12 in the 2023-24 school year can participate, and kids that aren't members are welcome too! A **completed registration form and \$250 deposit** (with check made out to Good Shepherd) should be turned into the church office by September 3. The projected overall cost per person is \$1400, including deposit. Fundraisers hopefully will cover the additional cost. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space and were sent via email. Contact Kelli at kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org with any questions.

BABY SHOWER FOR BOWEN YANEFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd DURING FELLOWSHIP HOUR. Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower for Bowen Yaneff, son of Erica and Nick Yaneff, who was born July 11. Aemon is Bowen's big brother.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: Please join us for a free meal on **Thursday, September 7th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street**. All are welcome -- this is a free meal -- serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of Decorah Lutheran Church who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

THE WELCOME FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS PICNIC will take place on **Sunday, September 10th** from **5-6:30pm**. This year we'll be able to feast under our new pergola and celebrate our

commitment to caring for creation. The picnic is a whole congregation effort! Sign up to help today, online under the signup tab on the website or on the tables in the Gathering Space.

OPEN HUB SINGING CLUB, an 8-week series of song circles, will begin **Sept. 10th**. All are welcome to experience joy in community through voice and song! Open to everyone regardless of singing experience. Registration and more info at [CenterforBelonging.earth](https://centerforbelonging.earth) or call **Liz Rog** at **563-382-8013**. If you can't come to the first session because of the Picnic, you are welcome at the second session!

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.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS HAS URGENT NEED FOR DRIVERS AND HAULERS: NHN is a partnership between Decorah United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Northeast Iowa Peace and Justice Center's Immigration Working Group. This partnership **sponsors and coordinates rides** for families and individuals to get to Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) check-ins, lawyer appointments, and court dates. It also helps **provide basic furniture** to immigrants and families. Information can be found at decorahucc.org/neighbors/. Volunteer Drivers, contact Kristin P. at office@decorahucc.org. To donate furniture or help haul furniture, contact NEI Peace and Justice Center, **563-382-5337**.

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.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires on Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii. LDR provides for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction there, and is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. To donate, go to community.elca.org/uswildfires.

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.

PASTOR JOSEPH DOEGEN, formerly Joseph Tiegen, Luther College '18 and Wartburg Theological Seminary '23, will be ordained in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Bethany Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, on Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 p.m. Joseph is

one of the seminarians sponsored by Good Shepherd in recent years, and we rejoice in his ordination!

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 at goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/

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

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Ingrid Callaghan, 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: The family of Tim Broderick (friend of Ruth and Jerry Bruce), the family of Katrinka Sieber (former member of Good Shepherd), Arlene Lecander (mother of Tim Lecander), 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, 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 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)