

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 8th, 19th 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: “El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido” - Sergio Ortega Alvarado

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

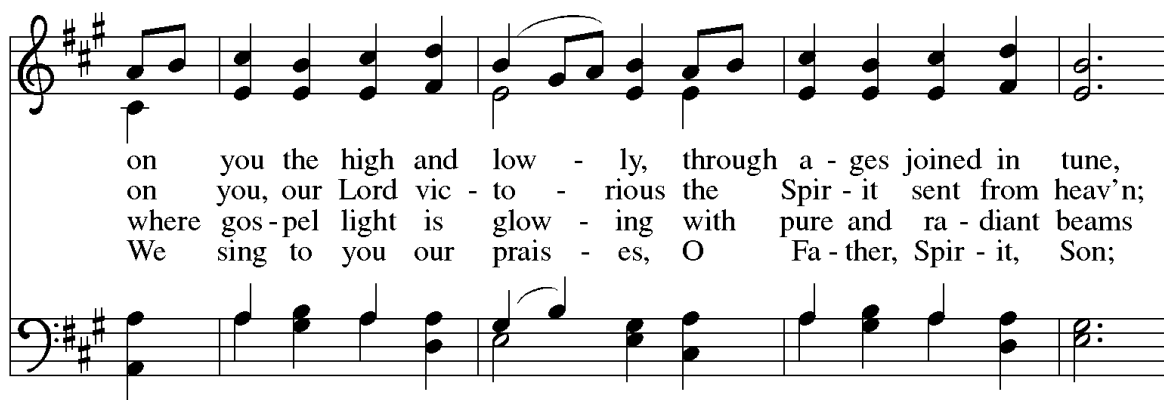
***GATHERING SONG:** ELW 521 O Day of Rest and Gladness



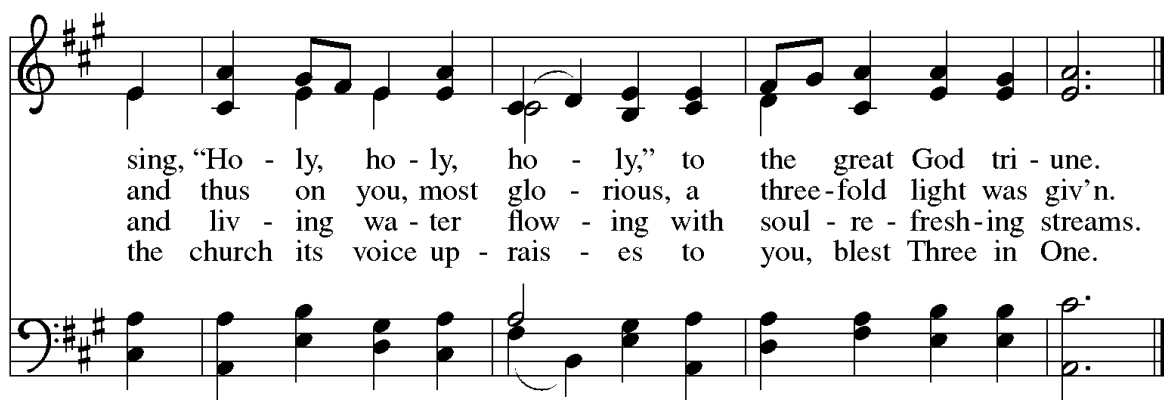
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum-pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh-ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

***GREETING-KYRIE-HYMN OF PRAISE:** ELW pg. 165-168

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 – congregation reads portions in bold

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, **"You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."** ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
²**One day tells its tale | to another,**
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the**
world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.
⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of
| it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;**
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?**
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
| over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

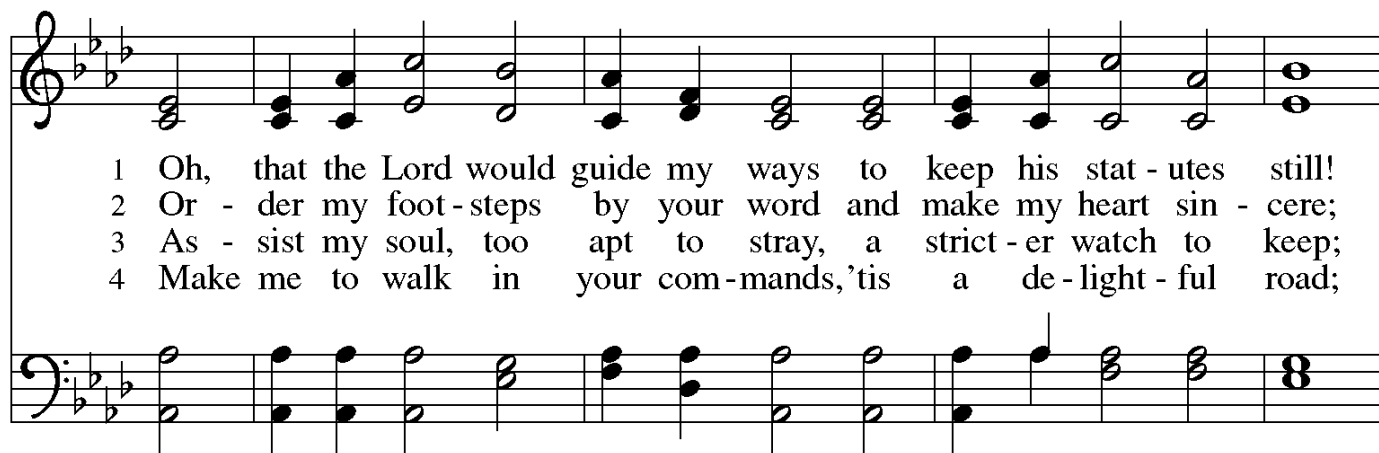
¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in**
your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. -Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

***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: “Kum Ba Yah” - arr. Ken Neufeld

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

This Is Christ's Body



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. **Sunday School kids, teachers, and Fellowship servers, please commune first and then go to Fellowship Hall.***

COMMUNION HYMNS: p. 174 Lamb of God; ELW 768 Lead Me, Guide Me;
ELW 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

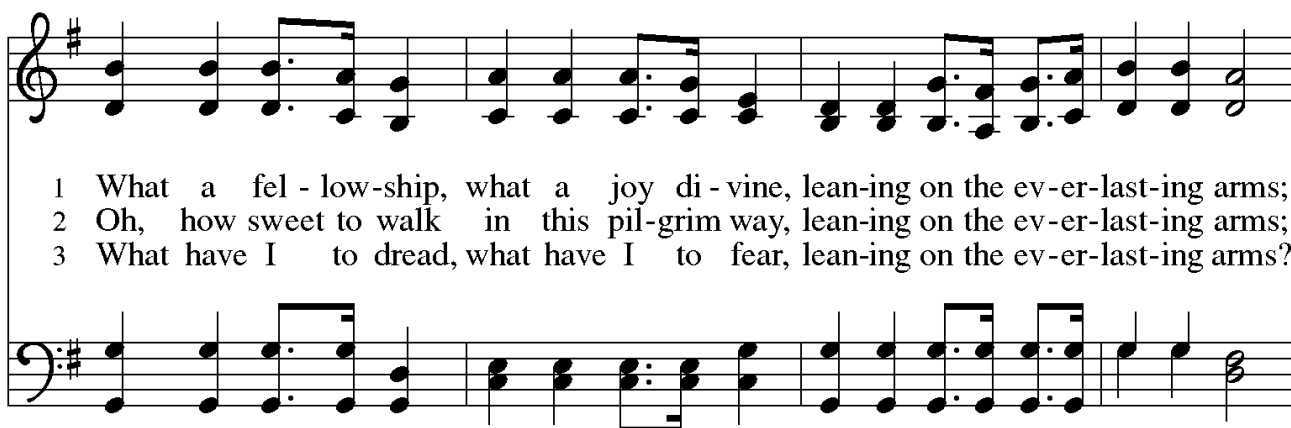
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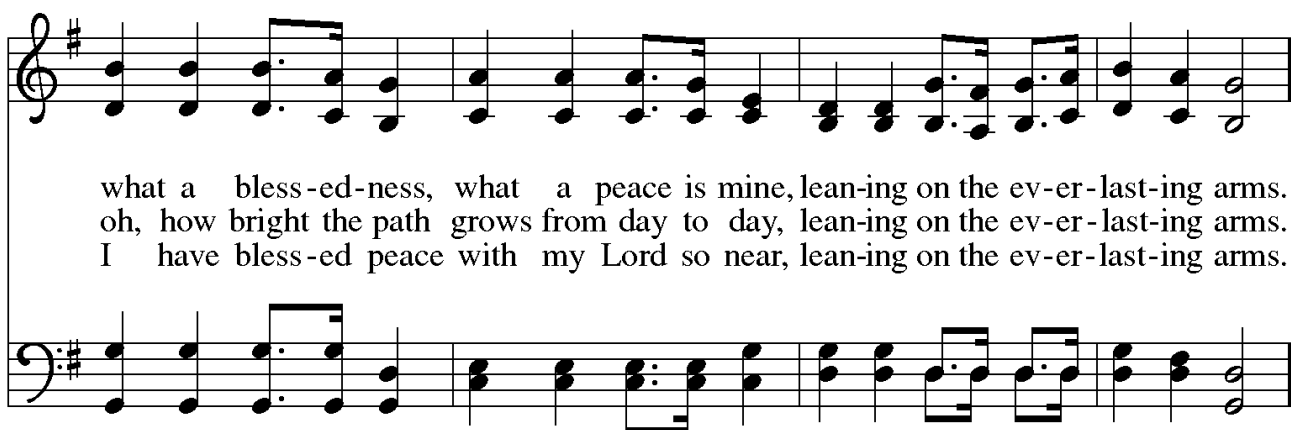
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

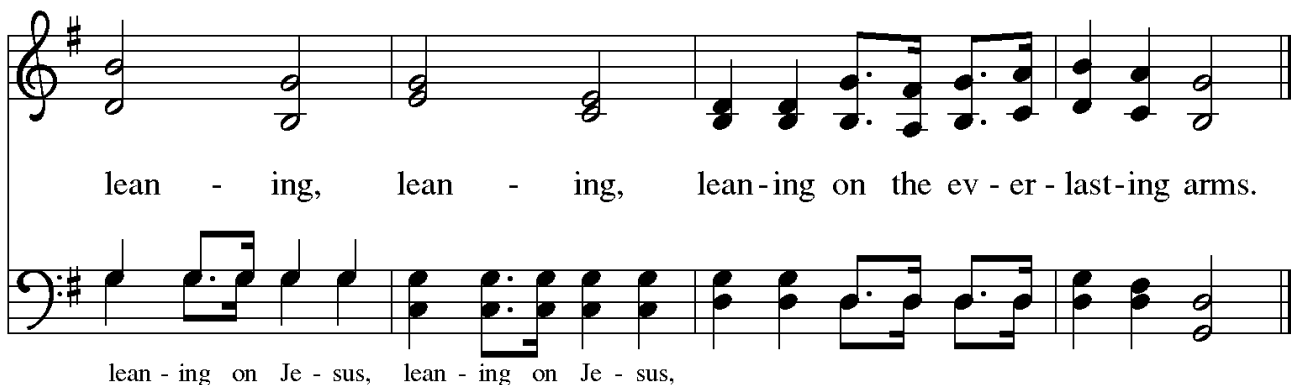


what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain



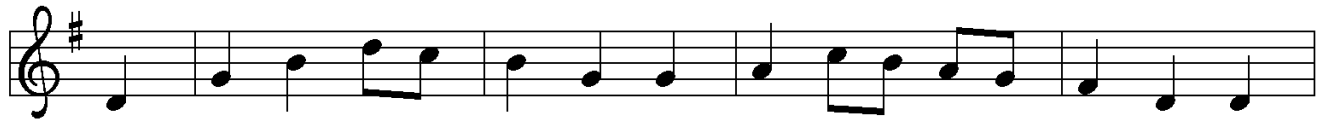
Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING- SENDING SONG: ELW 881 Let All Things Now Living**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



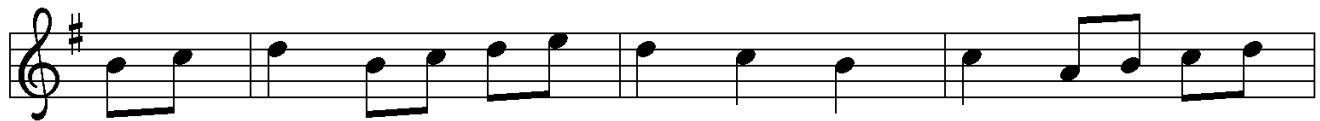
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Autumn,” mvt. III - Antonio Vivaldi

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: Chris & Bonnie Johnson;
GREETER: Gloria Hove; **CANTOR:** Jill Phillips; **READER:** Bob Felde; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Anne Jacobsen Clausen; **FELLOWSHIP:** Carrie Solberg, Linda Donoghue, Bonnie & Hallie Johnson, Gloria Hove, Krista Holland, Ruth Hasvold; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER FOR UNITED WAY OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY: Rachael Palmer and Laura Barlament will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the United Way TODAY following worship. This raises money that funds many different social service agencies in our county. The raffle will happen on Oct. 17. Raffle tickets are one for \$5, three for \$10, or seven for \$20, purchased by cash or check made out to United Way. The Raffle Drawing and winners will be announced on October 19. United Way's 2023 fundraising goal is \$100,000 to support 16 local agencies. The list and information about the agencies is on United Way of Winneshiek County's website.

BLUE FLOCK MEETING: TODAY the blue flock will be meeting during Fellowship Hour in the back of Fellowship Hall.

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.

ADULT FORUM: 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 each discussion, brief feedback will be provided to the ELCA's Task Force on Civic Life and Faith, as they draft a social statement for consideration at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

DECORAH FOOD WALK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1:00 p.m., starting at the Decorah Community Food Pantry - Join the Community Food Pantry's annual Food Walk to raise awareness of local hunger issues. The walk begins at the Food Pantry at 110 Railroad Street and no registration fee is required. You can support the cause by walking, donating non-perishable food items, or by making a monetary gift by mailing a check to Decorah Community Food Pantry, PO Box 26, Decorah, IA. 52101. Good Shepherd Sunday School children decorated grocery bags during Vacation Bible School. Families participating in the FOOD WALK are encouraged to take a decorated grocery bag after church for taking non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry.

Pastor Bauer (he was an intern at Good Shepherd with Rev. Paul Hasvold) is RETIRING!

After 25 years of ministry, Pr. Norm Bauer is retiring! Please join Pastor Bauer at a celebration in his honor Sunday, October 8, 2:00-4:00 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 705 3rd Ave. Charles City. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to send greetings his address is Pr. Norm Bauer, 1103 Allison St. Charles City, IA 50616. There will be a card in the Gathering Space then Fellowship Hall for him on behalf of Good Shepherd. Please sign!

BINGO VOLUNTEERS, PRIZES, AND TREATS NEEDED: Good Shepherd is hosting Bingo at Wellington Place on Tuesday, October 10th. Treats and prizes are already covered, but it would be great to have 1-2 more volunteers there to help some of the folks play bingo/socialize. Contact Erica to help or sign-up in the Gathering Space.

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT PANEL: Decorah Pride invites you to celebrate and learn in community for National Coming Out Day with a panel comprised of our local queer youth! Whether you're an ally or a member of the LGBTQIA2+ community, we all have room to grow and expand our knowledge of student's lived experience and how we can better support them 🏳️‍🌈 Please join us at The Lingonberry (218 W Water St, Decorah) on **Tuesday, October 10th from 7-8:30 pm!**

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. 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 needs 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 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 or by scanning the code.



We lament that the white Church in the United States, through its dominant place in our country's culture and history, has actively constructed, justified, and sustained systems of racial injustice and violence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has marginalized Lutheran Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and communities and perpetuated a patriarchal, monocultural and racially segregated status quo. (From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019)

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Lisa Zittergruen upon the death of her grandmother, Natalie Buddenberg, Dan Raney and family, Logan Nalean-Carlson, Ingrid Callaghan, Ginny Olson, Kerry Johnson, the family of Glenn Nelson, the Yaneff family, Donna Bahr, Helen Hermeier, James Barth, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, Janet Gall, Jutta Anderson, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, Mosaic Homes, and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, and those preparing for public ministry: Kathryn Thompson and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn

Relatives and Friends: Arlene Lecander (mother of Tim Lecander), Lily Laursen (granddaughter of Reg & Jeri Laursen), Josh Flora (nephew of Melanie & Tim Folkerts), Bobby Lambert (step-nephew of Melanie & Tim Folkerts), Bob Fahrenkrug (grandfather of Sarah Wicks), the family of Amber Einck (friend of Jane Borelli), Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson), Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother), Karen & John Silseth (brother and sister in law of Kris Peterson), Frank Barth (James Barth's Brother), Sylvia Clisham (member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry), Richard Caton (Brian's father), Ann Hovde Nelson (Daughter-in-law of Glenn Nelson and Jane Borelli), Sarah Jane, Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), Robin Darland (Friend of Erik Berg), Dennis Martin (brother-in-law of the Slinds), Nathan Scheuerelein (grandson of Bonnie Flora), Lynzee Makowski (friend of Laurie Biedermann), Todd Hove (son of Gloria Hove), Aaron Buzza (son of Jim and Kathy), Marilyn Walli (Cousin of Marv Slind), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary