

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King**

**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:** “Apparition de l'église éternelle” - Olivier Messiaen

**PRAYER BELL**

**WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONG:** ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

**\*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**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## ADVENT: HOPE AND EXPECTATION

### Reflection

**Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5... Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** ELW 266 All Earth is Hopeful



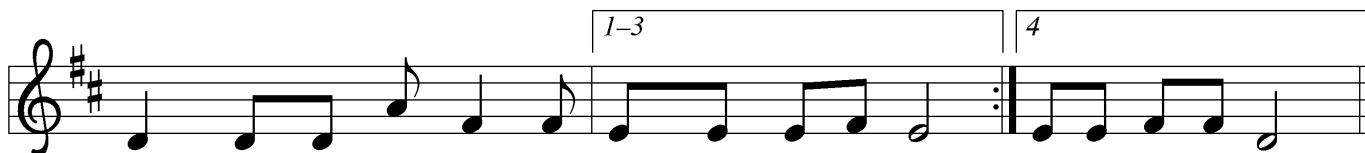
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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## CHRISTMAS: GOD WITH US

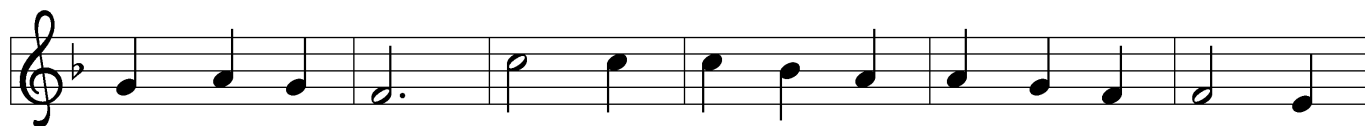
### Reflection

**Reading:** John 1:1-5, 14... Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** ELW 292 Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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## EPIPHANY: LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

### Reflection

**Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6... Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** ELW 301 Bright and Glorious is the Sky vs. 1,4,5

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - dant are the  
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found  
him whose praise the ages sound.  
We too have a star to guide us,  
which forever will provide us  
with the light to find our Lord,  
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,  
that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing,  
is the Word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

## LENT: RETURN TO GOD

**Reflections and Reading:** based on Luke 4: 1-2

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Each petition ends: God of mercy, 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**

**OFFERING MUSIC:** "Open Our Eyes" - Patricia Plude

**\*OFFERING SONG:** Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: FROM DEATH TO LIFE

**Reflection and Reading:** based on Luke 24:13-35

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

**\*LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 173 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive gluten and dairy free bread. The plate of cups will then be offered for you to select wine or grape juice. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart. If you need an individual, pre-packaged serving of bread and wine, please request that of your server. Place wine/juice cups in the basket by the altar as you return to your pew.*

**COMMUNION SONGS:** Lamb of God P. 174, ELW 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, ELW 374 Day of Arising

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

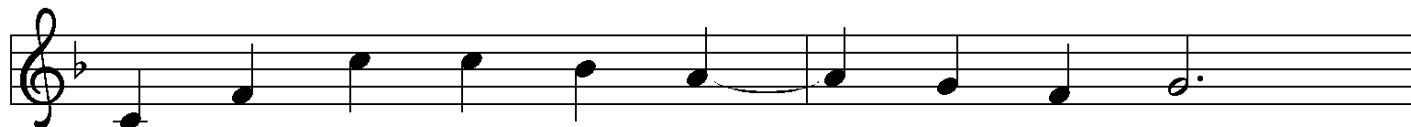
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!



# Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## TABLE BLESSING- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## **PENTECOST: FIRE AND GROWTH**

### **Reflection**

**Reading:** Acts 2:1-4, 43-47

**Hymn:** ELW 786 O Holy Spirit, Enter In vs. 1,3



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell-ing. Sun of the soul,  
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a-round and in us bright-ly shine, your strength  
fast-ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav-en now is  
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
true wis - dom learn-ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show-er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
pow-er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

## SENDING

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHRIST THE KING: CHRIST REIGNS IN LOVE FOR ALL OF OUR DAYS

##### Reflection

\***Blessing:** Colossians 1: 11-20

\***Sending Song:** How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

Text by Kate Narveson and the community of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Decorah, IA  
Music by Brooke Joyce, 2008

Descant:

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It begins with a 'Descant' section. The lyrics are as follows:

1. How love-ly is your dweHing place, where wor-ship lifts its song, A  
2. How love-ly is your dweHing place, for mu-sic's swel-ling phrase, For  
3. And love-ly is your dweHing place, Where fel-low-ship joins hearts To  
4. Dear God, a-bid - ing still with us, Di - rect our hearts and hands To

sa - cred and a gath-ering place, A house where all be - long.  
cho - ir, brass, and ev - ery voice To blend in joy - ful praise.  
ease the bur - dens that we bring, Till an - xious care de - parts.  
serve our neigh - bor and ob - serve Your good and just com - mands.

5. Teach us to welcome strangers in,  
To stand beside the poor,  
Till justice like a river flows,  
And love, forevermore.

6. Thus, in this lovely dwelling place  
We open wide the door.  
Abide with us, go forth with us,  
And bless us evermore.

## **\*PRAYER BELL**

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

**POSTLUDE:** "Nimrod" - Edward Elgar

*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: Rachael Palmer, Mark Finanger; GREETERS: Lois Finanger, Keaton Nalean-Carlson; READER: Bob Naslund; ASSISTING MINISTER: Aaron Palmer; FELLOWSHIP Nalean-Carlson Family, Bob & Ann Naslund, Ivy Sime, Charilyn Hover, Wanda Deifelt, Sharon Drew, Mark & Lois Finanger; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

**FLOWERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:** The Flowers in the Sanctuary this week are given in memory of Rev. Paul Solberg and Brendan Numedahl from Jennifer Sime and Bob & Ann Naslund.

**65 YEAR ANNIVERSARY:** Our congregation was founded on **November 24, 1958**, at our present location on Iowa Avenue. It was the only Lutheran congregation on the west side of Decorah. At that time, Luther College did not have a Student Congregation. founding and remain active members of the congregation. Additional information about our history, can be found at [goodshepherddecorah.org/our-history](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/our-history)

**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.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK:** Sunday school will resume next week with Christmas Program rehearsals!

**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!

**ADULT FORUM: KITCHEN TABLE SINGERS:** 11:00-11:45 a.m., Gathering Space **TODAY**. Come learn about the Kitchen Table Singers, a group of local women who bring 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, anywhere they're invited, to sing to those who are ailing, healing, dying, grieving, moving, ending or beginning a job or relationship, celebrating a milestone, preparing for a journey - in short, for any of life's thresholds, small or large. Kitchen Table Singers Anne Clausen, Miriam Skrade, and Liz Rog will tell stories, share songs, and offer the possibility that Good Shepherd might choose someday to create such a group of singing caregivers of the congregation.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REMINDER:** *Please submit Stewardship Intent Statements.* Our Stewardship Campaign is going really well, thanks to God. If you have been prayerfully considering giving to God through Good Shepherd in 2024, thank you. If you have not yet returned a Statement of Intent, consider this a gentle reminder. We are hoping for 100% participation, in part to honor Pastor Amy's ministry to our church, and in part to sincerely reflect our congregation's spirit in our upcoming call for a new Pastor. Forms are available in the Gathering Space, or online on the church website under "Giving". Thank you, from the Stewardship Committee, and blessing with you and our congregation.

**AUGSBURG FORTRESS ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:** Come, Emmanuel: Devotions for Advent and Christmas 2023-2024. Good Shepherd purchased Devotionals for this Advent and they will be available in the Gathering Space starting this Sunday. A donation of \$3.50 is encouraged to cover the cost of this order - donations can be added to the offering plate or dropped off in the Church Office.

**GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH GATHERING:** Those attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering are hosting a fundraiser: wrapping your gifts for you! GS Youth will provide the wrapping paper and joyous elf-wrapping spirit - simply bring your Christmas presents to be wrapped by Youth during Fellowship Hour on Dec 10th. Wrapped presents will be ready for pick-up from the Annex after Fellowship Hour. Free-will donation. Please RSVP with any special notes (like "bubble wrap please") in the Gathering Space on Nov. 26th and Dec. 3rd or by emailing [kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org)

**THANK YOU FOR THE COFFEE SALES!** Through the recent Impact Coffee sales totaling 140 bags of coffee, Good Shepherd Youth were able to fundraise over \$700 - thank you for your support! Look forward to future fundraisers to help get the 13 youth and 2 leaders to New Orleans this summer.

**WREATH LIGHTING INVITATION:** The season of Advent begins Sunday, December 3rd - only 2 weeks away! Each Sunday and Wednesday during worship, families are invited to light the advent wreath at the beginning of worship. Sign-up on the website under "Sign Ups" or in the Gathering Space.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL:** Please join us for a free meal on **Thursday, December 7th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street.** All are welcome – this is a free meal – serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Prairie Lakes Congregation who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

**NEW ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY LAUNCHED:** Last week, Good Shepherd launched a new online directory through the Church Management System "Breeze". Members, associate members, and friends received an email invitation on Monday to create an account and access the directory. Step by step instructions for setting up an account are available on the church website under the "Connect" tab, as well as in the Gathering Space. For additional assistance in setting up an account, Erica and Tristan can help! Just stop by the church office; check the weekly bulletin or online church calendar for their hours.

**UPDATED PAPER DIRECTORY:** Good Shepherd will print a paper directory for those interested. Please contact the Church Office if you would like an updated paper directory now that our new directory system, Breeze, is up and running. We will be printing these in early December.

**MISSION ASSISTANCE FUND NEED:** Good Shepherd has a Mission Assistance Fund set up to help those needing emergency assistance. Funds are distributed at the discretion of the Pastor and 2 congregation members on the committee. Currently, this account is depleted and we need funds to help those who stop by needing emergency assistance. To designate funds to this account, give money at Fellowship Hour (basket at the front of the serving table) or denote "Mission Assistance Fund" on a check or envelope.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:** Nisse Preschool will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 3rd from 8:00-12:00 in the Danan Lansing Building on the Decorah Fairgrounds. All you can eat! There will be great raffle prizes, balloon animals, face painting and free pictures with Santa. Meal and raffle tickets are available at the door. Tickets: Adults - \$8, Children ages 4-17 - \$6, current Nisse students and children 3 & under - Free

**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 AM -12:00 PM M-F. Erica: 10-5:00 PM W-Th

**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), 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 annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team listening sessions with the congregation. A portion of printed here each week. Find the full statement at



approved at the 2022. It was which held the Statement is

**[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)***