

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 3rd, 14th 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.

Good Shepherd is a Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use facility.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW** (red book)

Behold, I Make All Things New Liturgy (blue booklet)

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congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "Berceuse" – Louis Vierne
PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING-KYRIE-HYMN OF PRAISE:** P. 2-5

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 3:1-15 *The congregation reads parts in bold*

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "**I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.**"

⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "**Here I am.**" ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "**Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?**" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "**If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?**" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

PSALM 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

²**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart | and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 824 This is My Father's World


This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

***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

***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

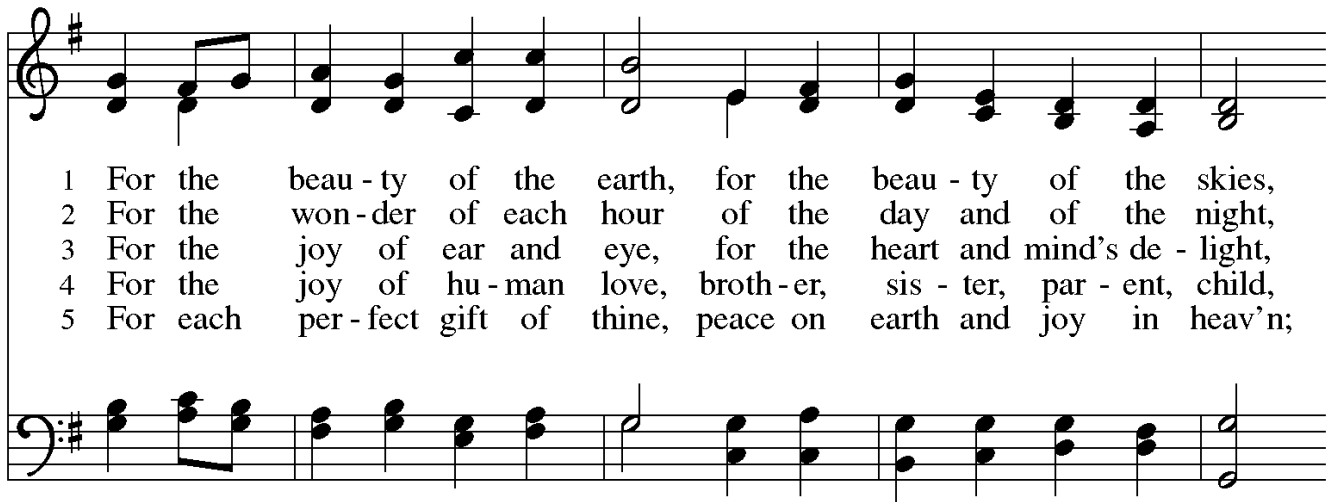
***WORDS OF INSTITUTION-THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Our Father, who art in heaven...

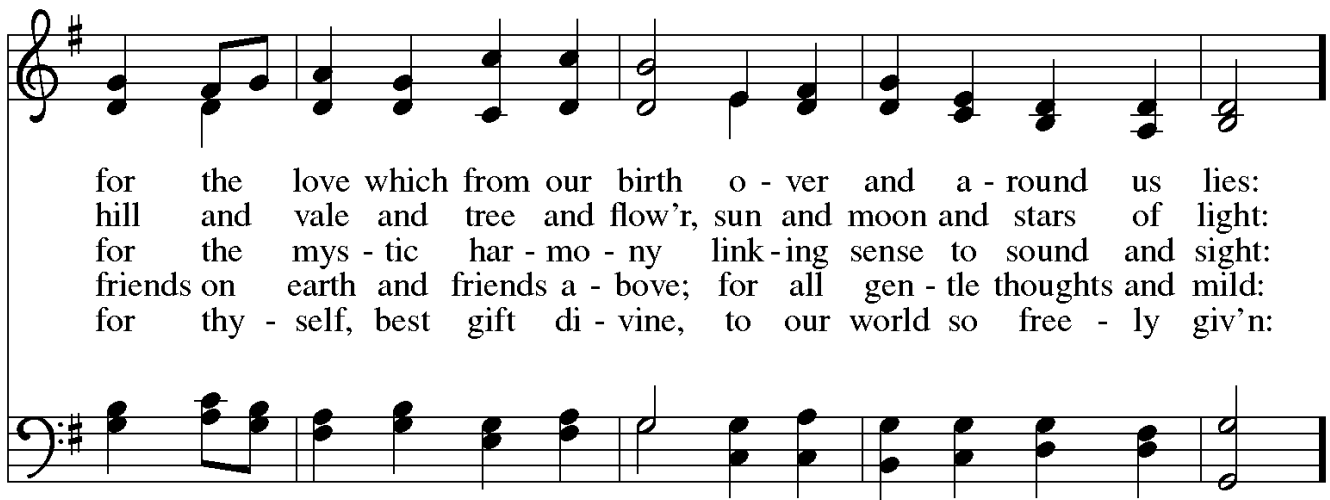
HOLY COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive gluten and dairy free bread. The plate of cups will then be offered for you to select wine or grape juice. If you 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 879 For the Beauty of the Earth, ELW 790 Day by Day

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;




for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Refrain
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



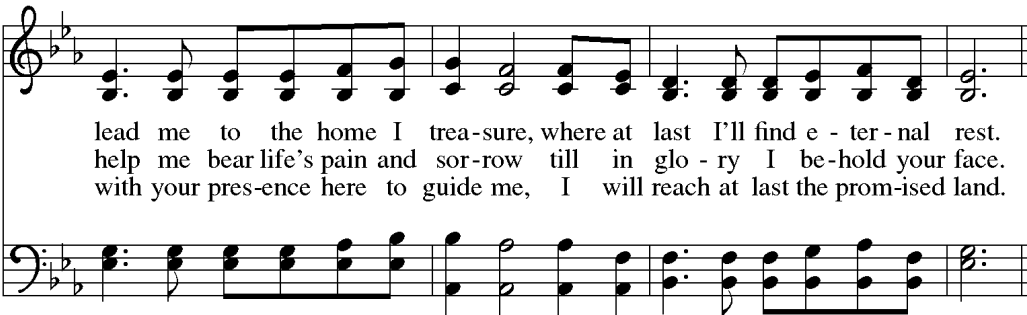
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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SENDING

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING- SENDING SONG:** ELW 672 Signs and Wonders (vs. 1 and 3)

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “The Strenuous Life” – Scott Joplin

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: Christy Tomlinson, Dave Judisch; GREETER: Lance Wood; CANTOR AND READER: Jonathon Struve; ASSISTING MINISTER: Norman Friedrich; FELLOWSHIP: Christy Tomlinson, Sharon Drew, Marilyn Rue, Jonathon Struve, Susan Friedrich; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDING: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

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.

2024 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION DUE TODAY: for registrations for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024. This deadline allows for Early Bird registration, which reduces the cost per person and provides more housing options. All students entering Grades 8-12 in the 2023-24 school year can participate, and kids that aren't members are welcome too! A **completed registration form and \$250 deposit** (with check made out to Good Shepherd) should be turned into the church office by September 3. The projected overall cost per person is \$1400, including deposit. Fundraisers hopefully will cover the additional cost. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space and on the Good Shepherd website under the Ministries tab. Contact **Kelli** at kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org with any questions.

BABY SHOWER FOR BOWEN YANEFF TODAY DURING FELLOWSHIP HOUR. Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower for Bowen Yaneff, son of Erica and Nick Yaneff, who was born July 11. Aemon is Bowen's big brother.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 10th. Please note: 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.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: Please join us for a free meal on **Thursday, September 7th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street.** All are welcome -- this is a free meal -- serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of Decorah Lutheran Church who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

THE WELCOME FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS PICNIC will take place on **Sunday, September 10th** from **5-6:30pm.** This year we'll be able to feast under our new pergola and celebrate our commitment to caring for creation. **The picnic is a whole congregation effort!** Sign up to help today, online under the signup tab on the website or on the tables in the Gathering Space.

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.

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.

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 you with support and resources.

OPEN HUB SINGING CLUB, an 8-week series of song circles, will begin **Sept. 10th**. 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 can't come to the first session because of the Picnic, you are welcome at the second session on **Sept. 17th!**

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 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.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires on Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii. LDR provides for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction there, and is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. To donate, go to community.elca.org/uswildfires .

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 Tues-F (closed Monday for Labor Day)

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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: The family of Tim Broderick (friend of Ruth and Jerry Bruce), 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), 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