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



November 19th – Presentation of Bibles & New Member Sunday & Affirmation of Baptism

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.

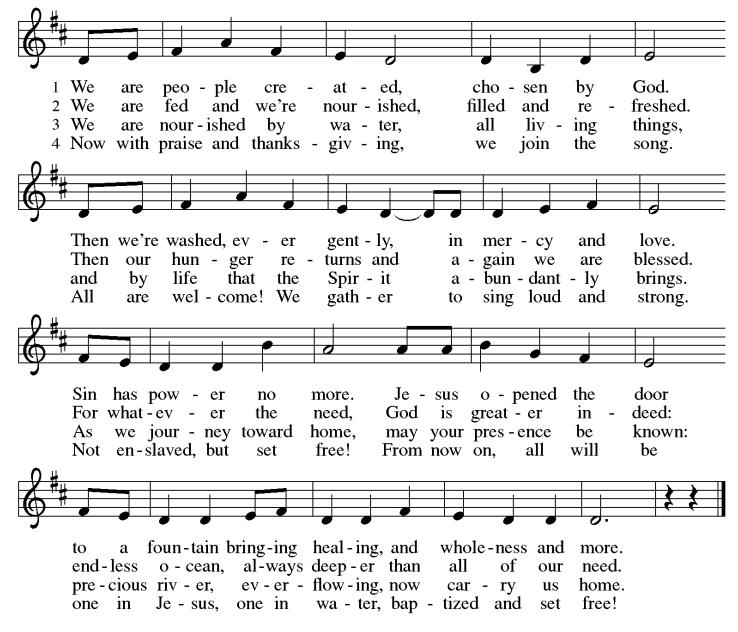
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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: "Sinfonia" - Henry Purcell PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS *GATHERING SONG: ELW 453 Baptized and Set Free



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*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43: 1-5a

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored...⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; - Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God**.

PSALM 46

God is our ref- I uge and strength,

a very present | help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the ¹ earth be moved,

and though the mountains shake in the depths 1 of the sea;

³though its waters ¹ rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble 1 with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- ' y of God, the holy habitation of ' the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the 1 kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth 1 melts away.

- ⁷The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
 - the God of Jacob 1 is our stronghold.
- ⁸Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up- 1 on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in 1 all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the 1 shields with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that 1 I am God;

- I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted 1 in the earth." "The LORD of 1 hosts is with us;
 - the God of Jacob 1 is our stronghold.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 6:1-9

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. -Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME:

First all kids come up for a honey treat because God's word is sweeter than honey. Then as younger kids return to their seats, 3rd-6th graders and parents come forward to the altar and face the congregation for the presentation of Bibles:

Ani Anderson	Jack Schroeher
Osro Biedermann	Sally Scott
Royal Biedermann	Karl Wicks
Samuel Bills	Owen Wood
Violet Geenen	Theo Wood
Kyle Joyce	

Parents, in Christian love you presented these children for Holy Baptism. In Baptism you made sacred promises. As parents of these children, it is your calling to keep these sacred promises:

To faithfully bring them to the services of God's house,

To teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments

To place in their hands the Holy Scriptures

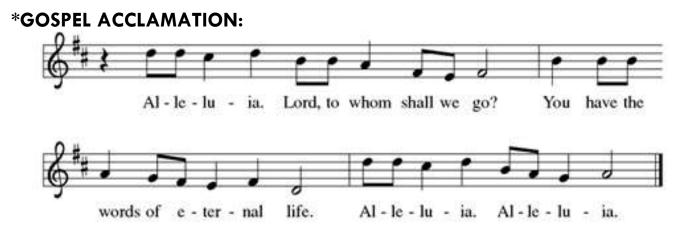
and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith

Do you renew your commitment to these Baptismal promises? If so, answer,

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

Congregation do you promise to support and encourage these parents in the keeping of these sacred promises? If so, answer, **We will, with God's help.**

Parents please give your children their Bibles with these words, "I love you and I promise to keep my baptismal promises to you."



*GOSPEL READING: John 1:6-14

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 645 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation vs. 1-3

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



During the last refrain of the hymn **all new members and Lulu and family come forward** and stand in front of the altar facing the congregation. Baptismal sponsors and shepherds go to the pulpit microphone.

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- as part of a Confirmation service for Lulu and as new members of the congregation.

Mike Bollinger and Katie Prochaska (baptismal sponsors): We present Lulu Jeanette who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray...Amen.

We rejoice to welcome Lulu as a full member of the congregation and we rejoice to welcome these new members.

Shepherds, at the lectern taking turn, speak these words of welcome: Bureshs: Welcome, Jon and Mary Wendling Bureshs: Welcome, Cheryl and Dwaine Lemke Germano and Hayley: Welcome, Dianne Burke Christy and Jonathon: Welcome, Janet Snider Christy and Jonathon: Welcome, Beth Bodensteiner, Michael and Ian McCandless Luther and Lise: Welcome, Sarah, Karl, Philip, and Ellis Wicks Luther and Lise: Welcome, Dave, Sonya, Violet and Jack Geenen Jane: Welcome, Erica, Nick, Aemon, and Bowen Yaneff

***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

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?

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.

Let us welcome these new members. We rejoice with you in the new life in Christ that we share. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayer shawls, welcome bags, and gifts for Lulu are presented.

New members return to their seats. Lulu moves to altar rail to kneel, family and sponsors and sponsors go behind her at the rail to be able to lay hands on her head.

Let us pray. Stir up in....both now and forever. Amen.

Lulu returns to front of altar.

*ACCLAMATION

Let us rise and rejoice with this sibling 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.

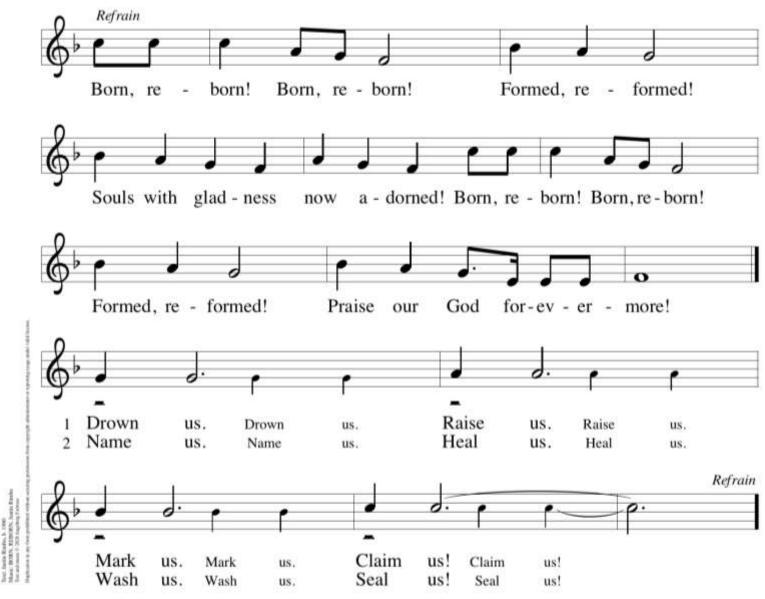
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends... Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great

***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: "Agnus Dei" - William Byrd

*OFFERTORY SONG: ACS 956 Born, Reborn -cantor singing the first part of echo in verses



*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray...Amen. *GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY P. 172-173

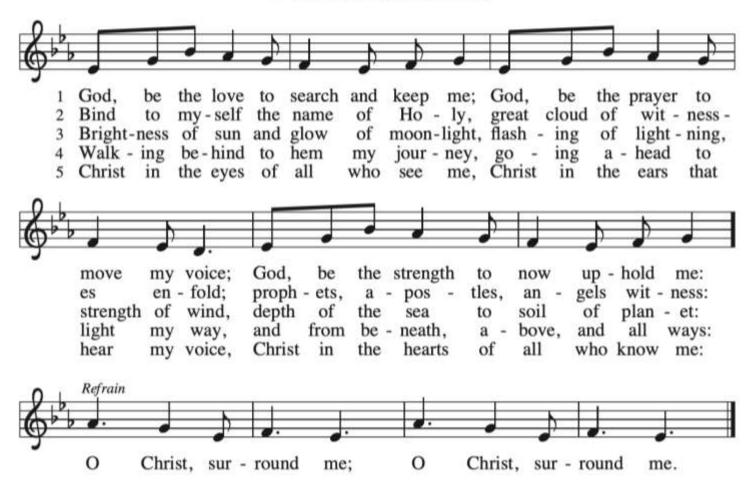
Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

*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, ACS 1084 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me, ACS 1036 Commonwealth is God's Commandment, ACS 969 Welcome Table

> God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me O Christ, Surround Me



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TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: "Regina Coeli" - Giovanni Croce

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: Lyle Otte, Bob Naslund; GREETER: Carol Hasvold, Jon Lund; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; READER: Aidan Nalean-Carlson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Stacey Nalean-Carlson; FELLOWSHIP: Laurie & Jim Biedermann, Bev Sheridan, Nalean-Carlson Family, Bob & Ann Naslund, Charilyn Hover, Lyle Otte; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

A MESSAGE FROM PR. AMY: The people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN voted to call me as their pastor on Sunday, Nov. 5. I have accepted the call and will begin serving them in January 2024. My last Sunday with Good Shepherd will be Sunday, January 7, 2024; the last official day of call will be January 15, 2024. Two things are true: I feel deep joy about this new call, and I feel deep grief about leaving Good Shepherd. Yet I have such peace that Good Shepherd will continue to thrive and that this is the next right step for me and my family.

PRAYER FOR GOOD SHEPHERD: Jane Jakoubek offers this prayer for Good Shepherd:

Merciful God, thank you for calling Pastor Amy to serve Good Shepherd these past eight years. Thank you for the ways she has helped us all grow in our love for you, for each other, and for our neighbors beyond the congregation. Be with the congregation now as we face this time of transition. Be with us in our grief, our fears, our hopes, our questions, our search. Help us find the work you are calling each of us to in this time: to love and care for each other; to hold each other in prayer; to carry out the work of the congregation; to know that you are at work in and through this transition as we move forward together as part of your beloved community. Be with Pastor Amy and her family as they move into this new call and time in their lives. We ask all these things for your Love's sake. Amen.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE: The Congregation Council, Pr. Amy, and the staff met with Pr. Liz Bell of the NE IA Synod on Tuesday night. Pr. Bell will be working with us throughout the call process. Pr. Bell knows and respects the commitments of Good Shepherd and listened well to us. The synod has shared with the executive committee the name of a potential intentional interim who may hopefully start serving us soon. The staff, executive committee, and council will be forming a transition team. A call committee will be formed by the annual meeting on Feb. 4.

NOTE FROM MARTHA & GEORGE: We would like to thank you, our Good Shepherd congregation, for all of your support in financial assistance and prayers, during our unexpectedly shortened trip to Bethlehem. We were so blessed with your confidence in us, with our call to serve at the Bethlehem Bible College Guesthouse for three months. And then we became surrounded by your prayers when bombs began to fall. We were truly not afraid, and feel that your prayers helped us in so many ways. We are so grateful for your love, your support, and your prayers. - George Lowe and Martha Monson Lowe

ADULT FORUM ON PALESTINE: TODAY 11:00-11:45 a.m., Gathering Space -Congregation members Martha Monson Lowe and George Lowe will lead the Forum. They recently returned from what was to be a three-month stay in Bethlehem.

NEW ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY LAUNCH: We are excited to launch a new online directory through the Church Management System "Breeze". On Monday, November 20, expect an email invitation inviting you to create an account and access the directory. Step-by-step instructions for setting up an account will be available on the website under the "Connect" Tab and in paper form in the Gathering Space.

ONLINE DIRECTORY HELP SESSION: Erica will be hosting a help session on Monday the 20th at 3:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space for anyone who wants some extra help setting it up. You can also stop in the office to have Tristan and Erica help you any day of the week- check the weekly bulletin or calendar for their hours.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has begun the happy task of inviting members of the congregation to participate in the work of the church. Please pray for us, as we imagine the future leadership of our congregation. And if you have a suggestion for us, or if you seek to engage your own time and talent, please reach out to us: Tim Lecander, Marty Steele, Matt Tapscott, Lise Kildegaard, Kris Peterson, and Pastor Amy.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER SIGN-UP SYSTEM: Each Sunday we are in need of 2 additional adults present to be a helpful presence to the Sunday School Teachers (Kelli & Laurie). To help fill this need, we are requesting all parents of youth and interested congregation members to be helpers 1-2 times during a 3 month chunk. Erica will send an email requesting dates you are available. She will then make a schedule of helpers based on availability and send that out for you to save the dates you're listed to help. If you are interested in being a helper 1-2 times during a 3 month chunk, please let Erica know and she will send you more information.

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED FOR NEWLY-ARRIVED CHILDREN IN POSTVILLE:

From Rachel Sandhorst, Postville Elementary School counselor: This year we've had an influx of families, mostly from Central America, who are looking for warm clothes for winter. Together with the Postville Public Library, we have set up Clothing Closets at the school and the library. We are accepting donations of warm winter clothing and outdoor gear (coats, gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots) to give to families as needed. We need all sizes, but our youth outdoor gear seems to be in the highest demand. There is a container outside the Good Shepherd sanctuary where you can drop off donations. There currently is no end date for receiving donations, and all will be appreciated!

NORTHERN LIGHTS WOMEN'S CHORUS: The Northern Lights Women's Chorus will present its fall **concert at 3 p.m. TODAY at Decorah Lutheran Church.** Many Good Shepherd members are in the choir – see the ensembles photo & poster on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Forum Nov. 26 on The Kitchen Table Singers: a group of local women that brings songs of healing, comfort, and courage to anyone in need of a song. In groups of 6-8 singers they go to homes, hospitals, parks, and any other spaces where they are invited to bring songs in the service of love. They sing to those who are ailing, healing, dying, grieving, moving, ending or beginning a job or a relationship, celebrating a milestone, preparing for a journey...in short, for any of life's thresholds, small or large. Anne Clausen, Cheri Lane, and Liz Rog are part of this group and they will tell some stories, share some songs, and offer the possibility that Good Shepherd might someday choose to create such a group of singing caregivers for its congregation.

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 AM -12:00 PM M-W. Erica: 10-5:00 PM Monday-Tuesday.

HOLIDAY HOURS: The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week.

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Bonnie Flora, 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), 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: Sid Sampson (brother-in-law of Marty Steele), Miriam Plautz (aunt of Melanie Folkerts), Steve Schwab (brother-in-law of Lyle Otte), Michael Naslund (son of Ann and Bob Naslund), Arlene Lecander (mother of Tim Lecander), Lily Laursen (granddaughter of Reg & Jeri Laursen), 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), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade 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 the annual meeting of the congregation on February was developed through the work of the Racial Justice held listening sessions with the congregation. A portion Statement is printed here each week. Find the full statement at



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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)