

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 21st

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.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

As you enter the Sanctuary, you are invited to make the transition from “getting here” to “being here”. Take a moment to silence phones. You may use these moments of quiet time to listen to the Prelude as you prepare to come fully into the presence of God and our community of faith.

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

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

January is the month for every “10 Best” and “10 Worst” list imaginable. The ten best movies; the ten worst TV Series; the ten best books; the ten best trends and so forth. The lists go on and on. In today’s gospel text, Nazareth is on the “Worst” list. The newly summoned disciple Nathanael responds to the information about Jesus’ pedigree with a snooty sounding, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathaniel went and Nathaniel saw. Jesus gave him new eyes, and with them he saw the true light of Christ. May we be so blessed...

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE

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: P. 98 *In The Front Of The Red Hymnal*

***GATHERING SONG: ELW 520 Dearest Jesus, At Your Word**

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

***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... **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

 O LORD, you | have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
 you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
 and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
 but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
 and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;**

it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;

you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;**

your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written | in your book;**

my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!

How great is the | sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: John 1:43-51**

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him,

"Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

SERMON: *"Do You See What I See?"*

Rev. David Wrightsman

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 798 Will You Come and Follow Me**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



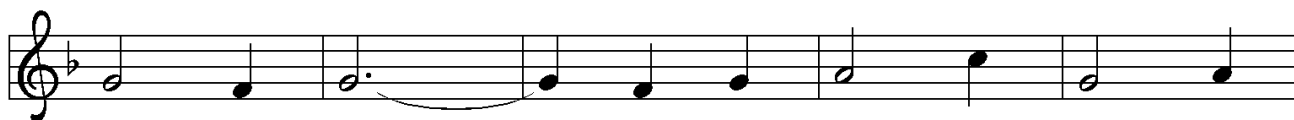
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

*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

*OFFERING SONG: ELW 184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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*OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we 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 464 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal; ELW 468 Around You, O Lord Jesus

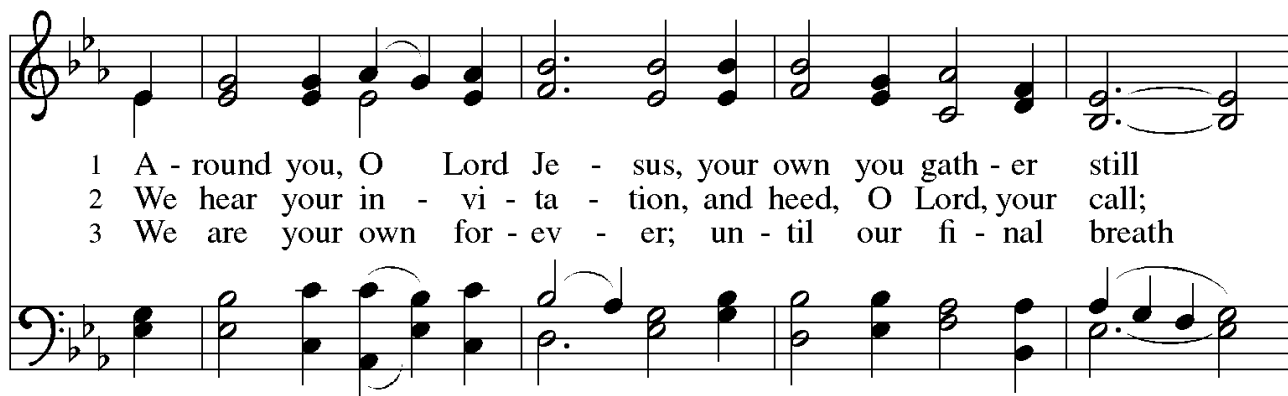


1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God’s chil - dren ev - ’ry - where; feed us with your love.

Around You, O Lord Jesus



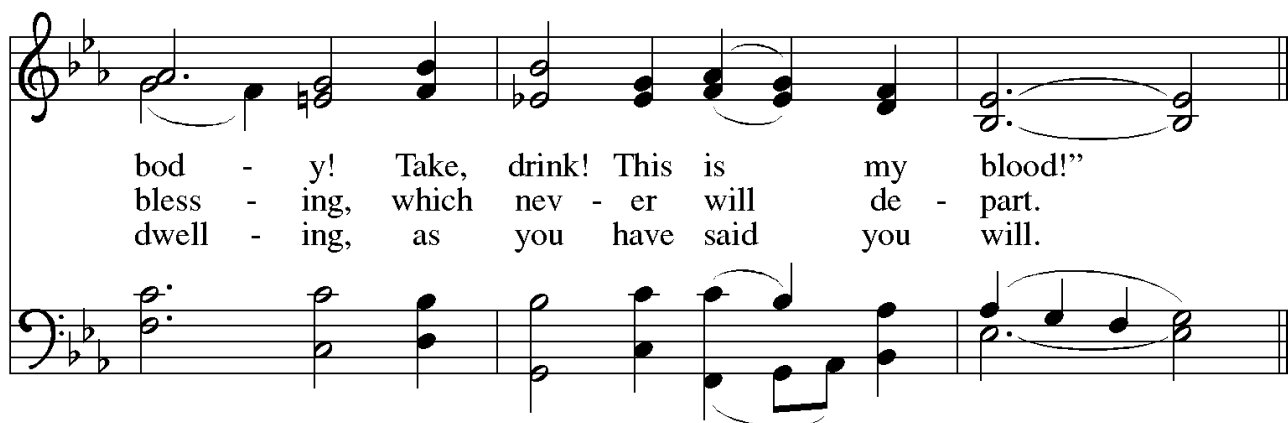
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray... **Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING ... Amen.**

***SENDING SONG: ELW 550 On What Has Now Been Sown**

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth-er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

***PRAYER BELL**

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

POSTLUDE

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: Dick Ylvisaker, Ray Torresdal, Cheri Lane; READER: Bethany Volz; CANTOR: Melanie Folkerts; ASSISTING MINISTER: Martin Klammer; FELLOWSHIP: Jane Kemp, Hayley Jackson, Bethany Volz, Dianne Burke; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Jonathon Struve; 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.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: 2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL: 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.

ANNUAL MEETING: Annual Meeting is Feb. 4th in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

If you have not done so yet, please submit your Annual Report to Erica in the office ASAP so Annual Reports can be made available this week.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - All are welcome at this month's Gather Bible Study. Lindy Moeller will lead the Bible Study, with Gail Judisch providing refreshments. If you need a copy of the study, contact Bev Sheridan at sherida701@gmail.com

FILM SCREENING: On **Wed. January 24 at 7pm** in the Gathering Space, George and Martha Lowe will be screening the film 'Little Town of Bethlehem.' which was screened at GS last month. It is a 2020 documentary film that shares the modern-day story of three men of different faiths and their lives in Israel and Palestine. Each makes a decision to risk everything to bring an end to violence in his lifetime. The film is 77 minutes in length.

YOUTH GATHERING MEETINGS: All youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering are reminded of 2 upcoming meetings: Next Sunday, January 28th at 11:00am in the Library to discuss next steps on fundraisers and see your current total raised/amount still needed and February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Decorah Lutheran Social Hall for the wider Decorah Youth meeting.

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: 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.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY – JANUARY 28th: Reconciling in Christ Sunday is an annual worship celebration, created to share in the commitment to the ongoing work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church. You are invited to wear rainbow colors to celebrate our commitment as a Reconciling in Christ congregation!

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!

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL! Please join us for a free meal on Thursday, February 1st, 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 First Lutheran Church who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

STEPHANIE HOFF'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: Our member Stephanie has Stage 5 chronic kidney disease, is now on dialysis, and is still hoping for a kidney transplant. Information about Stephanie and living kidney donation is available at goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9 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: Jami Siefken - *on the death of her mother* (daughter-in-law to Jan & Dave Siefken), 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.

