

# 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



**February 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

**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

### PRAYER BELL

**PRELUDE:** “Through Moanin’ Pines” – Henry T. Burleigh

### 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.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: ELW 617 We Come to You For Healing, Lord**

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

**\*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 together... **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

## PSALM 147:1-11, 20c

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the  
mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>**but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> | Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

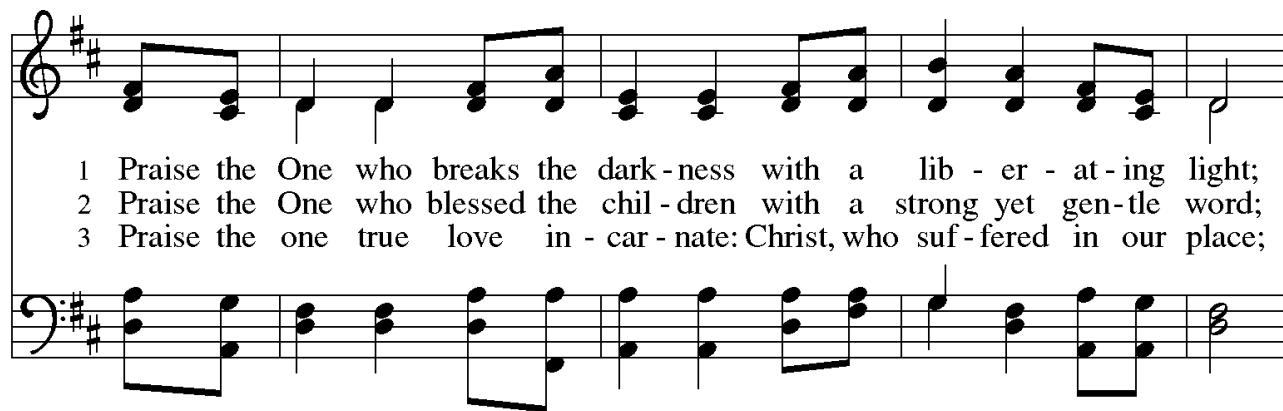
<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

<sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

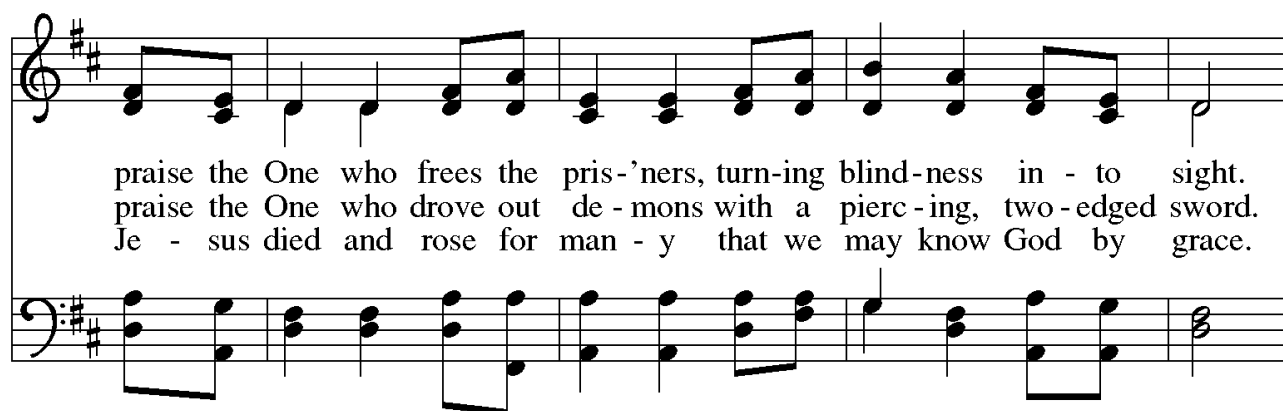
-The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** "Thank God for weirdos" – Rev. Allie Scott

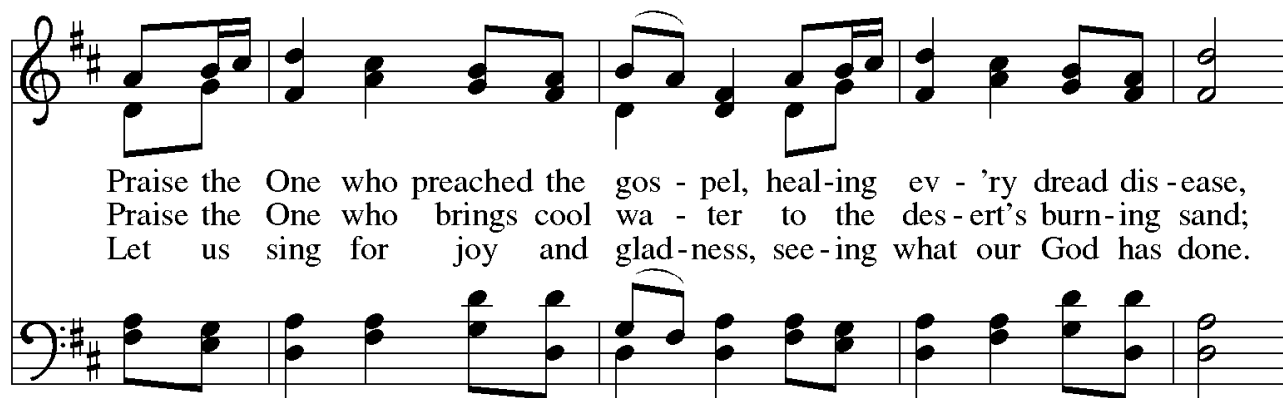
**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**



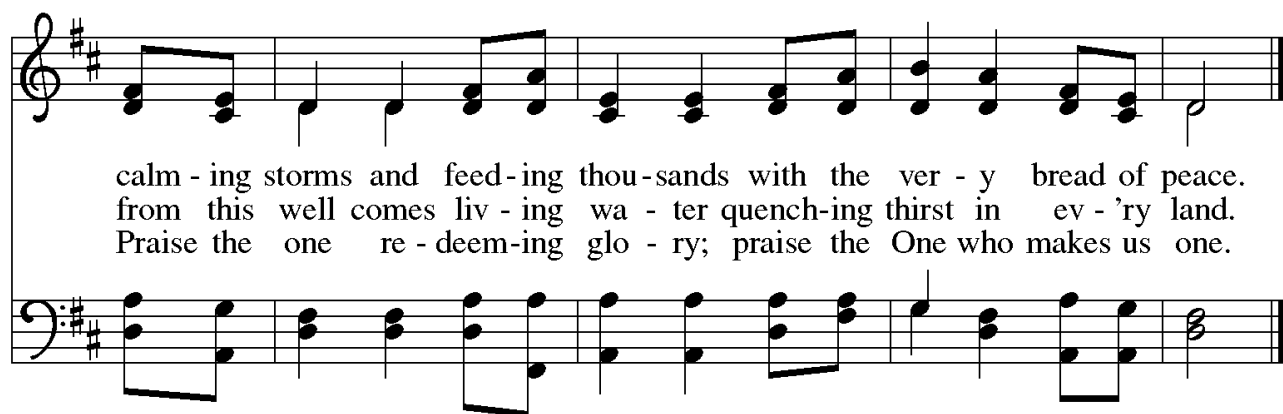
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## \*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:** “Minuet” - Ignatius Sancho

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ACS 978 God Welcomes All

The image displays a musical score for the offering song "God Welcomes All" in G major (one sharp). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the song, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many whole and half notes.

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

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

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional, transcribed and arr. John L. Bell.  
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## \*OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray together... **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

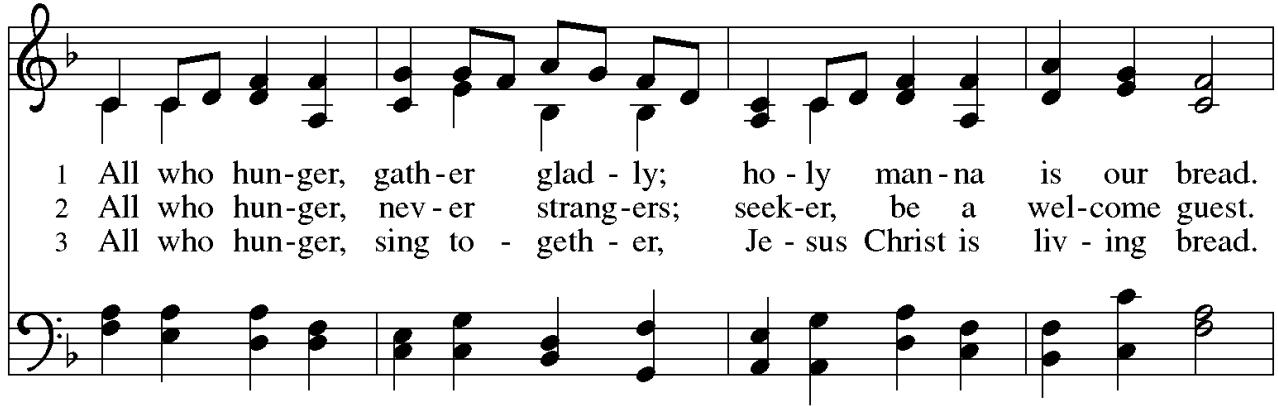
**\*LORD'S PRAYER:** p. 112 – Our Father who art in heaven...

## **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 461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly; ELW 460 Now the Silence

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



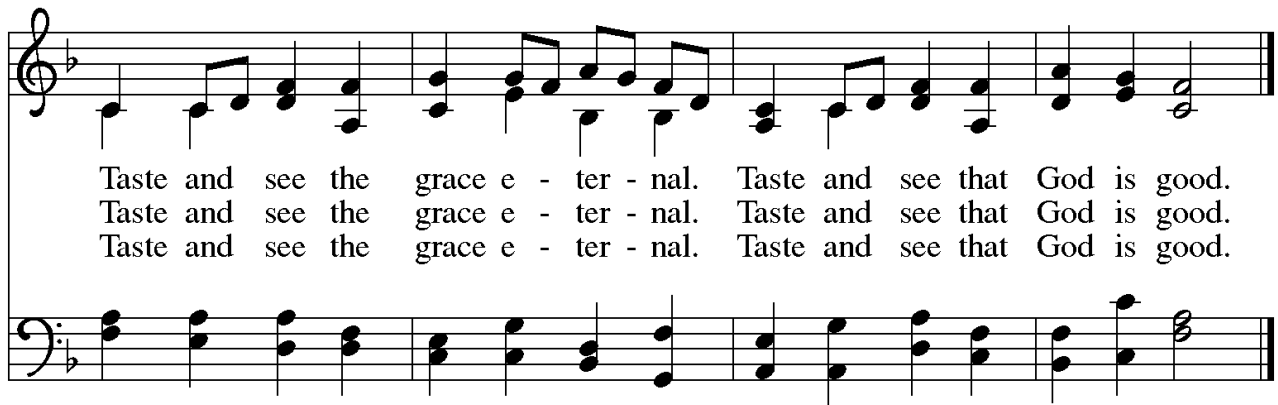
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

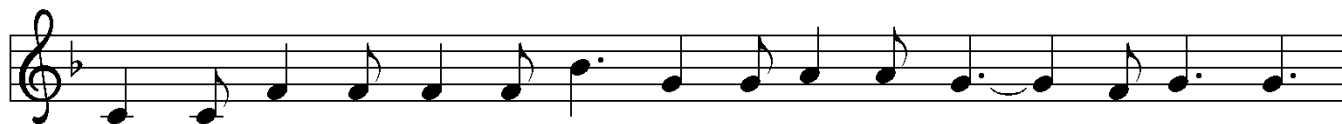


Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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# Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

## TABLE BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray together... **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 665 Rise, Shine, You People!**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

**\*PRAYER BELL**

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

**POSTLUDE:** "Rocking Chair" - Florence Price

*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:**

Rebecca Hanna, Lise Kildegaard, Joyce Epperly; READER: Kris Peterson; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; ASSISTING MINISTER: Luther Snow; FELLOWSHIP: Dave Peterson, Ed Epperly, Catherine and Gary Hildebrandt, Luther Snow, Rebecca Hanna; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDERS: Rev. Allie Scott

**MUSIC NOTES FOR TODAY:** Henry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) is best known today as an arranger of spirituals for voice and piano. Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780) was an African composer and author who grew up as a house slave in England. Florence Price (1887-1953) was the first black female composer featured by a major American orchestra (Chicago Symphony in 1933).

**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 TODAY:** 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.

**PASTORAL CARE Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 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!

**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](https://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:** 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 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](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.

