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 29th, Affirmation of Baptism Sunday – Reformation Sunday 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. 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.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "I Have A Dream" By Mary Lou Williams - Mary Lou Williams is one of the great jazz pianists, composers, and arrangers of jazz. Williams wrote and arranged for such bandleaders as Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman, and she was friend, mentor, and teacher to Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Tadd Dameron, Dizzy Gillespie, and many others. Through the 1960s she wrote extensive liturgical and sacred music including Mary Lou's Mass. "I Have A Dream" was written in 1968 immediately following Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and is based on the text of his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME- ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG: ELW 793 Be Thou My Vision



*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 The Confirmands share their Confirmation verses with the younger kids **Lulu Bellrichard:** Jeremiah 29:13 - When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Colin Thompson: Philippians 4:8 - Finally, 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.

Victor Biedermann: Psalm 23:4 - Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.

PSALM (refrain sung by all) psalm 1



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

4It is not so | with the wicked:

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

refrain repeated by all

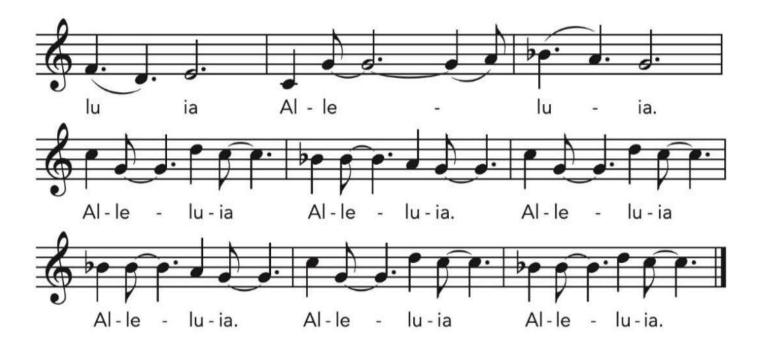
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-40 – The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, ""You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesu, Jesu

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1-Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. **Refrain**

- 2- Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. **Refrain**
- 3-These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. **Refrain**

During the last refrain of the hymn, Confirmands, parents, and sponsors come forward and stand in front of the altar facing the congregation.

Lulu Jeanette Bellrichard; parents: Dan Bellrichard and Liza Hicken; baptismal sponsors: Mike Bollinger and Katie Prochaska

Victor Lucky James; parents Naomi Bothe, the late Bryce Biedermann; baptismal sponsors: Richard and Jen Bothe, Carie Fisher

Colin Thompson; parents Claire Martin, Matt Thompson; baptismal sponsors: Karin and Jason Martin-Hiner

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Confirmands are presented by a parent or sponsor. As they are presented, the confirmands step forward.

I present Lulu Jeanette who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism. I present Victor Lucky James who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism. I present Colin Martin who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism. Let us pray...Amen.

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to rise in body or spirit and profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

Lulu, Victor, and Colin, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds individually, one after another:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these people in their life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmands move to the altar rail to kneel. Parents and sponsors go behind them at the rail to be able to lay hands on the heads of the kneeling Confirmands.

Let us pray...

The blessing is repeated for each person. The parents and sponsors lay hands on the head of the person as the blessing spoken.

Stir up in....both now and forever. Amen.

*ACCLAMATION

Let us rise and rejoice with these siblings in Christ, offering the blessing spoken at the end of baptisms at Good Shepherd: The world will call you many things. The world will try to rename you. Today we echo the voice of the Triune God. Today we call you beloved of God. When we see you begin to wonder if this name is really yours, we promise to remind you: You are indeed God's beloved child.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Prayer response is: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

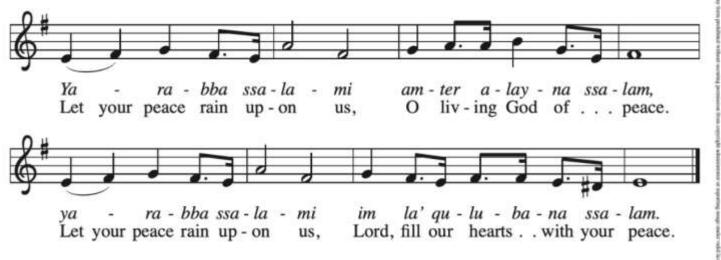
*PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you

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: "No Words" by Avishai Cohen - "No Words" is a composition by renowned Israeli jazz bassist and composer Avisahi Cohen. As we lament the horrific loss of life in Israel and Palestine and pray for a ceasefire and an end to the Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank we offer this music as a communal lament for all the civilian lives lost. -Jon Ailabouni

*OFFERTORY SONG: ACS 989 Let Your Peace Rain upon Us, Yarabba Ssalami - Sung 1x Arabic, 1x English, 1x Arabic



*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray... Amen

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

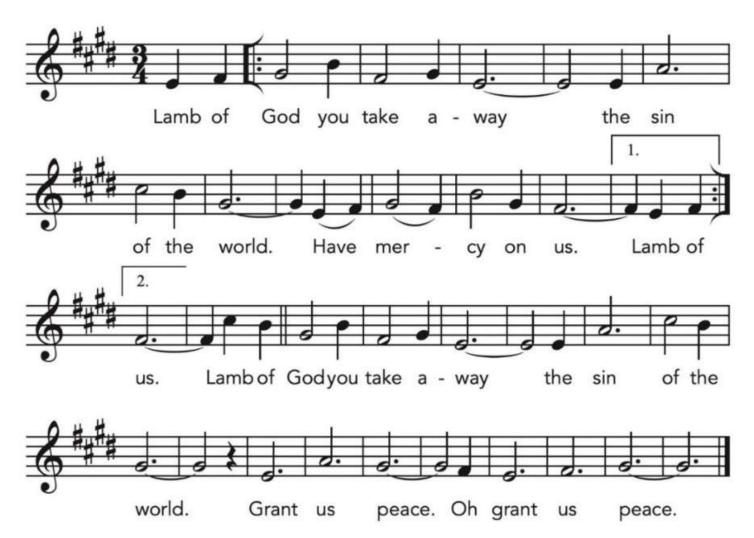


THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....

*LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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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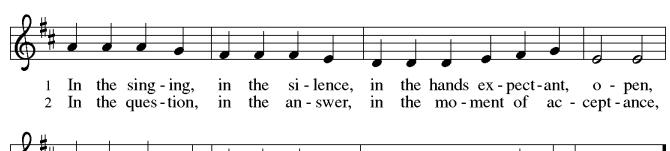
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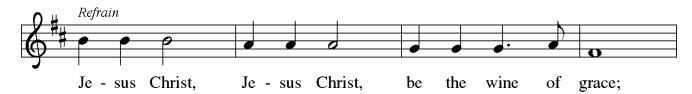
throne.







in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble, in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,





SENDING

TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS - TEMPLE TALK

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG: ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress





Text. Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: EIN FESTE BORG, Martin Luther Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fottess. *DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Jon Ailabouni

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Steve Holland, John Moeller; GREETER: Bonnie & Chris Johnson; READER: Jerry Bruce; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Jakoubek; FELLOWSHIP: Carrie Solberg, Ruth Bruce, Jerry Bruce, Linda Donoghue, Marty Steele, Christy, Vi, and Ro Vrtis, Krista Holland, Amelia Kurth, and William Kurth; CANTOR: Rachel Meehan; DRUMS: Nick Zielinski; BASS: Jackson Kates; TRUMPET: Jon Ailabouni; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

ADULT FORUM ON THE HISTORY OF PALESTINE: TODAY at 11:00 a.m., Gathering Space - Brian Caton, congregation member and Luther College associate professor of history, will lead the Forum on the history of Palestine to provide context for the Israel-Hamas War.

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!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our LWR kits this fall. We were able to complete 68 baby care kits and 66 school kits. We couldn't have done this without all of your donations. Volunteers are needed on Friday

November 3 at 1:30 pm to load vehicles that will be taking the kits to Olson Trucking on Saturday. If someone has a large vehicle or trailer to haul kits, that would be helpful also. Contact Bev Sheridan or Gail Judisch if you can help.

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^{th} . 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 19th during worship.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024: Living Stones: Building Up Our Spiritual House - 1 Peter 2:5a Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

- Save the date for Stewardship Intent Sunday: Sunday, November 12th

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 today and November 3, 4, and 5

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

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. Today, 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)).

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOV. 5: We will light candles and ring bells for the saints who have died and for new saints in the congregation. You will have an opportunity to light candles for saints you remember. You are also invited to bring pictures and/or mementos of saints to set up on a table in the gathering space that morning.

JOE MAILANDER of OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS PLAYING IN WORSHIP: Sunday, Nov. 5th Joe Mailander of the band "Okee Dokee Brothers" will be offering a song during worship. Joe has been worshipping with Good Shepherd this fall and is grateful to get to offer music here!

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>.

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/

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9:00-1:00 PM Monday, Thursday, Friday. Erica: 10-5:00 PM Wednesday-Thursday

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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: Sue and Mike Blair (as they grieve Sue's mother Joanne Dornbush), 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-inlaw 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