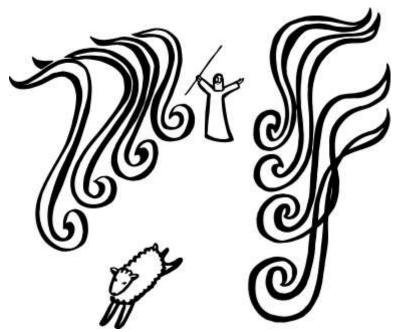
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 17th, 16th 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: "Heather" – Claude Debussy **PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*GATHERING SONG: ELW 399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. 21Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 30Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 114

1Hallelujah! When Israel came | out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people | of strange speech,

2Judah became God's | sanctuary
and Israel | God's dominion.

3The sea beheld | it and fled;
Jordan turned | and went back.

4The mountains | skipped like rams,
and the little hills | like young sheep.

5What ailed you, O sea, | that you fled,
O Jordan, that | you turned back,

⁶you mountains, that you | skipped like rams, you little hills | like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence | of the LORD, at the presence of the | God of Jacob,

⁸who turned the hard rock into a | pool of water and flint-stone into a | flowing spring.

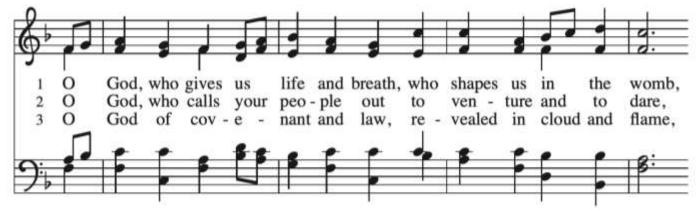
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of guarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."12So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 1086 O God Who Gives Us Life





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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: 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: "The Storm is Passing Over" – Charles Albert Tindley

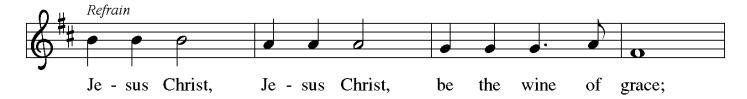
*OFFERTORY SONG: ELW 466 In the Singing



- 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,





Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

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

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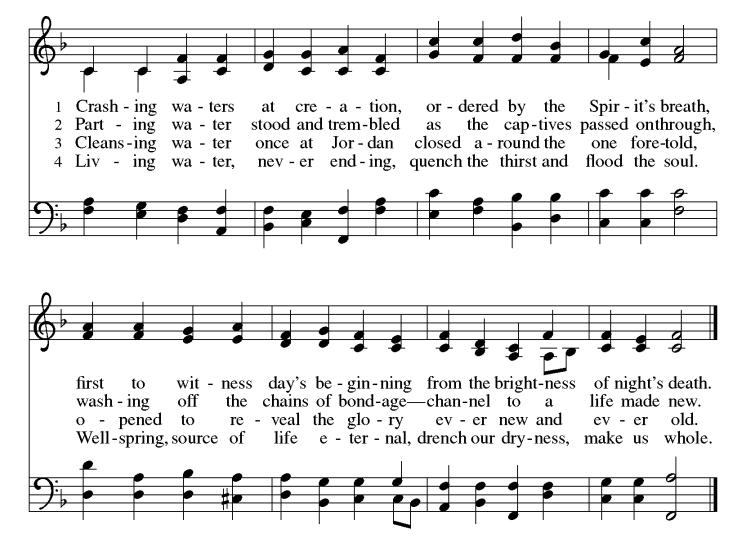
*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray...Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY P. 172-173

*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 455 Crashing Waters at Creation, ELW 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION- ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Waters gather - the soul reflects" - Dan Raney

My father had God and Nature as backdrop for every activity: As teacher, farmer, outdoorsman, and friend of nature. The arrangement of grasses and cattails present today is from one of his restored wetlands. My chorale prelude on "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" (ELW 817) honors his commitment to wetlands and nature. Whether a lake or, a beautiful, mucky wetland, or sources of knowledge—let us gather.

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, Lance Wood; GREETER: Dennis Barnaal; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; READER: David Scott; ASSISTING MINISTER: Linda Martin; FELLOWSHIP: Christy Tomlinson, Doris Barnaal, Janet Snider, Lance & Jill Wood, Gail Judisch; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

Today we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ordination to word and sacrament ministry for Rev. Dr. Bradley Hanson. He was ordained on September 8, 1963. Pastor Hanson is professor emeritus of religion at Luther College. When he retired from teaching in 2000, he helped found and became director and then co-director of the Grace Institute for Spiritual Formation, which offers a two-year Spiritual Formation Program. His 2014 book Spirituality and Your Life Story continued a long-time involvement in and writing on Christian spirituality. Brad and his spouse Marion have been long-time active members of Good Shepherd. Now, Brad has a ministry of caregiving for Marion as she lives with Alzheimer's disease.

DISHES STILL TO BE CLAIMED FROM THE WELCOME FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS PICNIC are in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your serving dishes and utensils!

KEEGAN JOYCE WILL BE SELLING POPCORN THIS MORNING to support his scout troop. Look for him during Fellowship Hour!

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>.

FAITH starting today 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.

A ZOOM SESSION ON INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS will be held tomorrow, Sept. 18th at 7:00 p.m., as well as three additional sessions in the coming weeks. You are invited to attend any or all of these sessions offered by the ELCA as we learn about the impact of the federal Indian Boarding School policies and the ongoing trauma those policies have caused, to better understand how we can journey towards healing together. Join in person in the Good Shepherd Gathering Space or online at tinyurl.com/elca-racial-justice-sessions

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY THIS WEEK: 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.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR GLENN NELSON MEMORIAL LUNCHEON: We need 10 helpers with Glenn Nelson's memorial luncheon the morning of Tuesday, September 26th; 5 to set up and 5 to serve and clean up. If you are able to help, please sign up online or in the Gathering Space.

GOOD SHEPHERD WILL PARTICIPATE IN CULTURE FEST 2023: Culture Fest invites those who attend to explore the larger meaning of culture and identity, engage with diverse cultures and traditions through the arts, and experience an evolution of perspective! The event is this Saturday, Sept. 23rd from 3-7 PM. We will have a booth with representatives from the Congregation Council and Racial Justice and Social Justice Teams sharing the story of Good Shepherd's culture of welcome and inclusion. Additional volunteers are needed to help staff the booth and share Good Shepherd's story! Two volunteers are needed for each half-hour block. Sign up on the Good Shepherd website or at tinyurl.com/gs-culture-fest-booth-2023.

EWALU DIRTY FEET RETREAT FOR 6th-9th GRADERS will be the weekend of **October 20th-22nd**. Enjoy two nights of lodging in cabins, relevant Bible studies, quality meals & snacks, energetic camp counselors, active praise music, the High Ropes Course, campfires and much more! More information and registration at <u>ewalu.org/dirty-feet-retreat-2023</u>. Pr. Amy will accompany you. Registration is due by **September 29th!**

BOOKSHELF NEEDED: The Youth Ministry office is in need of a bookshelf to store supplies. If you have one you can donate, please contact the church office or email Kelli Gapinski at **kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org**.

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.

OPEN HUB SINGING CLUB, an 8-week series of song circles, began on **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 **CenterforBelonging.earth** or call **Liz Rog** at

563-382-8013. If you couldn't come to the first session because of the Picnic, you are welcome at the second session **today** - **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.

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 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

at the annual developed sessions with the 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: Dan Raney and 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), 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