

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 ...

Psalms 100:3



October 15th, 20th 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: “Danza Criolla (I)” - Alberto Ginastera

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION-FORGIVENESS Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

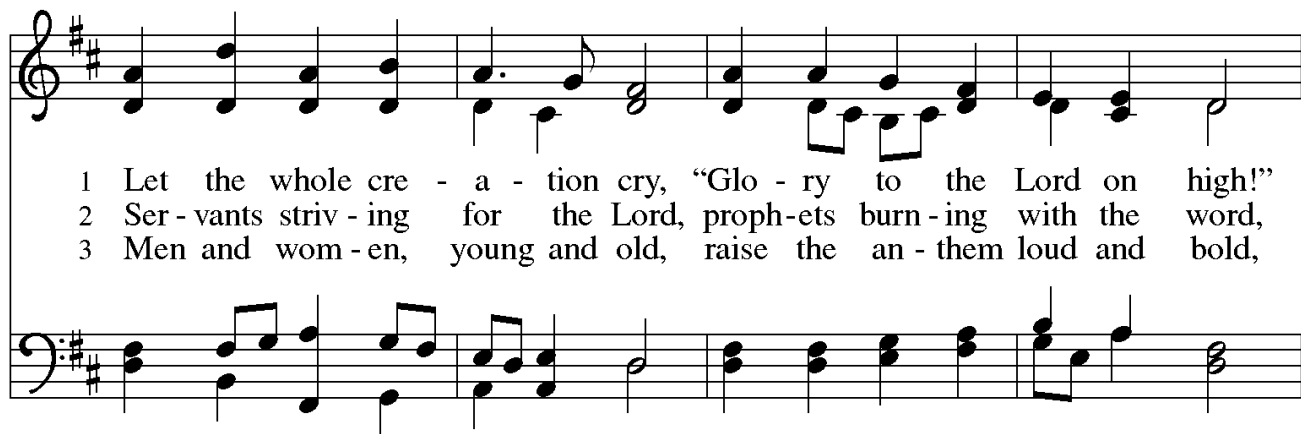
God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

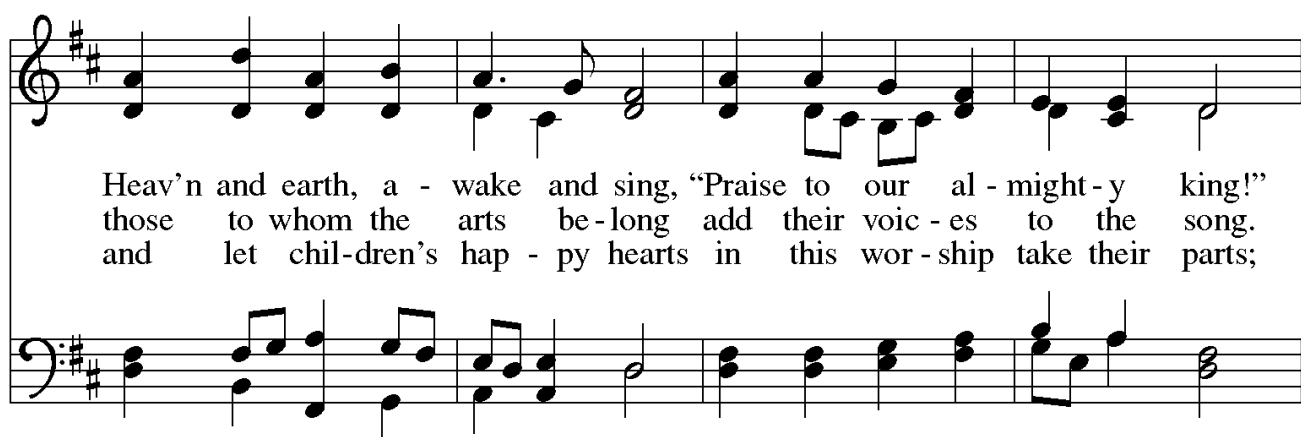
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG: ELW 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry**

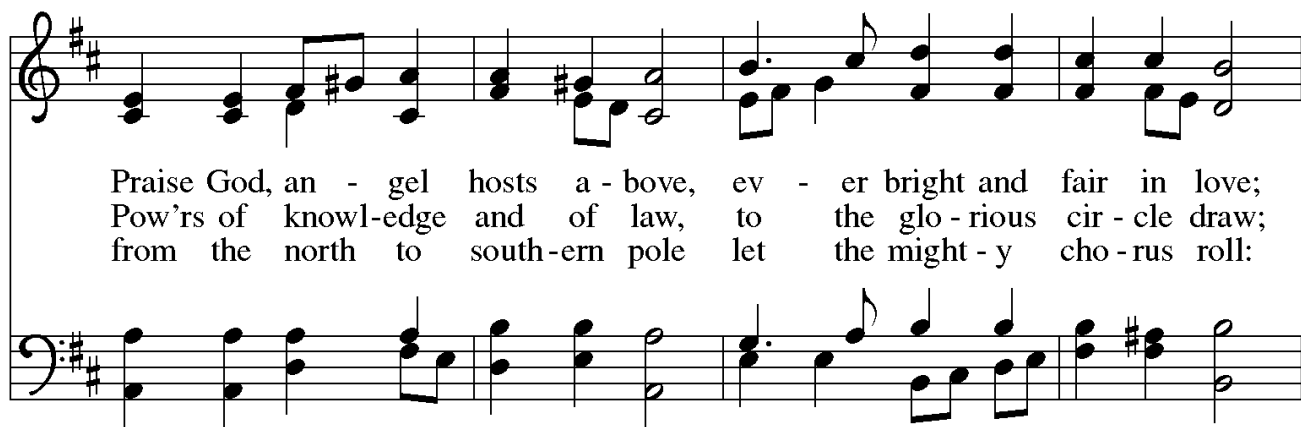
Let the Whole Creation Cry



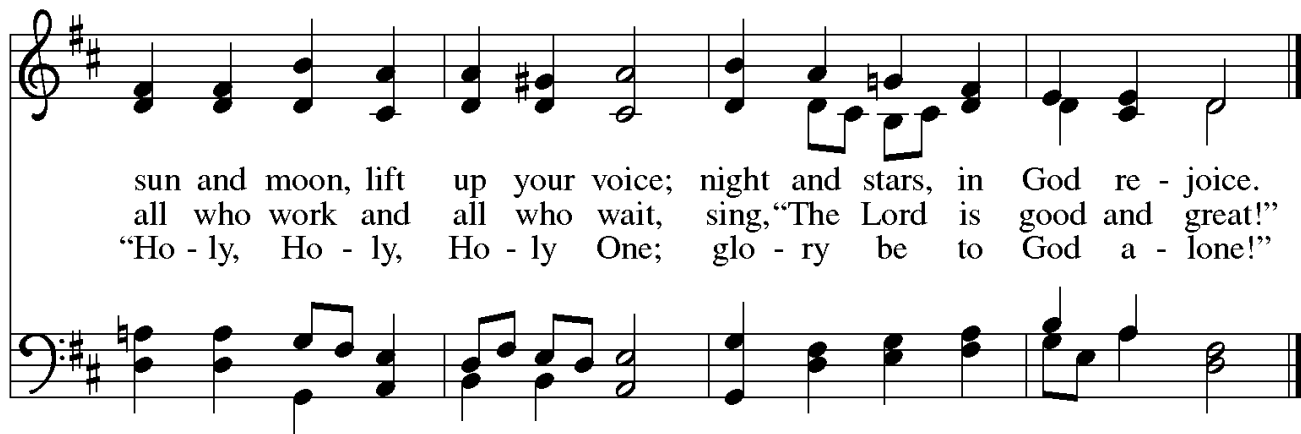
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

***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**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 32:1-14 – congregation reads portions in bold

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, **“Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”** ²“Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, **“These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”** ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

¹Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD**

or proclaim in | full God's praise?

³Happy are those who | act with justice
and always do | what is right.

⁴**Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have | for your people,
and visit me with | your salvation;**

⁵that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness | of
your people, that I may glory with | your inheritance.

⁶**We have sinned as our | forebears did;
we have done wrong | and dealt wickedly.**

¹⁹They made a bull- | calf at Horeb
and worshiped a | molten image;

²⁰**thus they ex- | changed their glory
for the image of an ox that | feeds on grass.**

²¹They forgot | God their Savior,
who had done great | things in Egypt,

²²**wonderful deeds in the | land of Ham,
and fearful things | at the Red Sea.**

²³**So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood | in
the breach, to turn away your wrath from con- | suming them.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. **-Word of God. Word of life.** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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

O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

*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

***OFFERTORY SONG:** ACS 967 This is Christ's Body



The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with'. The second staff contains 'mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,'. The third staff contains 'bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.'.

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY** P. 172-173

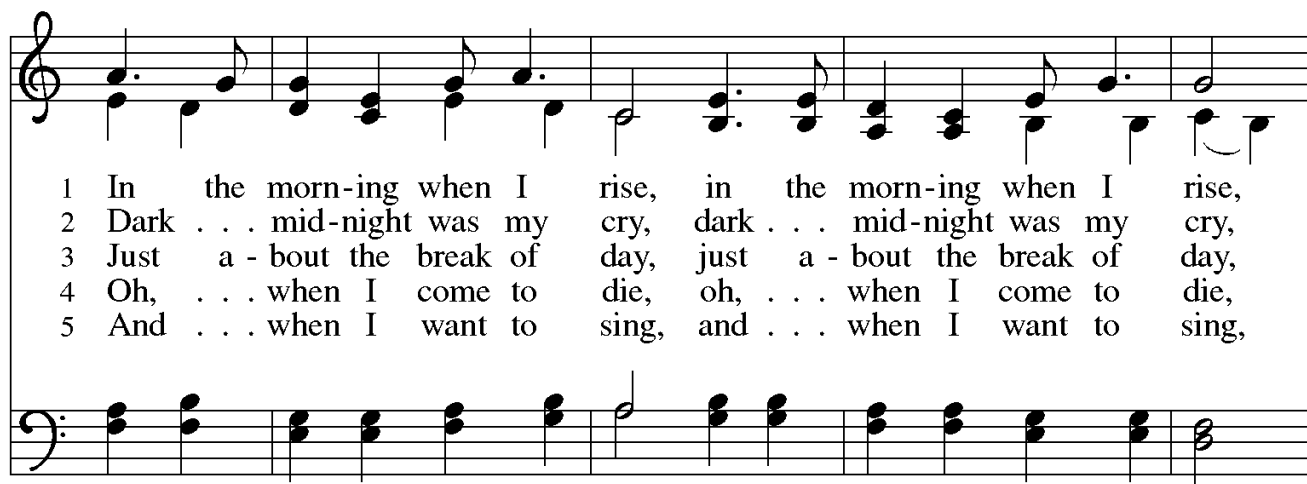
Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

***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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: p. 174 Lamb of God, ELW 770 Give Me Jesus, ELW 487
Bread of Life from Heaven

Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un-til you come a-gain.

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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that will | pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, in | love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who now | dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and de - | clare his death; | eat this |

thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life -	giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres -	ence the loaves	will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full -	ness of life	may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun -	ger and thirst	be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth	you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you	are re - born.

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING- SENDING SONG:** ELW 781 Children of the Heavenly Father

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The top part is in treble clef and the bottom part is in bass clef. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are in Swedish and English, with the Swedish text above the English text. The English text is a translation of the Swedish text.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Danza Criolla (II)” - Ginastera

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: Anne Jacobsen Clausen, John Moeller; GREETER: Catherine Moeller; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; READER: Linda Donoghue; ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Felde; FELLOWSHIP: Carrie Solberg, Marty Steele, Lindy Moeller, Bob Felde, Norma & Harley Refsal, Amelia Kurth, William Kurth; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

There is no Sunday School programming today – we will resume next week at 10:45!

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 tinyurl.com/gs-sunday-school-help-23 .

FINAL ADULT FORUM on 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 the 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.

SIGN LETTER TO THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS: Last year, Good Shepherd committed as a congregation to make annual gifts as a form of "reparations royalties," paying for the historic and current use of Negro Spirituals in our services while also committing to ongoing engagement with issues stemming from the legacy of slavery, racism, and white supremacy in the United States. It was determined that the history and mission of the Fisk Jubilee Singers would make their organization very appropriate partners in this endeavor, and the congregation set aside a portion of the annual budget for reparations royalties. On October 29, the Worship and Music Committee encourages all members to sign a letter to the Fisk Jubilee Singers, which will be accompanied with a check for \$650 (\$500 budgeted and \$150 (member gift)).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Gathering Space - All are welcome at the Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting every third Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Yarn and patterns are available. Confirmants, graduates, people who are baptized, those suffering illness or loss, Helping Services for Youth and Families, and Hospice WinnMed are all recipients of shawls. Questions? Contact Jeri Laursen, whose phone number and email address are in the Church Directory.

DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY'S CURRENT NEEDS FOR FOOD: We have received a list of food items urgently needed by the Food Pantry: 1-pound bags or boxes of sugar, canned fruit, kid-friendly canned soups (tomato, chicken noodle, etc.), beef stew, SpaghettiOs, pasta (any type), coffee. Items, all nonperishable, should be left in the donation boxes outside the Food Pantry at 110 Railroad Street. For additional information go to: decorahpantry.org

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH TO SPEARHEAD INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY ASSEMBLING LWR SCHOOL KITS: 7th - 12th grade Youth and members of the congregation are invited to help pack Lutheran World Relief School Kits **in the Fellowship Hall following worship on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22.** Plan to be part of this intergenerational activity!

LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH RELATED SUPPORT GROUPS: The local Northeast Iowa 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, is now on dialysis, and is still hoping for 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: Lisa Zittergruen upon the death of her grandmother, Natalie Buddenberg, Dan Raney and family, Ingrid Callaghan, Ginny Olson, Kerry Johnson, the family of Glenn Nelson (as they grieve Glenn and Ann Hovde 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: Michael Naslund (son of Ann and Bob Naslund), 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), 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 Oyeade 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 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 statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.



at the annual developed sessions with the week. Find the full

We publicly declare that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships. (Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6)