

# 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



**October 22nd, 21<sup>st</sup> 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** وسام جبران - "إلى أروى" - بيانو ("For Arwa" – Wisam Gabril)

**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.

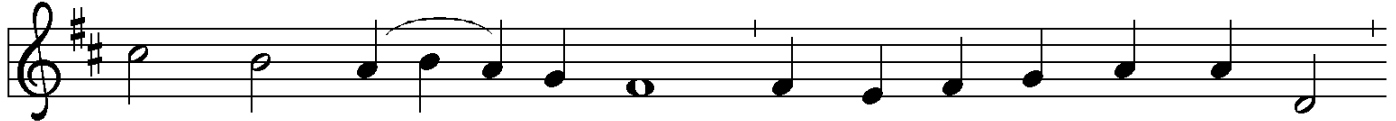
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG:** ELW 657 Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

# Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

**\*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 33:12-23 – congregation reads the replies of the LORD, noted in bold**

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup>The LORD said, "**My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.**" <sup>15</sup>"If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." <sup>17</sup>"**I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by**

**name.”** <sup>18</sup>“Show me your glory, I pray.” <sup>19</sup>“I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But, you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” <sup>21</sup> “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

### **PSALM 99: 1-7,9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God’s name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God’s footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call  
upon your | name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

<sup>9</sup>**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God’s | holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you

not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. -Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**


## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

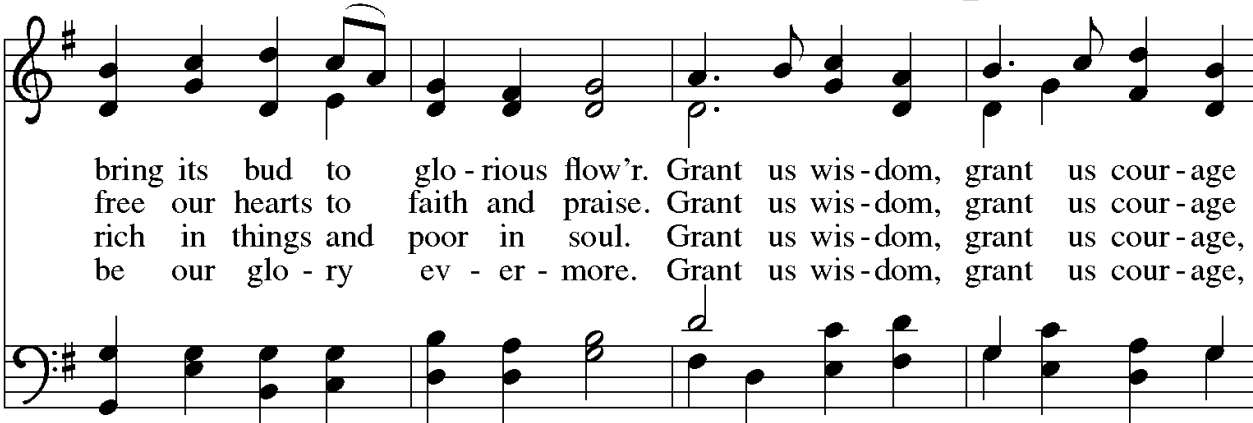
# God of Grace and God of Glory



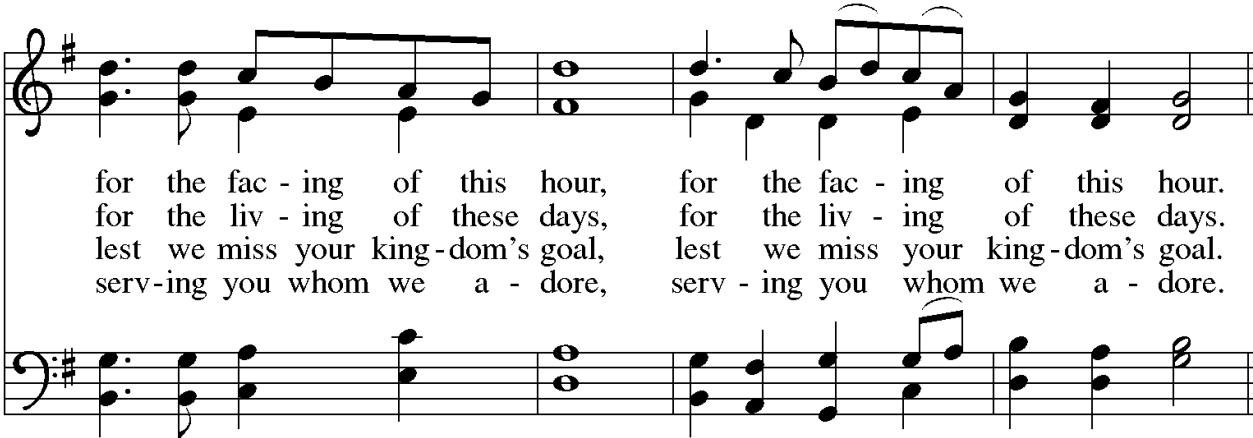
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

# SUNG PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: ACS 1078 - There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

## ALL SING REFRAINS – CANTOR SINGS VERSES

*Refrain – All*

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -

veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our

hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

### Verses:

1 For justice, for freedom,  
for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief:

3 For healing, for wholeness,  
for new life: hear our prayer.  
In sickness, in death:

2 For wisdom, for courage,  
for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear:

4 Lord, save us, take pity,  
light in our deepest night.  
We call you; we wait:

*Refrain*

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

**\*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:** Богородице Дево (from the All Night Vigil, Op. 37) Sergei Rachmaninoff

*Virgin Mary, Mother of God, rejoice,  
Holy Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.  
Blessed art Thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of Thy womb,  
For Thou hast given birth to the Savior of our souls.*

**\*OFFERTORY SONG:** ACS 1029 In the Peace of God Find Rest



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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*

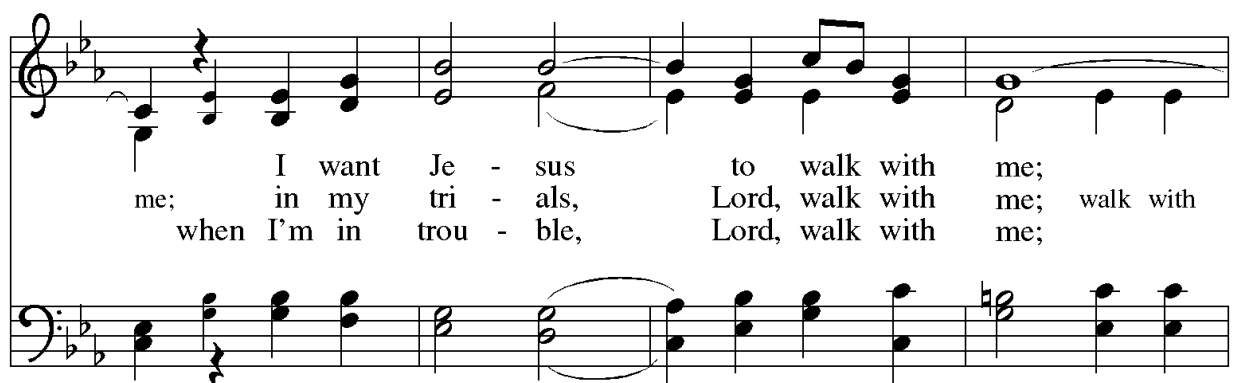


wine/juice cups in the basket by the altar as you return to your pew. **Sunday School kids, teachers, and Fellowship servers, please commune first and then go to Fellowship Hall.**

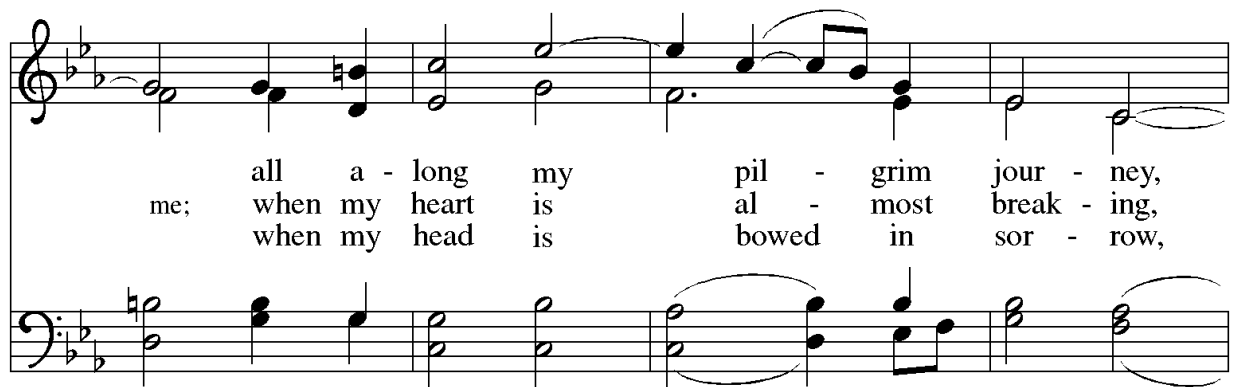
**COMMUNION HYMNS:** p. 174 Lamb of God, ELW 325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, ELW 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



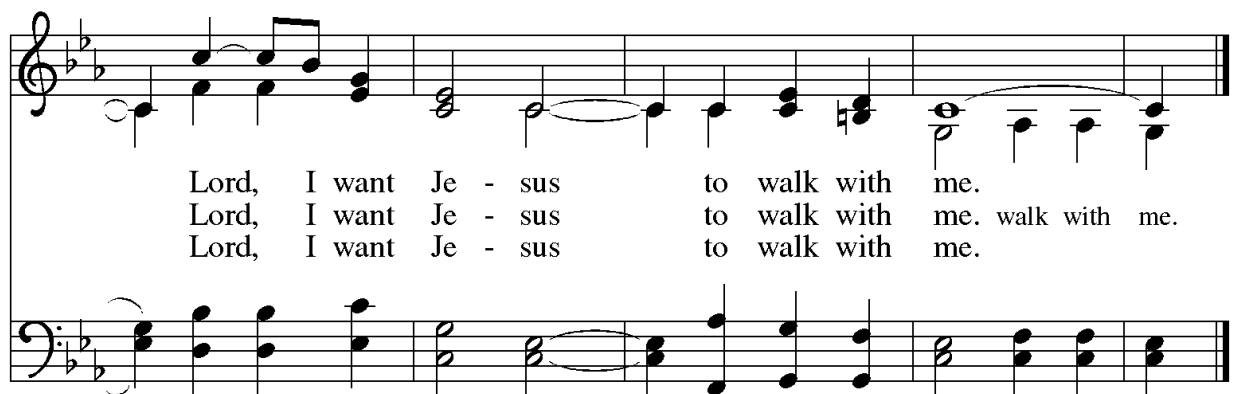
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIVING STONES TEMPLE TALK** *Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house. 1 Peter 2:5*

**\*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 870 We Praise You, O God**



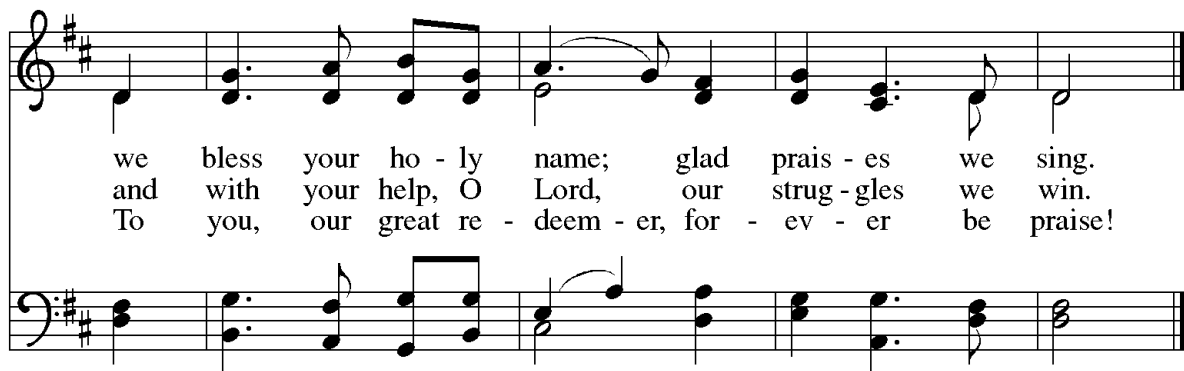
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:** “The Eternal Gates” Early American Folk Melody/arr. Howard Helvey *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:** Catherine Moeller, Jerry Bruce; **GREETER:** Rebecca Boehm Shaffer; **CANTOR:** Melissa Bills; **READER:** Jane Jakoubek; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Ruth Bruce; **FELLOWSHIP:** Carrie Solberg, Lindy Moeller, Kathi Wild, Ruth Bruce, Jerry Bruce, Anne Jacobsen Clausen, and Ruth Hasvold; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Pr. Amy Zalk Larson **Thank you to Luther College’s Nordic Choir, under the direction of Dr. Andrew Last, for sharing their music today!**

**LWR SCHOOL KIT ASSEMBLY:** 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 TODAY. Plan to be part of this intergenerational activity!**

**IMPACT COFFEE SALE FUNDRAISER:** Help support the 14 Good Shepherd youth and 2 advisors traveling to New Orleans next July for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! There will be multiple fundraising opportunities throughout the year. October 15 - November 3, with pick up November 12-19. Depending on the type of coffee ordered, the cost is **either \$14 or \$15 per 16 ounce bag, due when ordering.** Make checks to Good Shepherd, with Youth Coffee Fundraiser on the memo line. Cash or check for payment. **All sales from Good Shepherd Congregation members will be SPLIT EQUALLY between those going. So stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall and order some today!**

**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. ***The Worship and Music Committee encourages all members to sign a letter to the Fisk Jubilee Singers in the Gathering Space today, which will be accompanied with a check for \$650 (\$500 budgeted and a \$150 member gift).***

**JOIN IN ASSEMBLING LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE KITS:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 6-7:15 pm Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come assemble LWR Baby Care Kits. We could use some help, join us if you can! Stick around after for **GATHER BIBLE STUDY.**

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE:** In response to the devastating violence in Israel and Palestine, as well as ongoing violence and war in our world, Luther College Ministries invites the Luther campus and Decorah community to a candlelight vigil for peace this Tuesday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Center for Faith and Life. We will hold space for lament, join in prayer and song, and rededicate ourselves to seeking peace in the world. For more information, contact [ministry@luther.edu](mailto:ministry@luther.edu) .

**GOOD SHEPHERD INFORMATION MEETING:** Interested in becoming a member or learning more about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Pr. Amy will be leading an informational meeting following worship on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. This is an informal gathering designed to give you a chance to get to know more about Good Shepherd and to ask any questions that you might have.

- **We will welcome NEW MEMBERS on SUNDAY, November 19<sup>th</sup> during worship.**

**LEAF RAKING FUNDRAISER:** Help support the 14 Good Shepherd youth and 2 advisors traveling to New Orleans next July for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! There will be multiple fundraising opportunities throughout the year. Sign-Up in the Gathering Space to select a 2 hour time slot for leaf raking by 2-3 youth! Dates are: October 28, 29 and November 3, 4, and 5

- The cost is a free will donation, which will be split between each raker.

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:** Next Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the affirmation of baptism for three youth: Victor Biedermann, Lulu Bellrichard, and Colin Thompson. Join them and their families in the Fellowship Hall following worship to celebrate with confirmation cake!

- This service will also be **JAZZ WORSHIP** led by Jon Ailabouni

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>:** All are invited to bring pictures and/or mementos of saints to set up on a table in the Gathering Space that morning.

**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](http://decorahpantry.org)

**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.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL!** Please join us for a **free** meal on Thursday, November 2nd, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church. All are welcome -- this is a free meal -- serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of Decorah Covenant Church and Decorah Lutheran Women's Bible Study who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

**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/](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/)

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Tristan: 9:00-12:00 PM M-F. Erica: 10-5:00 PM Monday-Tuesday

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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](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.



***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)*

**PRAYER LIST: Good Shepherd Family:** LaVerne Ramsey, Lisa Zittergruen, 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 Buzzza (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