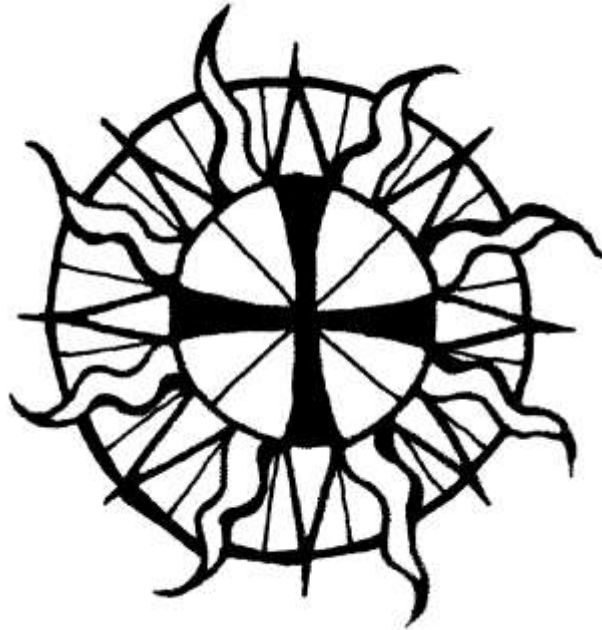


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 6th, 2023

10th 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: "Adagio" from Capriccio On The Departure Of My Brother – Bach

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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, 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 MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²²[At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." **All: "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."**

"What is your name?" **"Jacob."**

"You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." **"Please tell me your name."**

"Why is it that you ask my name?"

Reader: And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,

"For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM 17:1-7, 15

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

²**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

³Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

⁴**I have not regarded what | others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.

⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;**
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.

⁷Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

¹⁵**But at my vindication I shall | see your face;**
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- | ing your likeness.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ACS 922 When We Are Tested

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,
fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,
nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,
food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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***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: 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 the parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive gluten and dairy free bread. The plate of cups will then be offered for you to select wine or grape juice. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart. If you need an individual, pre-packaged serving of bread and wine, please request that of your server. Place wine/juice cups in the basket by the altar as you return to your pew.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: P. 12 Lamb of God, ELW 487 What Feast of Love,
ELW 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773 731

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: George N. Allen, *The Oberlin Social and Sabbath School Hymn Book*, 1844; adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Music: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

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PRECIOUS LORD
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SENDING

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 326 Bless Now, O God, The Journey**

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Above All” – Baloché/LeBlanc

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: Brian Solberg, Russ Freerking;
CANTOR: Rolf Svanoe; READER: Stephanie Hoff; ASSISTING MINISTER: Cindy Bellrichard;
FELLOWSHIP: Marie & Russ Freerking, Sara Hopkins, Sarah Olson, Jutta Anderson; ORGANIST &
PIANIST: Kimberly Svanoe; FLAUTIST: Laura Barlament PREACHER & PRESIDER: Rev. Susan
Friedrich

COURTYARD RENOVATION SPECIAL APPEAL: As of Thursday, August 3rd, including the
matching gift of \$6,000, we have raised \$15,548 towards the courtyard renovation! We have
well surpassed our goal—we should all be proud!

KRUMKAKE MINISTRY: The Krumkake Ministry has raised over \$4,000 at Nordic Fest! *Thank
you to everyone who helped to make our Krumkake Sales a success. We had net sales of **\$4,194**.
This is after expenses and 10% to the Nordic Fest board. We had over **125 volunteers** who clocked
in over **670 hours**. WOW! Thank you to everyone who willingly volunteered when the call went out
for extra help and to those who did not turn the other way or run and hide when we came to coffee
hour with a sign up sheet. This congregation is truly amazing. From: The ABC Crew
(Ann, Bev, Carrie)*

Tusen Takk to **Ann Naslund, Bev Sheridan, and Carrie Solberg** for the many hours they spent
planning, setting up, and supervising this year's Krumkake Ministry!

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.

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 .

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/.

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 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)