

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



January 14th – Baptism of Our Lord

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

PRAYER BELL

PRELUDE: “O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright” - Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. **Amen.**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

KYRIE & GLORY: Pg. 98 *In The Front Of The Red Hymnal*

***GATHERING SONG:** ACS 957 Take me to the water – v. 1: choir, v. 2-4: all

1 choir Take me to the water,

take me to the water,

take me to the water to be

baptized.

3 all He's my Savior,

he's my Savior,

he's my Savior, oh, yes, he is.

2 all I love Jesus,

I love Jesus,

I love Jesus, oh, yes, I do.

4 all Glory, hallelujah.

Glory, hallelujah.

Glory, hallelujah to be baptized.

- *Text: African American spiritual*

***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.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9 - Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. - Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹**O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

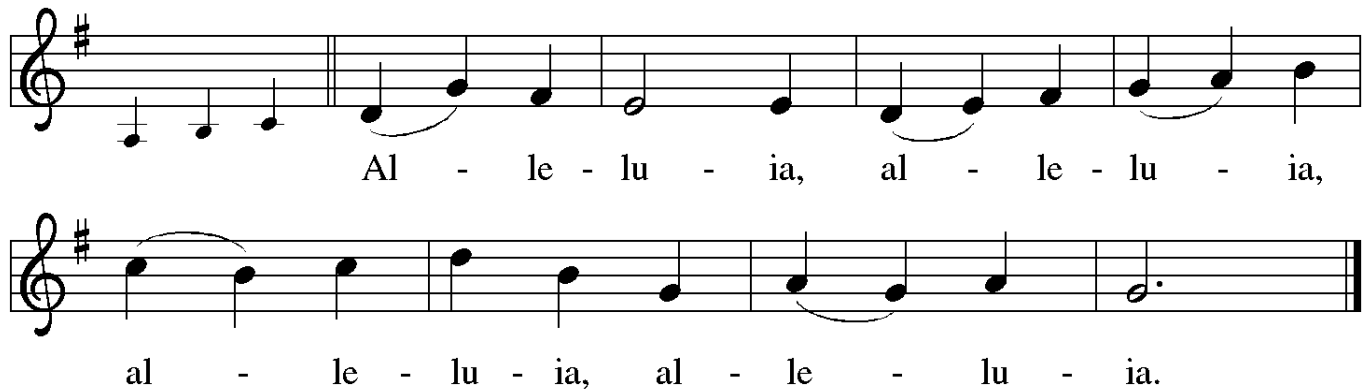
SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

- The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 450 I Bind Unto Myself Today - choir sings st. 4**

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the vir - tues
faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the
burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

(next page)

4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.

5 I bind un-to my-self the name, the strong name of the

Trin-i-ty by in-vo-ca-tion of the same, the

Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na-ture has cre-

a-tion, e-ter-nal Fa-ther, Spir-it, Word. Praise to the

Lord of my sal-va-tion; sal-va-tion is of Christ the Lord!

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* God of grace, **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: “Non Nobis, Domine” - Philip van Wilder

***OFFERING SONG**

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY:** p. 107-108, 110

***LORD’S PRAYER:** p. 112 – 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. Kids, teachers, and Fellowship Servers are invited to come to communion first.

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God p. 112-113; ELW 459 Wade in the Water; ELW 304 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized


Wade in the Water

Refrain

All




Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.


Leader

All



1 See that host all dressed in white,
 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

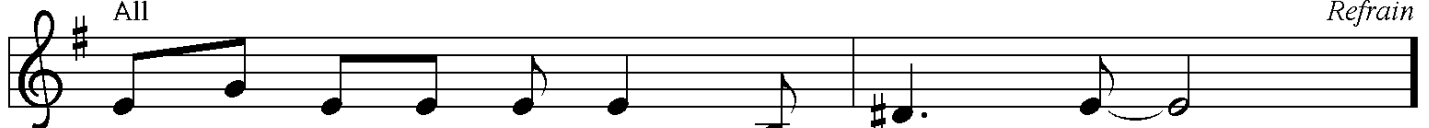
Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

Refrain

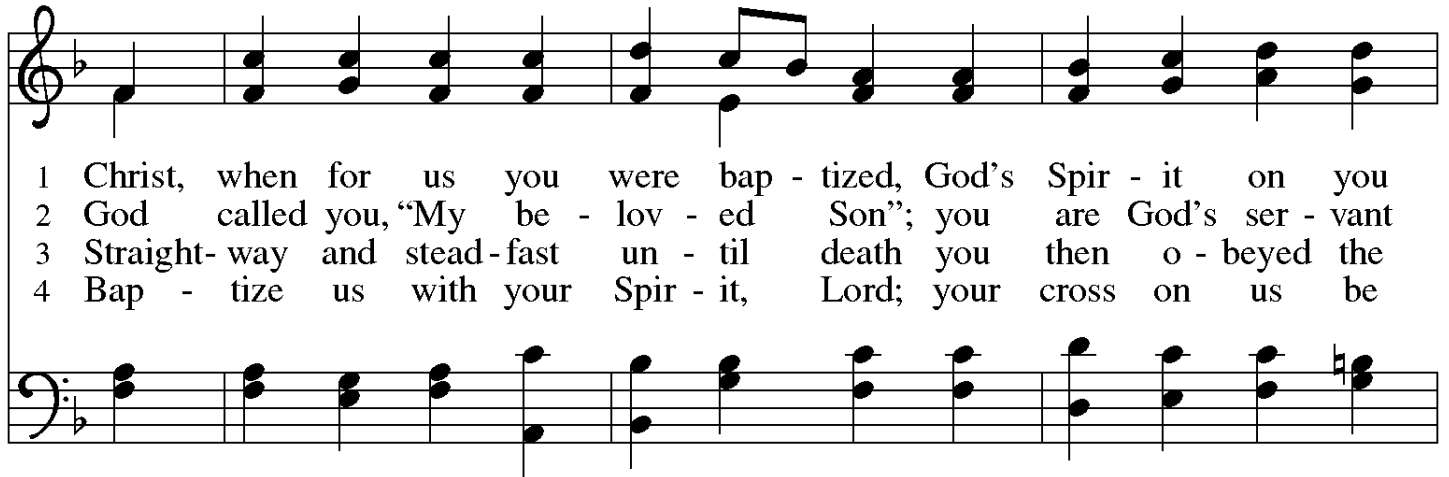


God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

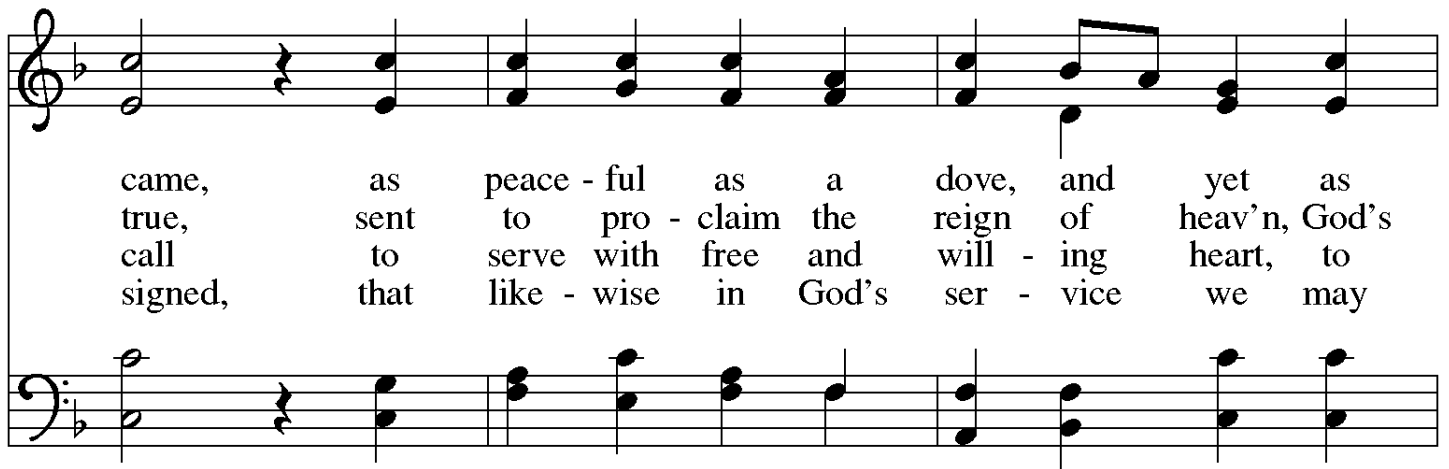
Text: African American spiritual

Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

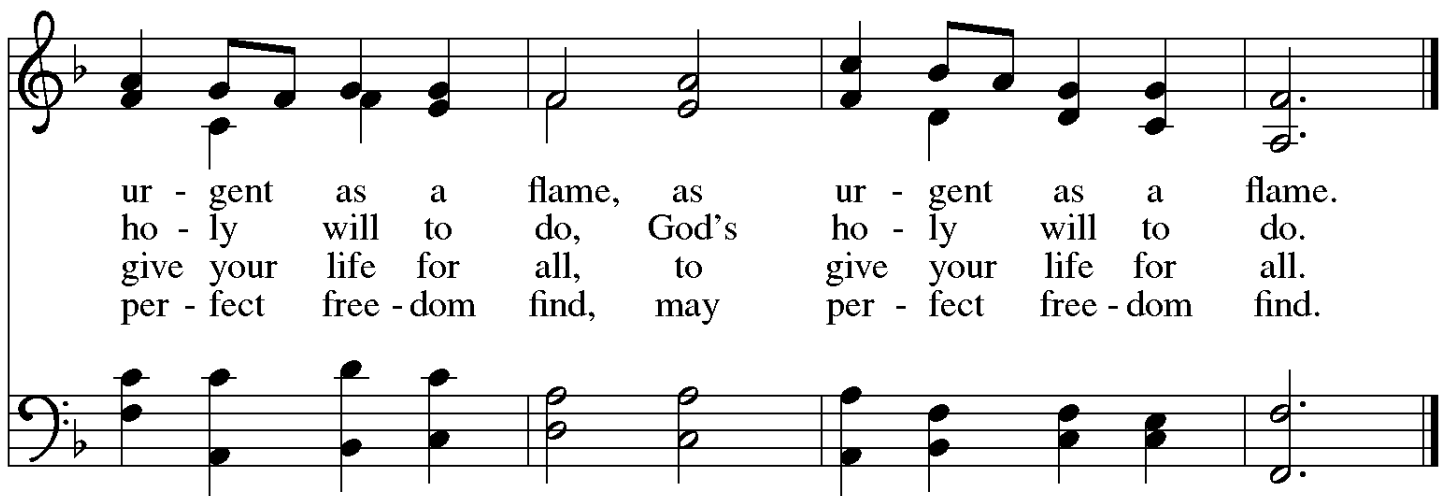
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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Our communion hymn, Wade in the Water, comes to us through the work of the Fisk Jubilee Singers who gathered hymns from their enslaved ancestors and sang them for white audiences. Wade in the Water connects us with the Israelites crossing the Red Sea to the Promised Land. It is said to be one of the songs used to guide slaves in our own country in their escape; wading in the water made it harder for their route to be detected. It is linked to Harriet Tubman's many trips south to lead enslaved Blacks to freedom, using this and other songs to to guide them on their perilous journey. Wade in the Water was recorded by protest artists during the 1960s as part of the Civil Rights Movement. The hymn encourages us to get into the water to do the hard work it takes to escape oppression even as it asserts that God is also already at work and will "trouble the waters." When we sing Wade in the Water we join the river of prayer sung by enslaved and oppressed people throughout history: the Israelites, enslaved Blacks; refugees fleeing war; victims of human trafficking and so many more. May God trouble the waters for all those searching for freedom, and may we all be moved to be part of God's work of bringing freedom through our prayers and actions.

TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING ... Amen.**

***SENDING SONG:** ACS 942 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

***PRAYER BELL**

***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace, you are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright" - Samuel Scheidt

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 & GREETERS:

Lindsay & Karla Erdman, Kathy Reed; **READER:** Richard Ylvisaker; **CANTOR:** Karin Martin-Hiner; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Martin Klammer; **FELLOWSHIP:** Karla Erdman, Kerry & Kirk Johnson, Ingrid Callaghan, Germano Streesse, Kathy Reed; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Pastor David Wrightsman

TRANSITION UPDATE: The Congregation Council, in the process of discerning a Call Committee, approved Megan Buckingham to serve as convener of the Call Committee. In this role she will join other leaders in beginning the organizational process of forming the Call Committee: discernment of nominees, Council approval, and possible announcement to the congregation on Sunday, February 11.

THANK YOU FROM PR. AMY: Beloved People of God, thank you! Thank you for a beautiful send off on Sunday, Jan. 7 as well as the caroling outside our house the week before. I am so grateful for each of you and for the honor of being your pastor. I will miss you. I am grateful we are held together in God and part of the body of Christ. Go in peace, you are God's beloved. Thanks be to God!

SLIDESHOW of PR. AMY's TIME AT GOOD SHEPHERD: A photo slideshow was put together by the communications sub-committee highlighting moments from Pr. Amy's 8.5 years at Good Shepherd. This is now available at the GS website under "ABOUT" and on the GS YouTube page.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT IN CELEBRATING PR. AMY from Erica in the Office:

Many hands, minds, and hearts were involved in the planning of Pr. Amy's final Sunday and farewell brunch. Thank you to all those involved, and to those I am sure I missed: Outreach & hospitality committee, communications subcommittee, table setting team, all musicians who added to worship, and all leaders that helped send Pr. Amy off. Thank you for the contributions for her gifts from the congregation.

ANNUAL REPORTS: Committees and subcommittees, please submit your annual reports to the Church office as soon as possible, or January 22nd at the latest.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting is Feb. 4th in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

ADULT FORUM: 2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 11:00 a.m., Gathering Space - Come learn about and discuss the proposed 2024 Good Shepherd budget in advance of the Annual Meeting on February 4.

ADULT FORUM JAN. 28 - INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS as RELATED TO LUTHER ARCHIVES: The Luther College Archives is home to a collection of records from the Bethany Indian Mission. The presentation will look at what these records are, how they, along with other missionary-related collections, came to Luther's possession, and future plans for providing care and access to them. Archivist Hayley Jackson will lead this in the Gathering Space.

AASE HAUGEN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & WELCA BRUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT: WELCA annual meeting and mid-winter brunch will be held Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Patty Casterton and Sam Boeke from Aase Haugen Senior Services will be telling us about the Capital campaign to fund a chapel for their new facility. We will also be dispersing funds from 2023, contact Bev Sheridan if you have any funding requests.

HELP LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES ADVOCATE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS: Congress and the Biden administration are considering limiting the ability for migrants and refugees to qualify for asylum. You can advocate for the welfare of asylum seekers by going goodshepherddecorah.org/LINS-campaign and letting elected leaders know you support refugees and migrants. Thank You!

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DREAM WEEK: Wed., Jan. 10 - Friday, Jan. 19, Luther College. Learn more about events happening in the weekly newsletter. **“The F-Word: Stories of Forgiveness” Exhibition.** January 10-24, Center for Faith and Life, second floor. The exhibit is part of The Forgiveness Project, featuring thought-provoking images and personal narratives exploring forgiveness in the face of atrocity.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Gathering Space - All are welcome at the January Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting! Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month, September through May. Yarn and patterns are available. Questions? Contact Jeri Laursen.

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

PRAYER LIST

Good Shepherd Family: Russ Freerking, Marv & Mickey Slind (on the loss of their cousin), Tim Lecander & June Melby, Bonnie Flora, LaVerne Ramsey, Ingrid Callaghan, Ginny Olson, the family of Glenn 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: Diane Deeren (sister-in-law to Lyle Otte), Ann Alton (Amelia & William Kurth's mother), Sid Sampson (brother-in-law of Marty Steele), Miriam Plautz (aunt of Melanie Folkerts), 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), Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), 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), 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 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.

