

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> - Reconciling in Christ Sunday**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

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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!*

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptism is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still the two brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

Today is also Reconciling in Christ Sunday. The last Sunday of January each year is a time the Good Shepherd community celebrates our shared commitment to the ongoing work of welcome, inclusion, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church.

## **PRAYER BELL**

**PRELUDE:** “There Is A Spirit That Delights To Do No Evil” - Ned Rorem

## **WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, fountain of living water, who is the source of breath and nourishment. **Amen.**

Holy God, through the waters of baptism you announce that we are your beloved children...Through the waters of the flood and the parting of the seas, you showed your promises to be true.

**In the waters of baptism you claimed us and called each of us by our true name. Through baptism into the body of Christ, you transformed our lives and made us whole. Send now your Spirit to move in our midst and soak us with your gifts of mercy, love, and grace. Amen.**

Called by our true names in baptism, we are also called to see all people as beloved children of God. Together let us affirm our commitment to welcome, celebrate and honor siblings in Christ who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, those of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

On the anniversary of Good Shepherd becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation, let us together affirm our Reconciling in Christ Welcome Statement.

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**\*GATHERING SONG:** ELW 532 Gather Us In

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE & GLORY:** P. 98 *In the front of the red hymnal*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray... **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

**PSALM 62:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I | wait in silence;  
truly, my hope | is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and | my salvation,**  
**my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance | and my honor;  
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,**  
**pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;**  
**though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,  
that power be- | longs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,**  
**my God, my rock, in whom I | put my trust.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

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

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."<sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**SERMON:** "It's a Miracle, God is Calling You!"

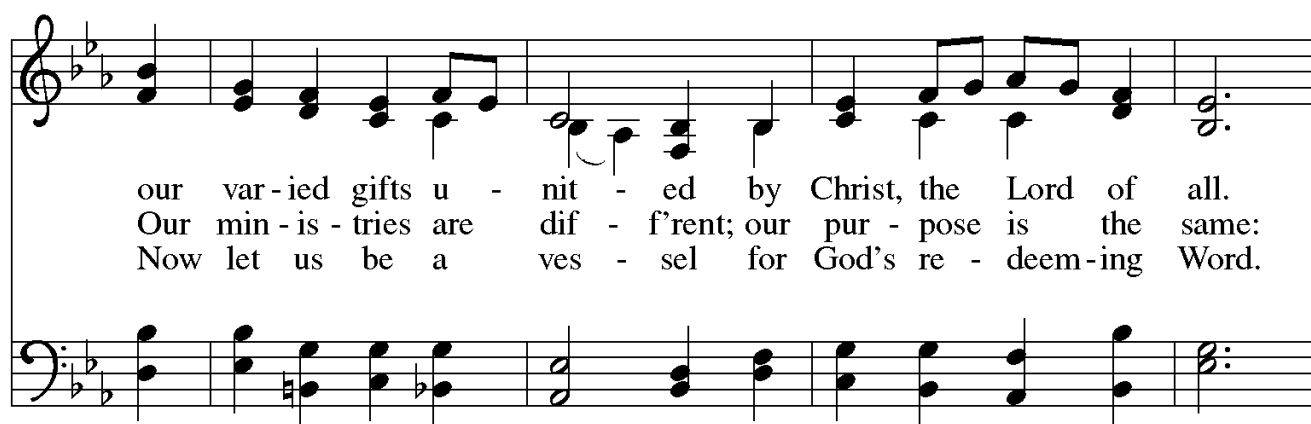
Rev. David Wrightsman

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 576 We All Are One in Mission

# We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## \*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:** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" - Dirk Janszoon Sweetlink

*Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending! For Christ goes with us all the way, today,  
tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!*

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ACS 978 God Welcomes All- 2 or 3 times

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "God Welcomes All" (ACS 978). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music covers the lyrics "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;" and the second system covers "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

## \*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; ACS 1038 God, We Gather as Your People vs. 3-4, ELW 725 When the Poor Ones

# God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

# When the Poor Ones

## *Cuando el pobre*



1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;  
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;  
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;  
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,  
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;  
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:  
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:  
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:  
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:  
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

### *Refrain / Estribillo*



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;  
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



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 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

Text: José Antonio Olivares, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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## 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 709 When Our Song Says Peace**



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will  
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will  
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.  
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.  
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

**\*PRAYER BELL**

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

**POSTLUDE: "No one is alone" – Stephen Sondheim arr. Fred Hersch**

*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: Kerry & Kirk Johnson, Cheri Lane; READER: Germano Streese; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Kemp; FELLOWSHIP: Jane Kemp, Hayley Jackson, Marion Pruitt-Jefferson, Ingrid Callaghan, Germano Streese; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor David Wrightsman

**MUSIC NOTES FOR RIC SUNDAY:** Ned Rorem was described as the “elder statesman of American art song, prolific prose writer, [and] pioneer of gay liberation.” Fred Hersch is the first openly gay, HIV-positive jazz musician, who both composes original composition and also “covers” great American songs, including those by Stephen Sondheim.

**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.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Annual Meeting is Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Annual reports can be picked up in the Gathering Space or found online under “NEWS”.

**YOUTH GATHERING MEETINGS:** All youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering are reminded of 2 upcoming meetings: Next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Library to discuss next steps on fundraisers and see your current total raised/amount still needed and February 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**PASTORAL CARE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - PASTOR DAVE ON MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA** *From Pastor Dave:* I will be out of town on a mission trip in Guatemala that I had previously committed to before interviewing at Good Shepherd. Fourteen of us will be building classrooms and kitchens in a rural school outside of the city of Antigua. Pastor Mike Wilker from First Lutheran Church will be on call for pastoral care, he has shared his cell number: **(563) 419-4488**

**“LIVING THE MESSAGE” BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR DAVE:** Join Pastor Dave for an academic-oriented, comprehensive overview of the Old Testament, beginning February 13 and extending through May, approximately 3 Tuesdays per month for a total of 12 classes. All are welcome! You don't have to be a member of Good Shepherd to join the class! The cost is \$25 to register, which covers the cost of materials for each class, including the Bethel Bible Series curriculum and other handouts. More information and registration forms are in the Gathering Space and online.

**“THE F WORD: STORIES OF FORGIVENESS” ART EXHIBIT AT GOOD SHEPHERD:** The Forgiveness Project is a thought-provoking collection of images and personal narratives exploring forgiveness in the face of atrocity. Drawing together voices from South Africa, America, Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland and England, the exhibition examines forgiveness as a healing process, a path out of victimhood and, ultimately, a journey of hope. The exhibit was displayed for the past three weeks in the CFL at Luther College and is finding a new home starting next week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church through the end of February.

**GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK SALE COMING! FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH ATTENDING THE ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:** The Good Shepherd community is invited to collect fiction, non-fiction and children's books, board games, DVDs, and puzzles to contribute to the upcoming sale that will raise funds for this summer's trip to New Orleans and the National Youth Gathering. Items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd starting on Sunday, February 25 (but not before!). The sale runs from 2/28-3/17 – more details to come soon!

**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 AM – 12 PM M-F. Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM M-Tues.

## PRAYER LIST

**Good Shepherd Family:** Doris Barnaal, Russ Freerking, Marv & Mickey Slind, 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 is 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](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.

