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



Easter Sunday

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.

Worship Books are in the Pews

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (**ELW**) - red book All Creation Sings (**ACS**) - purple book Page numbers (p.) in front of the books; hymn numbers (#) in back of books. Congregational responses are in **bold**. An * indicates a time to rise in body or spirit.

Worship Window Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Christ is Risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. Welcome to the Joy of Easter Morning! Like Mary, Mary and Salome, we are astonished and confused of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise and affirm the liberating reality of Christi's death and resurrection. In word and feast we celebrate God's unending love and depart to share the good news with the whole world. May you receive Easter Joy in worship!

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 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 or by scanning the code.

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL GATHERING MUSIC: "Rondeau" – Jean-Joseph Mouret WELCOME: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



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***EASTER LITANY:**

- L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!
- All: He gives us new life and hope in his resurrection! Alleluia!
- L: Rejoice then, even in your distress.
- All: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.
- L: God has claimed us as his own.
- All: God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.
- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*EASTER HYMN: ELW #367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (vs. 1, 3, 4) θ Now all of 1 the vault heav'n re _ sounds 2 Ε ter nal is the gift he brings, _ Oh, fill Lord, with daunt love; 3 us, less Α dor prais - es bring 4 ing now we -_ θ of "Christ praise love that still bounds: in has a heart there fore our with rap - ture sings: "Christ has things set heart and will on a bove that we with the heav'n-ly bless - ed "Christ and sing: has umphed! ing!" of He liv Sing, choirs tri is ing!" umphed! He is liv Now still he tri quer suf through your tri umph; grant grace con -_ umphed! Al ia!" Be the le lu to tri -_ -θ an - gels, loud and clear! Re peat their song _ of glo - ry comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly θ "Christ here: has umphed! He liv ing!" tri is _ ing!" strife. "Christ has umphed! He liv tri is ing!" "Christ has tri umphed! He liv say: is _ God, all the glo ry, nev er end ing! \mathbf{O} A Al - le - lu al - le - lu ia! ia, ia, al - le lu _

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***WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

- L: God has given to all the nations the repentance that leads to life. Let us come with repentant hearts to the God who makes all things new. (Silence is kept for reflection)
- L: Gracious God,
- All: We confess to you all the ways in which we dismiss the resurrection news. We are slow of heart to believe. We turn from the others and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit. Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope, that we may be witnesses to your saving power. Amen.
- L: Peace be with you, sisters and brothers. In baptism, you have received a spirit of adoption; you are God's beloved children. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift.
- All: Amen.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together...

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSON: | Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EASTER VIDEO: "Easter Connection"

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



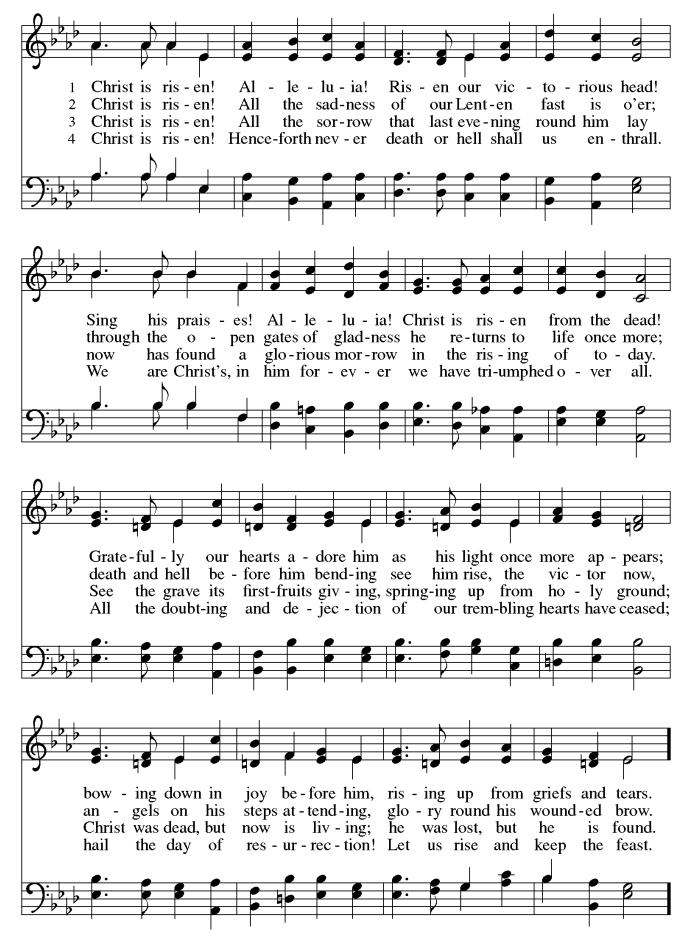
*GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

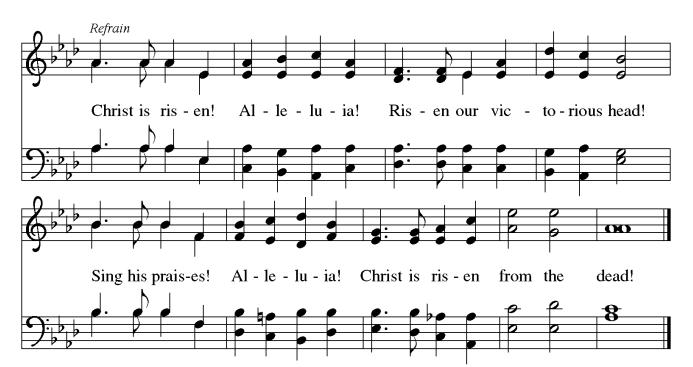
(AM = Assisting Minister; P = Pastor)

- AM: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,
- All: 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'
- AM: Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- P: Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrapping but rolled up in a place by itself.
- AM: Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- All: But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'
- AM: When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,
- All: 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which means teacher).
- P: Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.
- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord
- All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Let Us Rise and Let Us Shine" Pastor David Wrightsman

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #382 "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" (vs. 1, 4)





*PRAYER LITANY: Claiming the promises of the resurrection, let us pray.

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms, may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyzes, may your touch release.

When grief torments, may your peace enfold.

When memories haunt, may your presence heal.

When justice fails, may your fire ignite us.

When apathy prevails, may your compassion renew.

When courage leaves, may your spirit inspire.

When despair grips, may your hope restore.

And when death threatens, may new life arise.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who makes all things new. Amen.

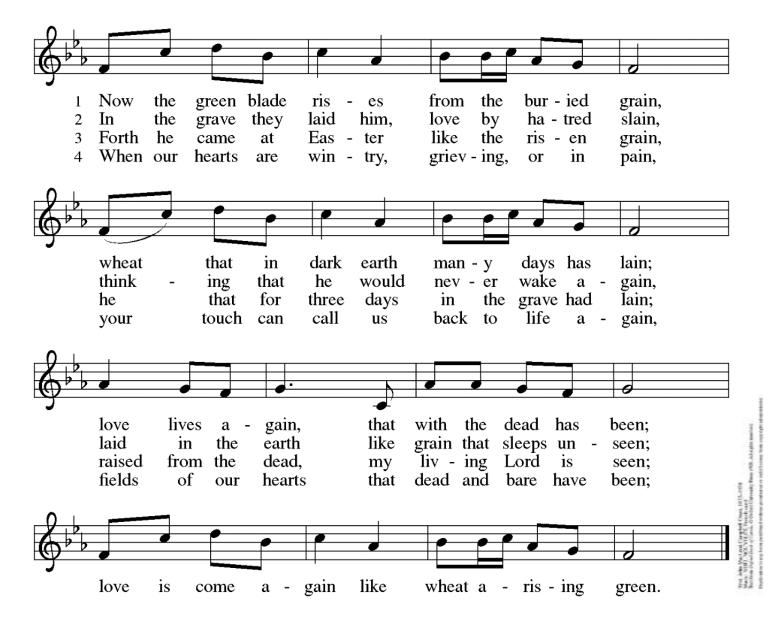
*PEACE: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY: "Easter Anthem" – William Billings (Good Shepherd Band)

*OFFERING SONG: ELW #379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together...

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

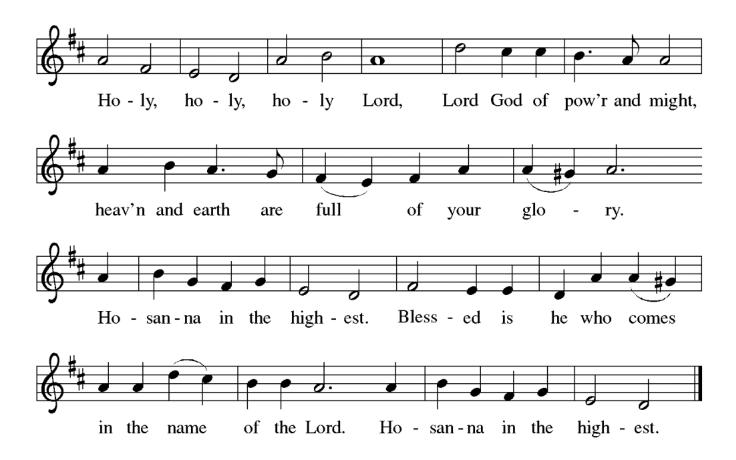
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

...Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

LORD'S PRAYER:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

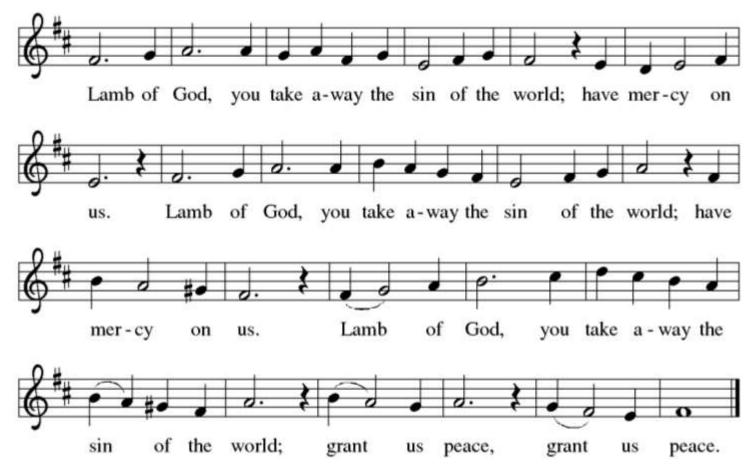
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

WELCOME TO 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 servings of bread and wine are also available

COMMUNION SONGS:



ELW #385 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"



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- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain

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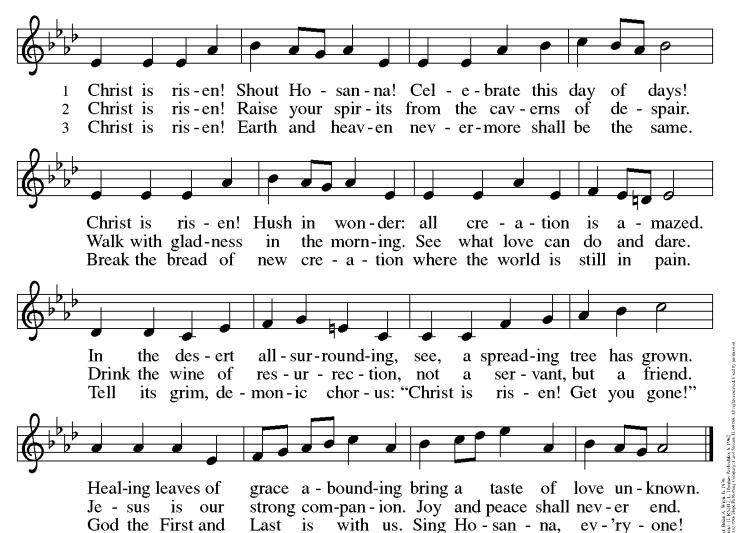
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ELW #376 "Thine is the Glory"



ELW #383 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"



***TABLE BLESSING**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together...

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF EASTER

- L: May the almighty God bless you on this Easter day, and may he protect you against all sin.
- All: Praise the Risen Savior!
- L: Through the resurrection of his Son, God granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life.
- All: Praise Christ Jesus!

- L: You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you can celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.
- All: Come Lord Jesus!
- L: May the almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #389 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"



PRAYER BELL

*DISMISSAL:

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "And the Glory of the Lord" – G. F. Handel

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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EASTER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: USHERS: Jeri Laursen, Russ Freerking; ASSISTING MINISTER: Brian Solberg; READER: Cindy Bellrichard; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor David Wrightsman

EASTER FLORAL CONTRIBUTION HONORS

In Memory of Ann Alton - The Green Flock With gratefulness for blessings received - Tom & Connie Buresh Family In love and aratitude for our family - Dave and Kris Peterson In memory of our parents, Rev. Orlean and Charlotte Rue, Thelma and Ardath Nelson, and brothers Sylvan and Loyal - Marilyn and Loyal Rue In memory of Pastor Paul Hasvold - The Hasvold family In memory of Don Kemp - Jane Kemp In memory of Bryce Biedermann - Jim, Laurie, Victor, Osro, and Royal Biedermann In honor of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Naslund, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Aaker; and their grandson Brendan Numedahl - Ann & Bob Naslund In honor of our faithful Altar Guild - Elizabeth Kaschins In memory of their grandson Luke Thomas Anderson, June 17, 1999 – March 27, 2016

- Albert and Marilyn Anderson

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

People will be kept on the "medical concerns" prayer list for 4 weeks. After that they will be cycled off and you will need to alert Pr. Dave or the Office to have them return to the Prayer List for another 4 weeks. Those listed under "hospice" will remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted. Grieving folks are listed for 2 weeks.

Those with medical concerns...

- Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother) receiving dialysis treatment •
- Stephanie Hoff awaiting kidney transplant •
- June Melby health concerns •
- Bonnie Flora Parkinsons and troubling back pain •
- Jutta Anderson Chordoma, rare cancer of the spine •
- Sonja and Braelyn health concerns •
- Ginny Olson new pacemaker
- Randy friend of Dan Raney, broken ribs, cancer •
- Anni Weilaart health concerns

Those who grieve...

Rev. Daryl Thompson, Calmar and Springfield Lutheran Churches, as he grieves the death • of his wife Mica

Those in hospice...

- Ed Hover, Eastern Star
- Mirium Plaatz, Melanie Folkerts' aunt; In California
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law, Buffalo, NY
- Bob and Eileen Fahrenkrug, grandparents of Sarah Wicks

Those serving on Good Shepherd's Call Committee...

 Megan Buckingham (Convener), Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland

Those who serve as missionaries:

- Good Shepherd's Companion Synod in Hungry
- Mary Beth & Oyebade, serving in Jos, Nigeria

*Missionaries are listed on the 1st and 5th Sunday of the month; those who serve in the wider church are listed on the 2nd Sunday of the month; Eastern Star and Arlin Falck residents are listed on 3rd Sunday of month; Aase Haugen & Wellington are listed on 4th Sunday of the month.

Prayers for the Church, the Nation, and the World...

- For the generosity of GSLC and its extra financial support to the recent Youth Book Sale and NAMI Mental Health, our Lenten season mission emphasis.
- For an end to violence in the world, especially between Ukraine/Russia & • Israel/Palestine in Haiti.
- For the Decorah Food Pantry, our mission partner, as it seeks to feed hungry households.
- For Pr. Amy as she serves in her new church, St. Paul's Lutheran of Red Wing.
- For those who support our church's ministry with their tithes, offering and gifts.

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Pr. David Wrightsman at: (pastordavid@goodshepherddecorah.org) or Tristan/Erica at:

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Today, Easter Sunday, March 31: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman Special Music: Good Shepherd Band Easter Brunch following worship Adult Forum: There is no Forum today

Sunday, April 7: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson Special Music: Choir Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall Adult Forum: Intercessory Prayer with Jane Jakoubek and Kris Peterson

Sunday, April 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Jazz Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman Special Music: Jon Ailabouni and the Jazz Ensemble Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall