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



September 10th, 15th 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: "American Hymn" – Mattias Keller PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG: ELW 510 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



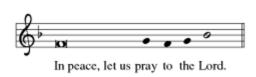
Text: James Quinn, sJ, b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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*GREETING- KYRIE-HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW pg. 165-168

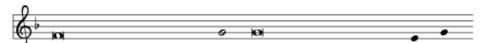






For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

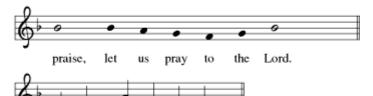


God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and

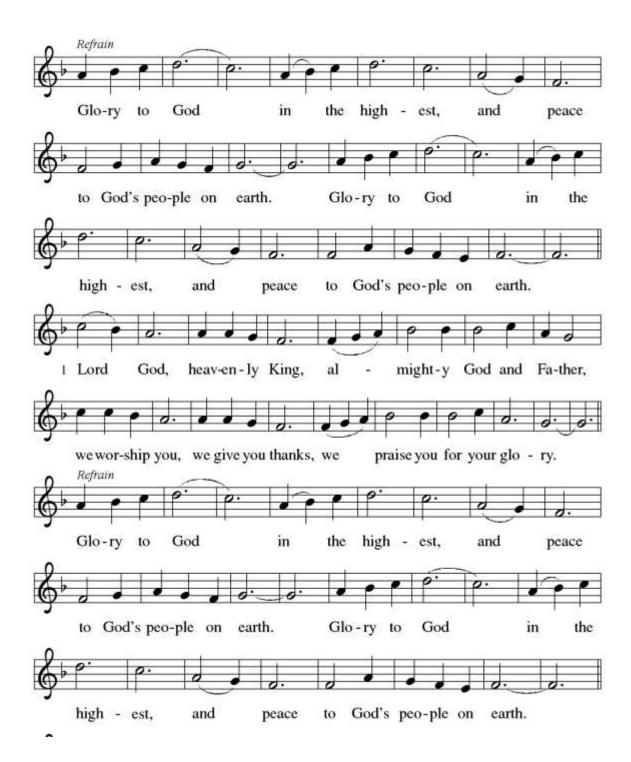


Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.







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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14

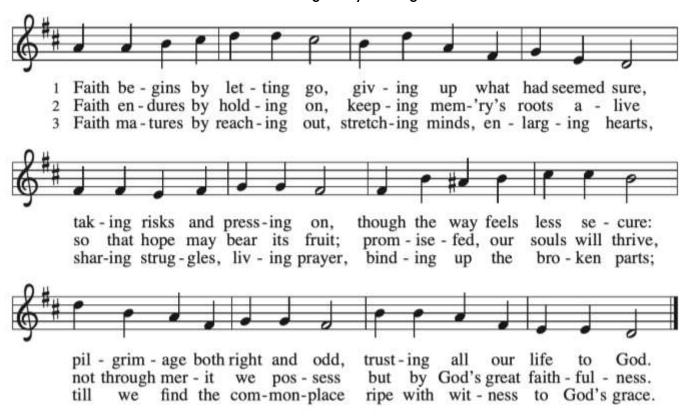
¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song, God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful. ²Let Israel rejoice | in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler. ³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp. ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory. ⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph; let them sing for joy | on their beds. ⁶Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand, ⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples, 8to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron, ⁹to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! **NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Romans 13:8-14 ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. **Word of God. Word of life.** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 1004 Faith Begins by Letting Go



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815

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BLESSING OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

When you were baptized... As you begin or continue in this journey, we want you to hear promises from the congregation.

The world will call you many things. The world will try to rename you. Today we echo the voice of the Triune God. Today we call you beloved child.

When we see you begin to wonder if this name is really yours, we promise to remind you: you are indeed a child of God.

As you prepare to publicly affirm your faith, we promise to pray for you, to serve with you, to learn with you and from you. Amen.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

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

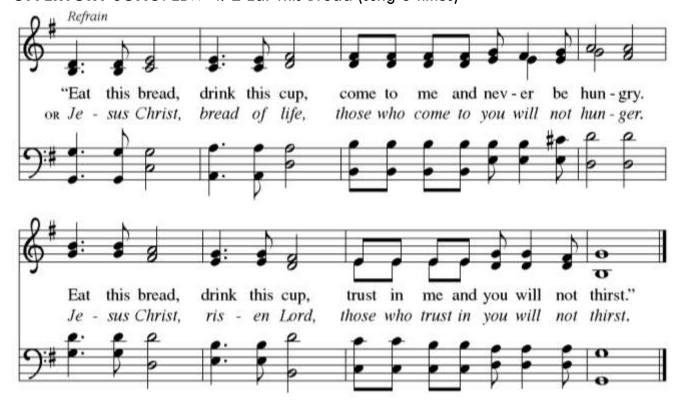
*PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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: "Kingsfold" - David Marlatt

*OFFERTORY SONG: ELW 472 Eat This Bread (sung 3 times)



Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

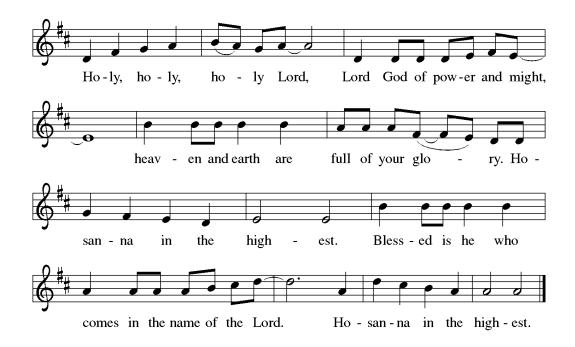
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*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray...Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY P. 172-173

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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 666 What Wondrous Love Is This, ELW 362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

What Wondrous Love Is This



- What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
- 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



my soul! What won-drous love won - drous love this, O is this is sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb. when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



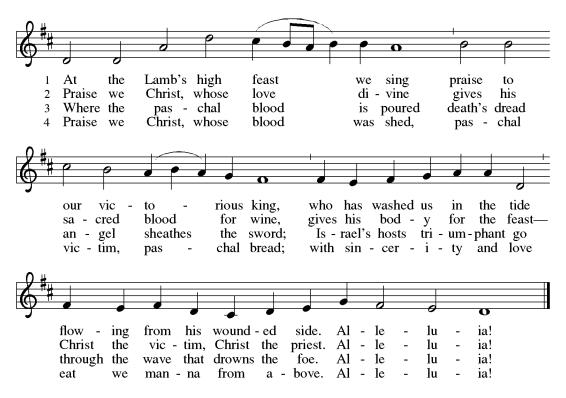
bliss bear the dread-ful curse for my that caused the Lord of to be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ a - side his crown for my laid who the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will I'llsing God's love for through e - ter - ni - ty me, and



Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



- 5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng, 1566

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad o ra tion for your gos pel's joy ful sound.
- 3 Sav ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound. let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

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

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Siyahamba" - David Marlatt

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: Dave Judisch, Linda Martin; GREETER: Christy Tomlinson; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; READER: Mic Martin; ASSISTING MINISTER: Karin Martin-Hiner; FELLOWSHIP: Lance & Jill Wood, Gail Judisch, Christy Tomlinson, Miky Hiner, Linda Martin; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

READINGS IN WORSHIP During this focus on the Old Testament stories, we are hearing just two readings to help us focus on parts of scripture that we may often overlook. We will return to hearing Gospel readings in the season of Advent.

CONFRIMATION STUDENTS to pray for this year: Keegan Joyce, Logan Nalean-Carlson, Weston Cote, Poppy Bellrichard, Adeline Bollinger, Lulu Bellrichard, Colin Thompson, Victor Biedermann

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

FAITH beginning Sunday, September 17, through Sunday, October 15, 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. Topics for exploration include: How is God's invitation to discipleship lived out in a democracy? How do Christians address controversial civic issues? What are Lutheran views on civic life? What does faith-based living have to do with civic life? 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY! This year, youth are focused on getting ready for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 2024. We will not have Youth Group sessions on Sunday mornings. Youth are invited to attend Fellowship Hour or help with Sunday School.

TODAY! THE WELCOME FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS PICNIC is from **5-6:30pm**. This year we'll be able to feast under our new pergola and indoors and celebrate our commitment to caring for creation. **The picnic is a whole congregation effort!** You can still sign up today to help!

THANK YOU: Erica, Nicky, Aemon, and Bowen Yaneff want to express our immense gratitude for the support and gifts for our family shared with us last week during the baby shower, and beyond. We are so humbled by and grateful for Good Shepherd – thank you!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT: Do you enjoy crocheting or knitting? As we move from summer into fall the Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 1:00-3:00 in the Gathering Space at the church. New members please join us! Yarn will be available. Confirmands, graduates, people who are baptized, those suffering illness, Helping Services for Youth and Families and Hospice Winn-Med are all recipients of shawls. Questions: Contact Jeri Laursen at jeri.laursen@gmail.com or 608-498-8069.

COMMUNION VISITORS NEEDED: Would you consider serving as a Communion Visitor to those who cannot come to worship? **We have a number of people who would value receiving the sacrament** more regularly. Pr. Amy visits with communion and more visitors would help people to receive more often. It also helps people to connect with the larger congregation. If you are interested in this beautiful ministry, please contact Pr. Amy. She will provide support and resources.

DECORAH CHRISTIANS UNITED IN CELEBRATING PRIDE is a joint witness of Decorah Christian congregations/ministries that are openly and explicitly welcoming and affirming of LGBTQIA+ people: Decorah First United Methodist Church, Decorah Congregational United Church of Christ, First Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and Luther College Ministries. All Decorah Christians who support the LGBTQIA+ community are invited to join in this public witness to God's welcoming, inclusive love. Here's how you can participate on **Saturday, September 16 during the Decorah Pride Festival:**

1:00 P.M.: BRIEF PRAYER SERVICE AND SIGN MAKING PARTY AT DECORAH UCC Gather in front of Decorah Congregational United Church of Christ, 209 W. Broadway St. Sign making supplies & treats will be available during and after the prayer service.

2:30 P.M. LINE UP FOR UNIFIED PARADE WITNESS AT MARY CHRISTOPHER PARK Individuals and openly welcoming congregations/ministries will be united behind a banner proclaiming God is Love. Love is Love. You can take a Pride flag and/or sticker from the Fellowship Hall today to display in the parade!

OPEN HUB SINGING CLUB, an 8-week series of song circles, will begin **Sept. 10**th. All are welcome to experience joy in community through voice and song! Open to everyone regardless of singing experience. Registration and more info at <u>CenterforBelonging.earth</u> 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 on **Sept. 17**th!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS HAS URGENT NEED FOR DRIVERS AND HAULERS: NHN is a partnership between Decorah United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Northeast lowa 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.

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

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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 are in need of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy. (Romans 3:23)

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Logan Nalean-Carlson, Ingrid Callaghan, Marilyn Anderson, Ginny Olson, Kerry Johnson, the family of Glenn Nelson, the Yaneff family, 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: Joseph Doegen, 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 (stepnephew 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 Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary