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



October 1st, 18th 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.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship- ELW (red book in pew) and All Creation Sings – ACS (purple book in pew)

Page numbers (P.) in front of red book and hymn numbers (#) in back of books; congregational responses are in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "Chester" - William Billings **PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONFESSION We confess that we have not listened to the stories of Indigenous people and have not taken the time to understand history. We have devalued Indigenous religions and lifeways and have not challenged the invisibility of Indigenous people in American society. We have treated American Indians and Alaska Natives as a "minority group" rather than as sovereign nations...We confess that we must continue to learn more about our complicity and the roles our church played in dehumanizing Indigenous peoples, especially as it relates to the forced assimilation, abuse, and death in Indian boarding schools, adoption, foster care. (from ELCA Declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native People, see the full declaration at: tinyurl.com/elca-indigenous-declaration . God, we bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our forbearers did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the gospel.

Teach us and show us the way.

We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, and political, walls that result in discrimination and violence.

Forgive us, Lord. Teach us and show us the way.

Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, who gives us, through the Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings.

Teach us and show us the way.

In Christ, we receive forgiveness and we are strengthened for a faithful and common witness in our time. **Teach us and show us the way.** (from Indigenous People's Celebration: A Service of Indigenous Peoples, written and compiled by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy of the Oglala Sioux Tribe)

*GATHERING SONG: ELW 837 Many and Great, O God Wakantakna taku nitawa

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Wakantanka taku nitawa



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*GREETING- KYRIE ELW pg. 165-166 (note, no Hymn of Praise today)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... Oh Great Creator, we come before you in a humble manner. We pray for all our relations in nature, all those who walk, crawl, fly, and swim, seen and unseen, and to the good spirits that exist in every part of creation. May there be beauty above us. May there be beauty below us. May there be beauty in us and beauty all around us. We ask that this world be filled with peace, love, and beauty. Amen (prayer by Medicine Grizzly Bear)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 17:1-7 – congregation reads portions in bold ¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

¹Hear my teaching, [|] O my people; incline your ears to the words [|] of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth | in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times—

³that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- | bears have told us, we will not hide | from their children.

⁴We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the LORD, and the wonderful works | God has done.

¹²God worked marvels in the sight | of their ancestors, in the land of Egypt, in the | field of Zoan,

13splitting open the sea and letting | them pass through; making the waters stand | up like walls;

¹⁴leading them with a ¹ cloud by day, and all the night with a ¹ glow of fire;

15splitting the rocks | in the wilderness and giving them drink as | from the deep;
 16bringing streams out | of a rock, making them flow down | like a river.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. - Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

BLESSING FOR ALL WHO HELP US REMEMBER, READ, AND UNDERSTAND

If you are a current, retired, emeriti librarian or archivist, if you work or have worked in a library, if you do genealogy work for an organization or your family, if you do translation, if you are working to help people access books in a time of book banning, if you help others in your family and community to learn, read, remember and understand in any way, you are invited to stand for a blessing.

We praise you, O God:

for all who help us to remember, read, and understand:

for those who ignite a love of reading, may their delight be renewed;

for those who preserve history, may we learn its lessons;

for those who help us explore, may new pathways to knowledge open for them; for those who translate, help them and all of us to listen well and to understand; for those who guard access to knowledge that troubles and disturbs, open us all to wisdom. **Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Prayer response is: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

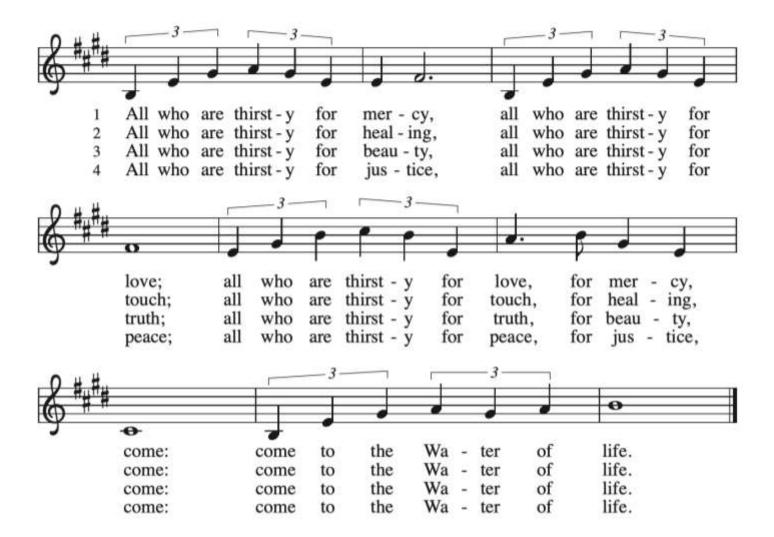
*PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Ain'a That Good News" - Negro Spiritual

*OFFERTORY SONG: ACS 955 Come to the Water of Life

Come to the Water of Life



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray...Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY P. 172-173

For as often as we eat of this bread...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

*LORD'S PRAYER: P. 173 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. Sunday School kids, teachers, and Fellowship servers, please commune first and then go to Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNION HYMNS: p. 174 Lamb of God, ELW 331 As the Deer Runs to the River, ELW 469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv er, parched and wea ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is rael crossed the des ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I sa iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des ert plac es, deep est thirst un sat is fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace. Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean. God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need." Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



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By Your Hand You Feed Your People

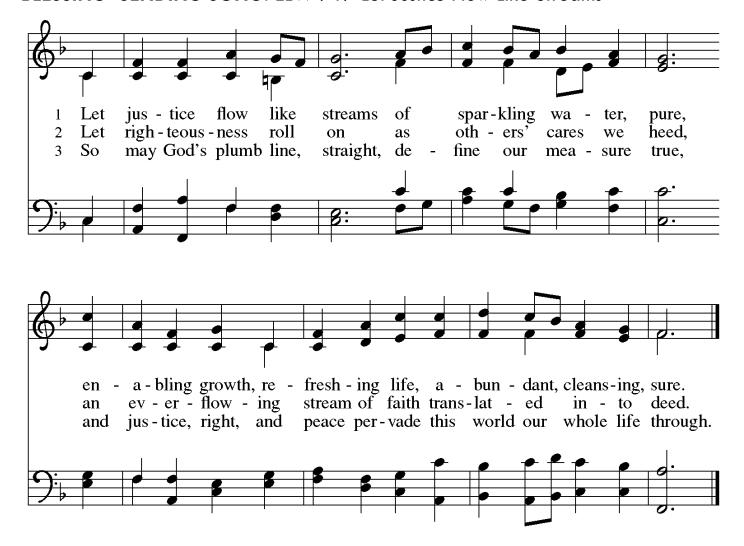


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TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams



Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" - Negro Spiritual, arr. Randy Snyder 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: Steve & Leah Holland; GREETER: Gloria Hove; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; READER: Anne Jacobsen Clausen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Jakoubek; FELLOWSHIP: Carrie Solberg, Jane Jakoubek, Linda Donoghue, Kathi Wild, Gloria Hove, Norma & Harley Refsal, Ruth Hasvold; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS: As Lutherans and lowans, we are connected to the history of Indian Boarding Schools. There was an Indian Boarding School in Allamakee County known as the Winnebago Mission School or Yellow River School. It was one of 408 boarding schools operated and supported by the United States government between 1819 and 1969. The Bethany Indian Mission near Wittenberg, Wisconsin, operated from 1884 to 1955. It has ties to Luther College, and the Indian boarding school is the only one in the United States run by Norwegian Lutherans, with the Norwegian Synod founding Bethany Mission. Years later, the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, responsible for the Bethany Indian Mission after 1917, became part of today's ELCA.

SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. JEROME (c.342-47 - 420). He is known as the patron saint of librarians, translators and a variety of other scholars and professions. The Lutheran, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox churches and the Anglican Communion recognize Jerome as a saint. He is best known as the first translator of the Bible into Latin from the original texts, as well as for his biblical commentaries and teachings on Christian moral life, many focusing on the lives of women. He became considered one of the Desert Fathers, having spent five years as a hermit, and one of the Fathers of the Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED: Share in the joy and responsibility of faith formation with our youth! **Two Sunday School assistants**, one per classroom, are needed each Sunday to help Sunday School teachers during the school year. To volunteer, go to the Good Shepherd website or visit <u>tinyurl.com/gs-sunday-school-help-23</u>.

ADULT FORUM: CONVERSATIONS ON CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. in the Gathering Space. Conversations will be facilitated by Good Shepherd member John Moeller, Luther College Professor Emeritus of Political Science. Following each discussion, brief feedback will be provided to the ELCA's Task Force on Civic Life and Faith, as they draft a social statement for consideration at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL on Thursday, October 5th, 5:00 - 67th, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.:15 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome! Come enjoy fellowship with your friends and neighbors. Members of Decorah Lutheran Church will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts.

The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College. Gluten-free options and carry-outs are always available.

FIFTH ELCA TRUTH AND HEALING MOVEMENT ZOOM SESSION, OCTOBER 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Gathering Space - Join Good Shepherd's Racial Justice Team to view and discuss in community the last session in this series, Indian 101, presented by Vance Blackfox, ELCA Director for Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The session is 2 hours.

GUIDED TOURS OF GOOD SHEPHERD'S CARBON NEUTRAL FACILITY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., As part of the national Interfaith Power and Light National Solar Tour, Good Shepherd member and Mission Green LLC cofounder Jim Fritz will be giving tours to highlight our Carbon Neutral Initiative. There will also be a virtual tour component listed on the IPL website.

DECORAH FOOD WALK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1:00 p.m., starting at the Decorah Community Food Pantry - Join the Community Food Pantry's annual Food Walk to raise awareness of local hunger issues. The walk begins at the Food Pantry at 110 Railroad Street and no registration fee is required. You can support the cause by walking, donating non-perishable food items, or by making a monetary gift by mailing a check to Decorah Community Food Pantry, PO Box 26, Decorah, IA. 52101.

Pastor Bauer (he was an intern at Good Shepherd with Rev. Paul Hasvold) is RETIRING! After 25 years of ministry, Pr. Norm Bauer is retiring! Please join Pastor Bauer at a celebration in his honor Sunday, October 8, 2:00-4:00 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 705 3rd Ave. Charles City. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to send greetings his address is Pr. Norm Bauer, 1103 Allison St. Charles City, IA 50616.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS, PRIZES, AND TREATS NEEDED: Good Shepherd is hosting Bingo at Wellington Place on Tuesday, October 10th. We're charged with providing: cookies/bars for 30 people, prizes (small items/anything is welcome!) for 30, and 3-4 volunteers to help some of the folks play bingo/socialize. Contact Erica to help or sign-up in the Gathering Space.

LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH RELATED SUPPORT GROUPS: The local Northeast lowa team for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) leads two support groups related to mental health. Detailed flyers are posted outside the Fellowship Hall. The Connection Recovery Support Group is a support group for individuals who experience mental health conditions. It is held every Tuesday in Decorah. The Family Support Group is held on the 4th Monday of the month in Elgin. The Family support group is for adult family members or loved ones of those experiencing mental health conditions. The next meeting date is Oct. 23rd.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BABY CARE ITEMS NEEDED: For information about the items needed for Baby Care and School Kits, go to page 10 in the September newsletter available at our website's NEWS Tab. A donation boxes are in the Gathering Space. Kits will be assembled on October 24.

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. Erica: 10-5:00 PM Wednesday-Thursday

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Natalie Buddenberg, Dan Raney and family, Logan Nalean-Carlson, Ingrid Callaghan, Ginny Olson, Kerry Johnson, the family of Glenn Nelson, Donna Bahr, Helen Hermeier, James Barth, 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: Kathryn Thompson and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn

Relatives and Friends: 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), 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 Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary

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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!

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 at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each week. Find the full statement at



goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.

We acknowledge that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the loway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago, and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers. (2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery)