

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



February 18th – First Sunday in Lent

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 *

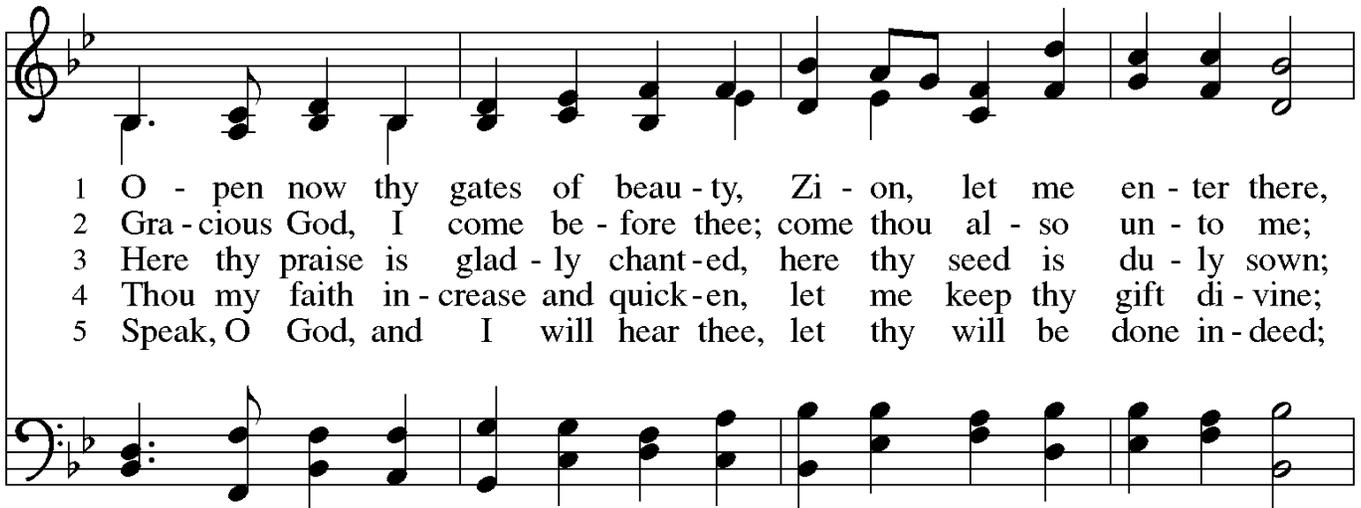
Today is the first Sunday in Lent. The season of Lent begins with Jesus sitting in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil. No sooner had Jesus been baptized and here he is, alone in the desert. Being led by the Spirit meant there was some divine purpose behind this event. Why did God not rescue Jesus or at least give him some bread to eat during those 40 days? Where was God in those 40 days of being alone? How will Jesus rise up above the hunger, the danger, the temptation?

GATHERING

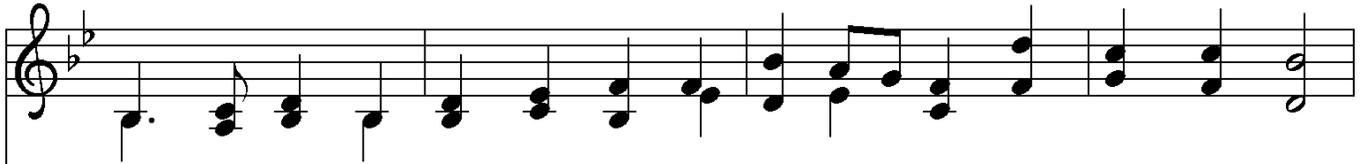
PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: “Memory Mist” – Florence Price

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

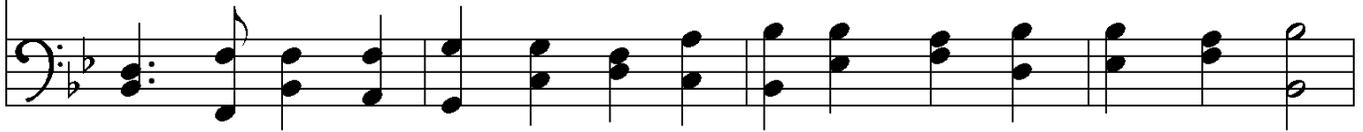
***GATHERING HYMN:** ELW 533 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty vs. 1, 2, 4



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

***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.**

***GREETING:**

From the one who is, who was and who is to come, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE:** P. 184 *Congregation join in the refrain.*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray together... **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.²And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ³but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ⁴Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ⁵The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ⁶but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁷But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁸for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁹So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ¹⁰Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

**⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have | trusted all | the day long.**

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

**⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-
| ness, O LORD.**

**⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

**⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.**

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

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

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. **³** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to

become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

SERMON “That Was Easy!” – Pr. Dave Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOULNER, African American spiritual, arr. hymnal version
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***APOSTLES' CREED:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* God of grace, hear our prayer.

***TEMPLE TALK:** Youth Lent Project

***PEACE OF CHRIST:** 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 Still Small Voice of Calm" – Austin Lovelace

Good Shepherd Youth have chosen the topic of mental health as the focus for this year's special Lenten project. During the season of Lent a special offering is being collected for the NE Iowa National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). You may bring offering up to the watering can in the front of the Altar, or place offering in the offering plate designated "Lent Project".

***OFFERING SONG: ELW 185 Create in Me A Clean Heart**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

Let us pray together... **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY: p. 190**

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. As Lutherans we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's Table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of Good Shepherd to receive these gifts.

- *Ushers will direct you to the altar rail.*
- *Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.*
- *If you prefer only blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart.*
- *Prepackaged serving of bread and wine are also available.*

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God p. 191; ELW 491 Come, Let Us Eat;
ELW 685 Take My Life, That I May Be

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray together... **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION: ... Amen.

***SENDING SONG: ELW 547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

PRAYER BELL

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

POSTLUDE: "I don't feel nowadays tired" – arr. Hailstork

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: Dave Geenen, Luther Snow, Holly Hurst; READER: Marv Slind; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; ASSISTING MINISTER: Melanie Folkerts; FELLOWSHIP: Rebecca Hanna, Sarah Wicks, Shelley Hurst, Marilyn Anderson, Matt Tapscott, Marv Slind; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Dave Wrightsman

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: Call Committee: The council unanimously elected Megan Buckingham, Steve Holland, Anne Clausen, Bob Larson, Karin Martin-Hiner, and Leah Holland to serve as the call committee seeking our next pastor. The call committee will work with the synod and the congregation to prepare a ministry site profile and seek candidates that are a good fit for our congregation. Please reach out to call committee convener Megan Buckingham with any questions.

GIVE LOVE GET LOVE FUNDRAISER: Help support the 13 Good Shepherd youth and 2 advisors traveling to New Orleans next July for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Take a heart from the board outside the Sanctuary with a donation amount on it. Then, return the heart in the offering plate or to the Office by Monday the 19th with your donation and information filled out. Youth attending the trip will write a valentine thank you to the name you provided on the heart. Hearts will be posted outside the Sanctuary Feb. 14-18th.

ADULT FORUM TODAY– CHARITABLE GIVING THROUGH ESTATE

MANAGEMENT: Decorah Bank and Trust Vice President and Trust Officer Erick Kephart will lead a discussion on charitable giving through estate management on **Sunday, February 18th at 11 AM in the Gathering Space**, sponsored by the Mission Endowment Fund Committee. The session is designed to teach various aspects of charitable giving and makes no assumptions about any favorite charities of the attendees.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASS: SPIRITUALITY AND AGING. Using the background of Lent with the ever-stark reminder of our deaths, Good Shepherd member, Marion Pruitt-Jefferson will use Joan Chittister's book "The Gift Of Years", and Richard Rohr's book "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" as a segue into the topic of spirituality and aging. **Starting on February 21**, this class will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30, prior to Lenten Evening Worship. It is recommended that participants begin reading the books prior to the start of discussions.

YOUTH LENT PROJECT FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH: When the confirmation students met to decide on the Lenten project for this year, a main theme that arose was mental health. This conversation stemmed from the emotional impact of the January school shooting in Perry. The youth were motivated to choose to designate funds from this year's project to mental health resources and awareness, specifically NAMI in NE Iowa (National Alliance on Mental Illness). More information about NAMI and nourishing our mental health will be shared during temple talks today and on Wednesdays at Lenten midweek worship, in announcements, and posted around the building.

BLACK LUTHERAN MINISTRY DINNER WITH REVEREND LAMONT WELLS:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 7:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall - Reverend Lamont Wells, Executive Director, Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities (NECU), and former president of the ELCA African Descent Lutheran Association, will have dinner with area Lutherans and speak on the connections between Black Lutheran ministry and the UN Decade for People of African Descent. All are welcome at this event, cosponsored by First Lutheran and Good Shepherd, with Good Shepherd serving as host for the event. The cost of the meal is \$15. Please RSVP to Good Shepherd staff member Erica Yaneff at erica@goodshepherddecorah.org

BLESSED BE THE MEMORY OF ANN ALTON: Ann Alton, a former member of Good Shepherd and mother of our members Amelia and William Kurth, died early Monday evening, February 12. Her service is planned for Monday, February 19, 10:30 a.m., at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa.

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!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS REMINDER: Thrivent Choice Dollars designated for the past calendar year can be directed until March 31, 2024. Consider directing these to Good Shepherd – or to support the Good Shepherd youth attending the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering. If you want your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to be given to the Good Shepherd youth trip, please contact the church office so we can allocate those funds correctly when they arrive from Thrivent. You will use Good Shepherd as your designated church and then we will assign it to the youth group trip. Thank you.

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 M-T.

PRAYER LIST

Good Shepherd Family: Luther Snow and Lise Kildegaard, 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: Ken and Barbara Root (friends to many at Good Shepherd), Ev Ford (Denise Tapscott's Mother), Jami Siefken (daughter-in-law to Jan & Dave Siefken), 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 College 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. Find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.

