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



March 24th – Palm 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!

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week!

The Psalm sets the tone for this day: "Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sin is put away! Blessed are those for who have become the righteousness of God. In the merits of Jesus Christ. Blessed are those for whom the forgiveness of God has rolled away... the disgrace of former times." Sin, forgiveness and arrogance and pride... it's all here, waiting for us to share in God's never-failing arace and love.

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. Find the full statement at **goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement** or by scanning the code.



GATHERING

WELCOME – ACCLAMATION (In Fellowship Hall)

- L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- All: (Wave palms) Hosanna to the Son of David!
- L: Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!
- All: (Wave palms) Hosanna to the Son of David!
- L: We gather as the first Christians gathered on this day, laying their garments before you as you entered Jerusalem in triumph. We raise our palm branches and boldly proclaim for the whole world to hear:
- All: (Wave palms) Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- L: We hail you as the Son of God, our Savior and King!
- All: We worship you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

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

- Pastor: When they were approaching Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them,
- High Voices: "Go into Bethpage and Bethany, ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"
- Low Voices: They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, All: What are you doing, untying the colt?"
- High Voices: They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and sat on it.
- Low Voices: Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
- All: "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

PALM PROCESSION

Let us go forth in Praise and Celebration. In the name of Christ, we sing his joy! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (repeat)

Children lead procession, following behind pastor and crucifer.

PROCESSIONAL SONG: ACS 928 Pave the Way with Branches

Jesus is coming. Pave the Way with Branches Jesus is coming. Hosanna (**Repeat**) Hosanna, Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace (**Repeat**)

Repeat entire song until conclusion of processional; palms are dropped at the altar as you enter the Sanctuary and find your seat.

After arriving in the Sanctuary:

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW 634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name vs. 1, 2, 5, 6



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

*WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Psalm 31:9-16

- L: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in trouble.
- All: I am exhausted by sorrow, I am weak with all my troubles.
- L: My enemies and neighbors treat me with contempt.
- All: Everyone has forgotten me, as though I were dead.

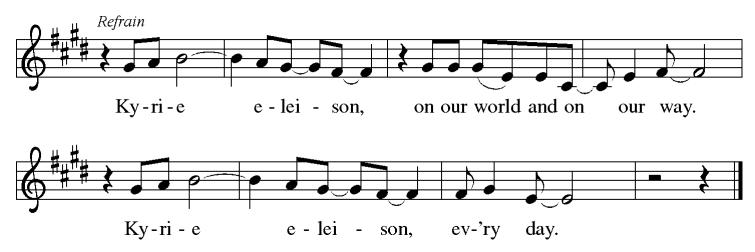
L: But my trust is in you, O Lord, you are my God.

- All: I am always in your care; save me and look upon your servant with kindness.
- L: How wonderful are the things you keep for those who honor you!
- All: Everyone knows how good and gracious you are and how securely you protect those who trust you.
- L: We confess that we have not always trusted you.
- All: Forgive us, Lord, when we falter.
- L: God has come to you as a king with shouts of Hosanna! And yet, He humbles himself and took your place in suffering and death. He has released you and your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- All: Thanks be to God.

*APOSTOLIC 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:



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together... Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

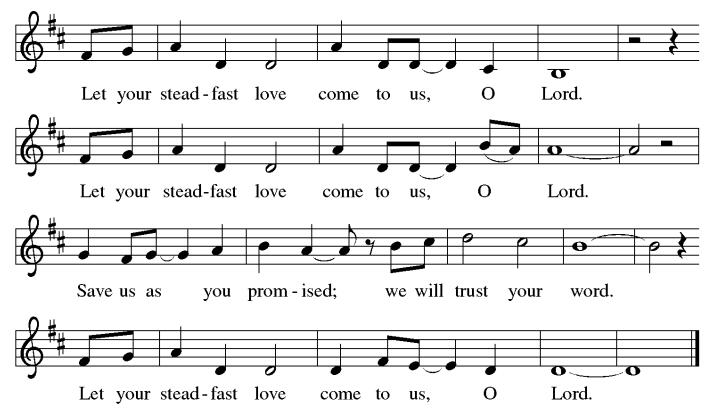
WORD

LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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



LENTEN ACCLAMATION

SERMON "A Story Which Has No End" – Pr. David Wrightsman This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 638 Blessed Assurance v. 1 soloist, vs. 2-3 all



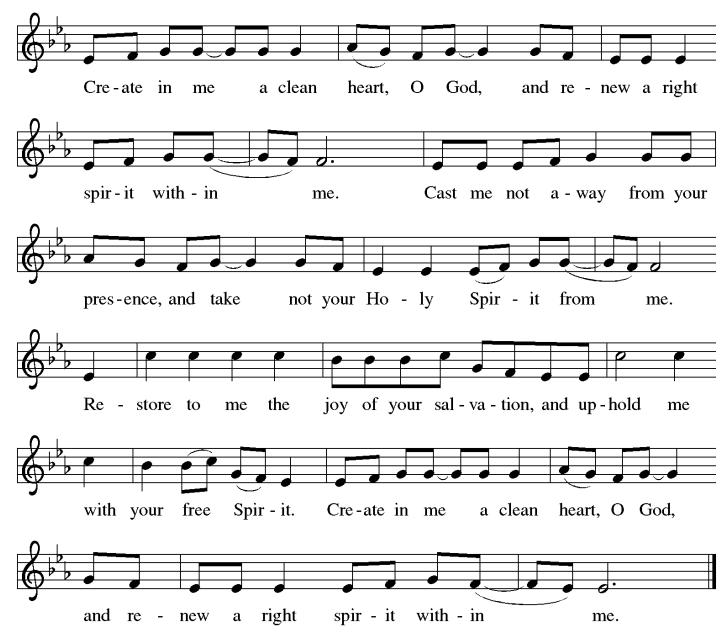
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends... God of mercy, hear our prayer.

*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

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



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***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 HOLY: p. 190

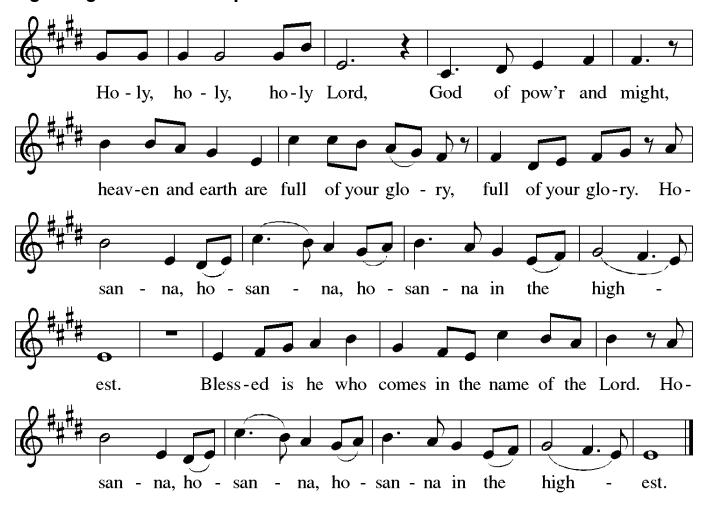
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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



*LORD'S PRAYER:

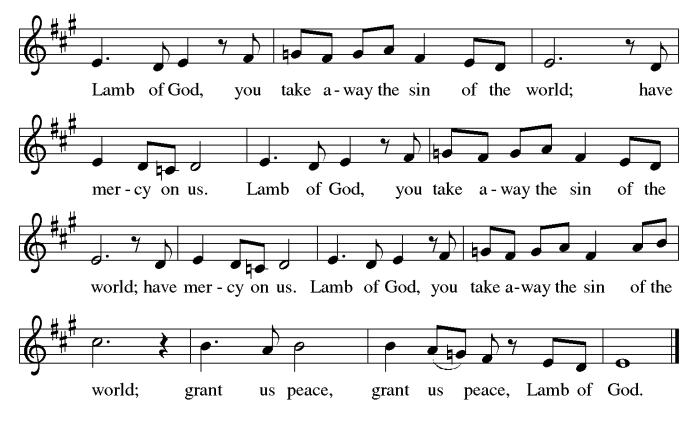
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God, p. 191



COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 493 Taste and See, ACS 970 We Come Now to Your Table

Taste and See



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***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

*RESPONSIVE SENDING:

- L: Christ comes into our lives, a humble King, riding on a donkey.
- All: Blessed is He. Hosanna!
- L: But we know Him. He is Christ Jesus, our Savior, and we follow him into Jerusalem.
- All: Blessed is He who comes. Hosanna!
- L: We follow him to the upper room. We follow him to Gethsemane. We follow him to Golgotha and the tomb.
- All: Blessed is He who comes in the Name. Hosanna!
- L: We follow him this week and lean on his quiet suffering and anguished joy of triumph.

All: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna!

*BENEDICTION: ... Amen.

*SENDING SONG: ELW 344 All Glory Laud and Honor vs. 1, 4, 5



PRAYER BELL

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

POSTLUDE: Fugue on "Redhead" – Brooke Joyce

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: GREETER: LaVerne Ramsey; USHERS: Kathy Buzza, Brian Solberg; READER: Sue Blom; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; ASSISTING MINISTER: Stephanie Hoff; FELLOWSHIP: Jeri and Reg Laursen, Sara Hopkins, Marie Freerking, Jutta Anderson

BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR EASTER BRUNCH: Congregation members are invited to help make the meal extra yummy with a donation of baked goods or treats. We still need <u>two</u> donations of regular baked goods are needed, along with <u>two</u> donations of gluten free baked goods. Sign up by emailing Good Shepherd staff member **Erica** at **erica@goodshepherddecorah.org**, on the sheet in the Gathering Space, or on the website under **SIGN-UPS Tab**. Please drop baked goods off by 8:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday to allow for setup.

YOUTH LENT PROJECT FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH: Funds from this year's project are going to mental health resources and awareness, specifically NAMI in NE lowa (National Alliance on Mental Illness). More information about NAMI and nourishing our mental health will be shared on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please note "Youth Lent Project" on checks or put offering in the watering can up front for NAMI.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECTORY: TODAY, following Worship: Now is the time to make certain that our new online Directory is accurate and complete. Adding missing photos and updating individual and family photos is essential to reaching this goal. Jane Kemp, Jeri Laursen, and Jim Buzza will be available today to take individual and family photos. Gather in the Sanctuary. Photos may be taken outdoors, weather permitting. Personal photos can be submitted to our staff member Tristan at **tristan@goodshepherddecorah.org**.

SUPPLIES FOR LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS AND BABY CARE KITS will be collected during March and April. Donations can be dropped off in the containers in the Gathering Space outside the Sanctuary. Items still needed are: new, dark-colored bath towels (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52"); 4-5 ounce wrapped bars of soap, any brand; new adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging; new metal nail clippers; sleepers without feet; cloth diapers, flat fold; dark-colored hand towels. We will be assembling the kits in late April.

SPRING PLANTS OR FLOWERS FOR EASTER SERVICES: Altar Guild welcomes contributions of spring plants or flowers to be placed along the altar rail for the March 30 Easter Vigil and March 31 Easter Sunday service. Flowers can be designated in memory or honor of friends and loved ones. Please provide names to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, March 27, and have the plants or flowers delivered to the Gathering Space by 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 30. All orders and payments are made individually, not through the Church Office. You are welcome to remove your plant/flowers after the Easter Sunday service, or no later than Saturday, April 6.

- Due to sensitivities to odors and pollen, Easter lilies and other lilies are not placed in the Sanctuary. Altar Guild suggestions include: azaleas, tulips, daffodils, bulb gardens, kalanchoes, mums, hydrangeas, pansies, and flower arrangements.
- Note: The Country Garden is offering special pricing for church members on selected flowering plants for Easter services. Its deadline for these orders is March 28. Identify yourself as a member of Good Shepherd.

THRIVENT INFORMATION: Are you a Thrivent member? Do you know how to direct your choice dollars to GS or any non profit? Or put your action team dollars towards krumkake, baby, school, and personal care kits, or other projects of Good Shepherd? If you don't have a 9-year-old to help you navigate the website, there is info in the gathering space to help you!

Pastor Dave's "LIVING THE MESSAGE" BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet Tuesday, March 26. Class will resume the following Tuesday, April 2.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL! Please join us for a free meal on **Thursday, April 4th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street.** All are welcome – this is a <u>free meal</u> – serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Rotary Club of Decorah who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:	Tristan: 9 AM — 12 PM M-F.
	Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM M-Tues.

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. David 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
- Ingrid Callaghan, health concerns
- Bonnie Flora, Parkinsons and troubling back pain
- Jutta Anderson, Chordoma, rare cancer of the spine
- Steve Zittergruen's mother, Mary, cancer
- Doyle Gorden, broken collar bone
- Sonja and Braelyn, health concerns
- Ginny Olson, new pacemaker

Those in hospice...

- Ed Hover, at 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, St. Paul, MN

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 reside at Aase Haugen Senior Services and Wellington Place

- Aase Haugen: Jutta F. Anderson, Jim Kruse
- Wellington Place: Marion Hanson

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

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

- For those struggling to put food on the table... that we who have much may share our food with the hungry (as recorded in Isaiah 58:7 look it up!)
- For the generous members of GSLC who contributed 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... Lord, be with those who have lost their livelihood and families to this destruction.

- 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 community, St. Paul's Lutheran of Red Wing.
- For those who support our church's ministry with their tithes, offerings, and gifts.

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email **pastordavid@goodshepherddecorah.org** or **office@goodshepherddecorah.org**

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Today, March 24, Palm Sunday: Processional of Palms

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am; SS Room Coffee/Treats Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall Adult Forum: There is no Forum today

Maundy Thursday, March 28: The Stripping of the Altar

Worship at 7:00; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman Special Music: Good Shepherd Choir

Good Friday, March 29: The Cross and the Lynching Tree; Jazz Worship Family-friendly Stations of the Cross posters and informative guides are available for personal meditation and prayer
Worship at 7:00 pm; Sanctuary
Worship Leader: Jon Ailabouni, with Jazz Ensemble Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman

Easter Vigil, March 30: A Service of Fire, Scripture, Water & Holy

Communion Worship at 7:00 pm; Bonfire outside and progressing to the Sanctuary Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman

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 – free-will offering for ELCA Youth Gathering Adult Forum: There is no Forum today