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 24th – 17th Sunday after Pentecost Jazz Worship

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. Today in worship we center the sounds and stories of Black American music. We'll sing familiar hymns and liturgy in new ways that reflect the history of the spirituals, jazz, and Afro-Caribbean music. In this music, we hear hope and lamentation, joy and dance, and the cultural imperative towards community, self-expression and creativity. In a society that violently suppressed individual freedom through enslavement and Jim Crow segregation, Black American music was both a means of survival and a form for expression of the deep spiritual need to express one's whole self. In bringing this music to worship in a predominantly white church, we challenge and reject the expressions of white supremacy that emphasize Eurocentric cultural traditions as superior to all others. By singing Black American music in worship we unequivocally lift up and celebrate the full humanity of Americans of African descent and all people.

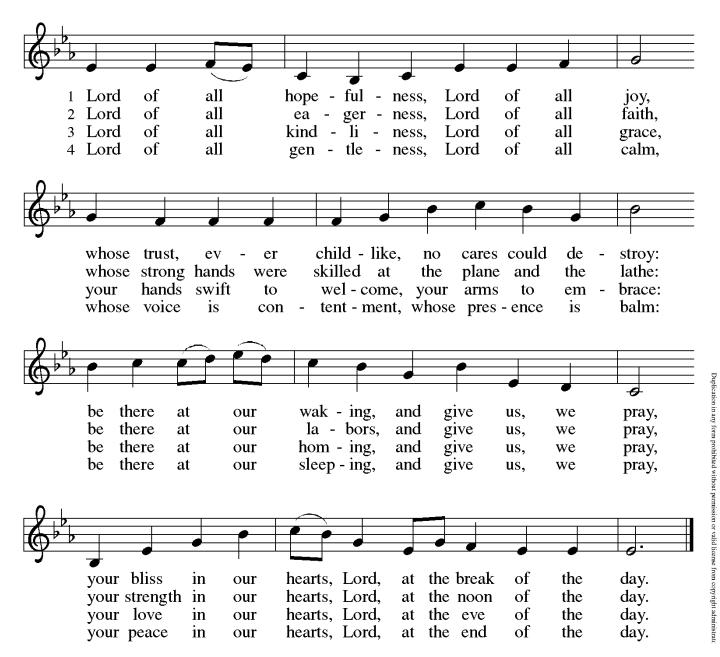
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW (red book)**, All Creation Sings-**ACS (purple book)** congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "Blue Train" by John Coltrane PRAYER BELL - WELCOME- ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG: ELW 765 Lord of All Hopefulness



lext: Jan Struther, 1901–1953 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional lext © Oxford University Press 1931 *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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 16:1-8,13-24,30-31

¹The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."4Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him-what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat." ¹⁶This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents."¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted. ²²On the sixth day they

gathered twice as much food, two omers apiece. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, ²³he said to them, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord; bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning."²⁴So they put it aside until morning, as Moses commanded them; and it did not become foul, and there were no worms in it. ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day. ³¹The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.



PSALM 105:1-6, 37-43, 45 (refrain sung by all)

³⁹You spread out a cloud | for a covering and a fire to give | light by night.

- ⁴⁰They asked, and | you brought quail, and satisfied them with | bread from heaven.
- ⁴¹You opened the rock, and ¹ water flowed, so the river ran in ¹ the dry places.
- ⁴²For you remembered your | holy word and Abra- | ham your servant.
 ⁴³So you led forth your peo- | ple with gladness, your chosen with | shouts of joy.

⁴⁵That they might | keep your statutes and observe your teachings. | Hallelujah! refrain repeated by all

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise, for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways. How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies? What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these? Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts. In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts. It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate. Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free: you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity. Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace? Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace. May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do. You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new.

*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: "Infant Eyes" by Wayne Shorter, arr. Chris Merz, adapted by Jon Ailabouni

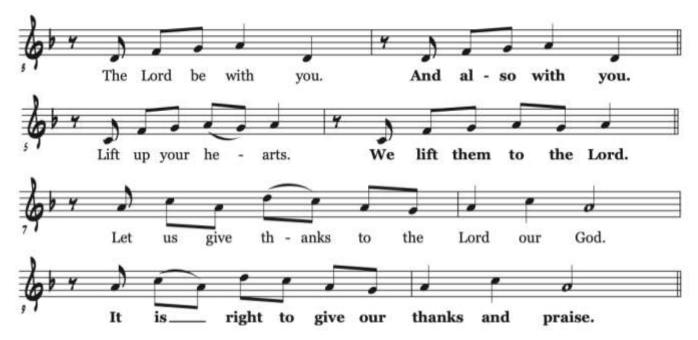
*OFFERTORY SONG: He's Got The Whole World In His Hands (vs. 1, 4, 5, 6)

1 He's got the whole world in his hands. (3 times) He's got the whole world in his hands. 4 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . . . He's got the whole world in his hands.

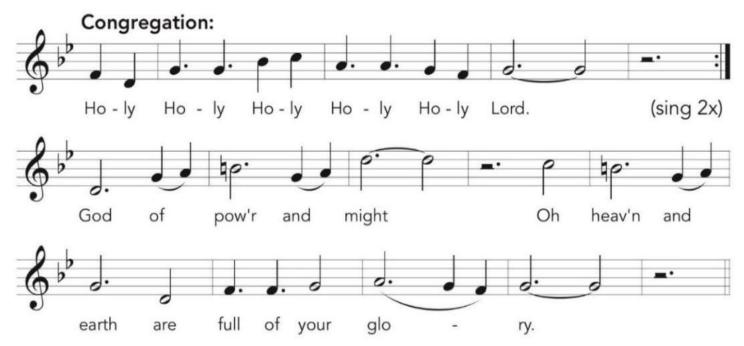
5 He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . . He's got the whole world in his hands.

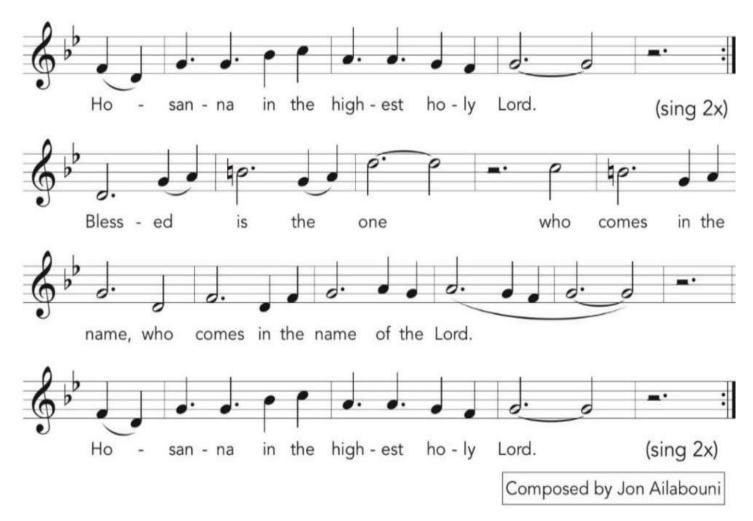
6 He's got everybody here in his hands. . . . He's got the whole world in his hands.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray... Amen *GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:



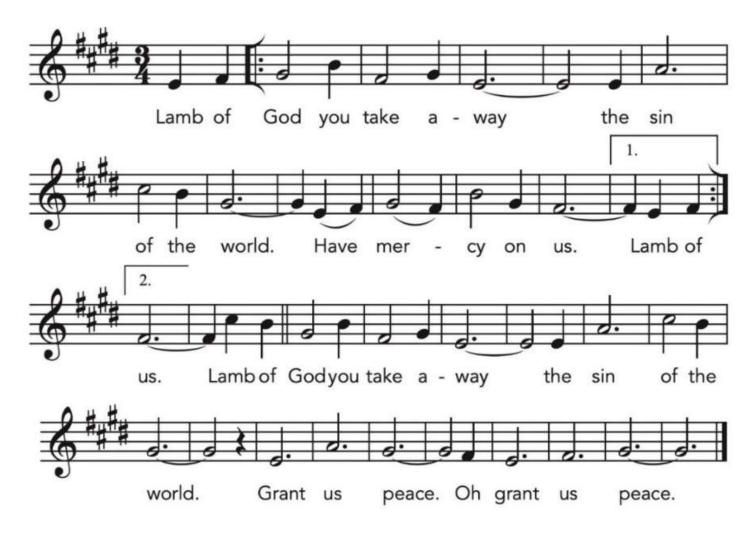


THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....

*LORD'S PRAYER: 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 MUSIC: Lamb of God, Ailabouni arr.



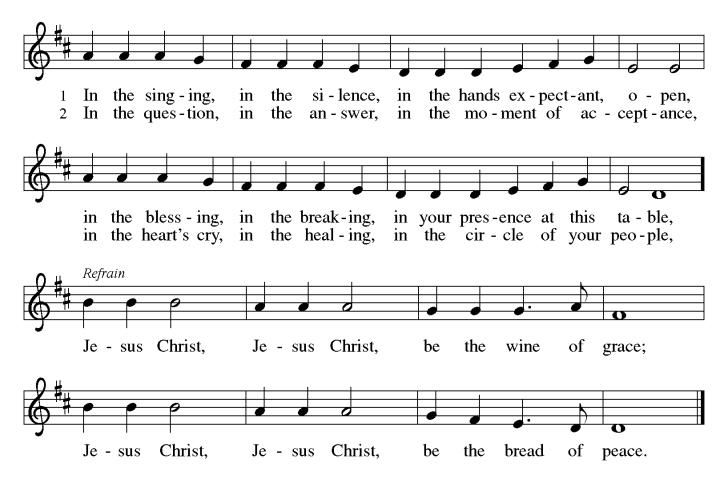
COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 583 Take My Life That I May Be,

ELW 466 In The Singing



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SENDING TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS *BLESSING *SENDING SONG: This Little Light of Mine

- This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; (3x)
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; (3x)let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; (3x) let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: This Little Light of Mine arr. Jon Ailabouni

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Liturgy music composed by Jon Ailabouni

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – GREETER: Linda Martin; CANTOR: Rachel Meehan; READER: Gabe Hiner; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jason Martin-Hiner; FELLOWSHIP: Marilyn Rue, Doris Barnaal, Janet Snider, Sharon Drew, Karin & Miky Martin-Hiner; JAZZ MUSICIANS: Ava Shively, Nick Zielinski, Jackson Kates, Brooke Joyce, Jon Ailabouni, Ray Torresdal, Rolf Svanoe, Laura Barlament; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

Today **we rejoice in the baptism of Joseph Kemp (Jack) Norris**, son of Anna and Russell Norris and grandson of Jane Kemp. Jack was baptized at Good Shepherd yesterday, September 23.

ALL ARE INVITED TO A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GLENN NELSON, longtime Good Shepherd member, who passed away peacefully at Barthell Eastern Star Home in Decorah on July 3, 2023. The service will be at 11:00 AM this Tuesday, September 26th. Glenn's wife and Good Shepherd member Jane Borelli will be present to greet people beginning at 10:00 AM. A catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. A few volunteers are still needed to help set up and serve the lunch. Sign up in the Gathering Space if you are able to help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED: Share in the joy and responsibility of faith formation with our children! **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>.

FOURTH ELCA SESSION ON REMEMBERING INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS: Join Good Shepherd's Racial Justice Team on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space to view and discuss Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement, presented by Vance Blackfox, ELCA Director for Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The Zoom session can be viewed from home and is available online at tinyurl.com/elca-racial-justice-sessions. **ADULT FORUMS TO FEATURE CONVERSATIONS ON CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH** continue <u>today</u> September 24, through Sunday, October 15, from **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.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.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR GEORGE LOWE AND MARTHA MONSON LOWE: Good Shepherd members **George Lowe** and **Martha Monson Lowe** are returning to the city of Bethlehem in the West Bank, Palestine, for 3 months, to serve at the Bethlehem Bible College Guesthouse. They leave October 4 and will be there through Christmas. This is part of their ministry of accompaniment with the Palestinian people, and they undertake significant personal financial costs to do it. Financial gifts to support their ministry are most welcome. To donate, give to Good Shepherd by check noting "Palestine Ministry". **Deadline for contributions is Sunday**, **October 1.**

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

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 needs 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 many 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.

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 <u>decorahucc.org/neighbors/</u> 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: 9:00-12:00 PM M-F Erica: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mon. and Tues.

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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 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



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: Kathryn Thompson, and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn

Relatives and Friends: Roger Johnson (father of Chris Johnson), 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