

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 3rd – 3rd 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 *

The Church has been variously called the ‘body of Christ’, or the ‘family of faith’. We talk about the church as a house of ‘living stones’ with Christ himself as the ‘cornerstone’. We also refer to the church as a ‘flock of sheep’ with Jesus himself as the great ‘Good Shepherd’. But there is no lovelier an image of the relationship of Christ to the church, than Christ as the ‘bridegroom’ and the church as the ‘bride’. Together with Christ, we are the church.

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: Prelude in E minor – Dmitri Shostakovich

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN: ELW 526 God Is Here! (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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***WORDS OF 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.

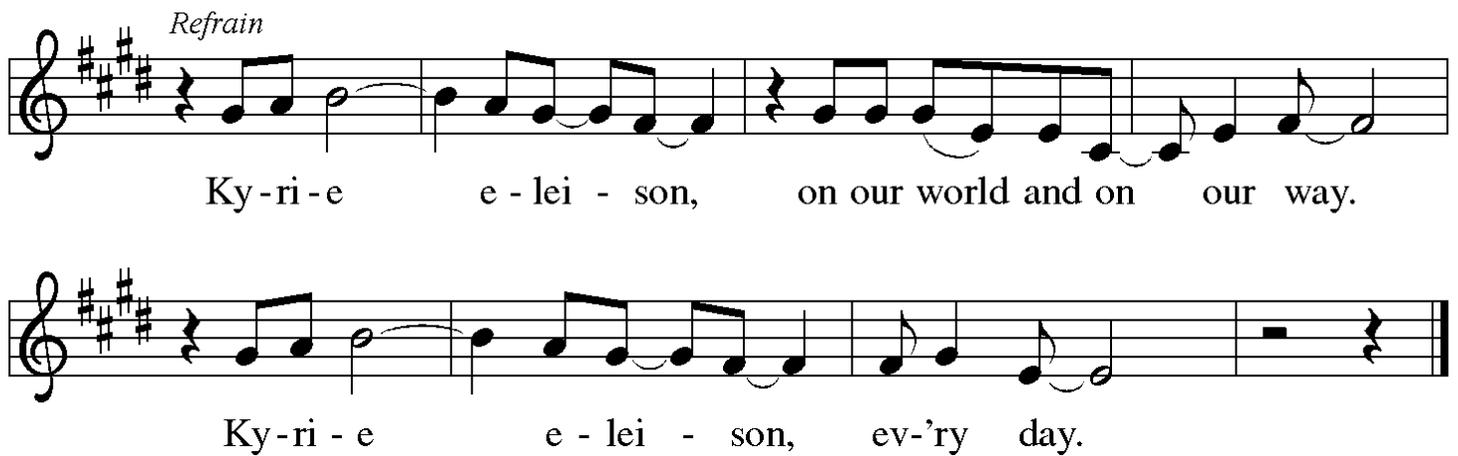
Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. Amen.

***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:**

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray together... Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the

foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: Aurora Choir of Luther College

PSALM 19:1-5, 14

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

***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: John 2:13-22**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON "Together on the Offbeat" – Pr. Dave Wrightsman

Oh Help Me Jesus

Oh help me Jesus, to love my neighbor as myself

Oh help me Jesus, to love my neighbor as myself

He doesn't care about the color of your skin, or what religion

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (vs. 1, 3, 5)

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav - 'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff. The first system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system also ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

5 “Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend.” *Refrain*

6 “Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home.” *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, osh, b. 1939
Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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***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 – Aurora Choir from Luther College

***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.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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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: 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.

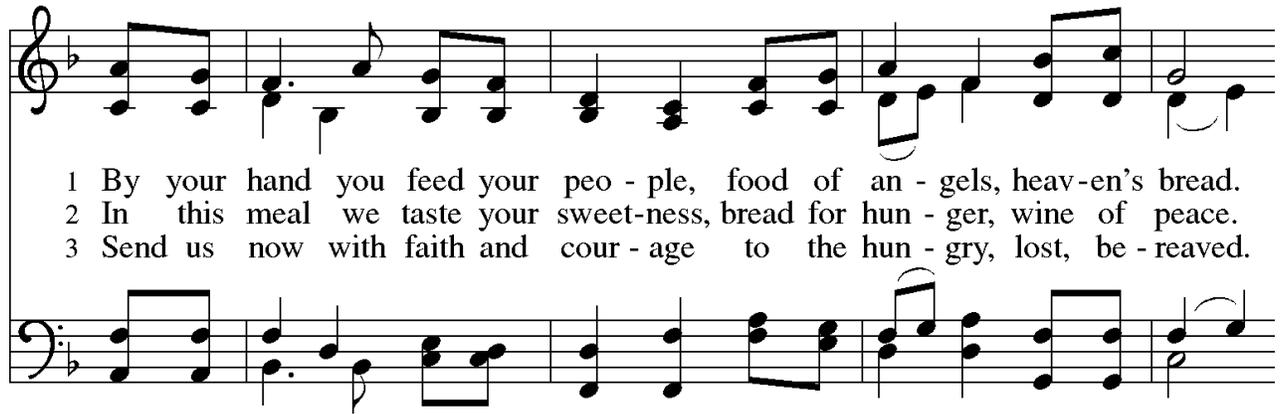
HOLY COMMUNION

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 servings of bread and wine are also available.*

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God p. 191; ELW 469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People, ELW 462 Now We Join in Celebration

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

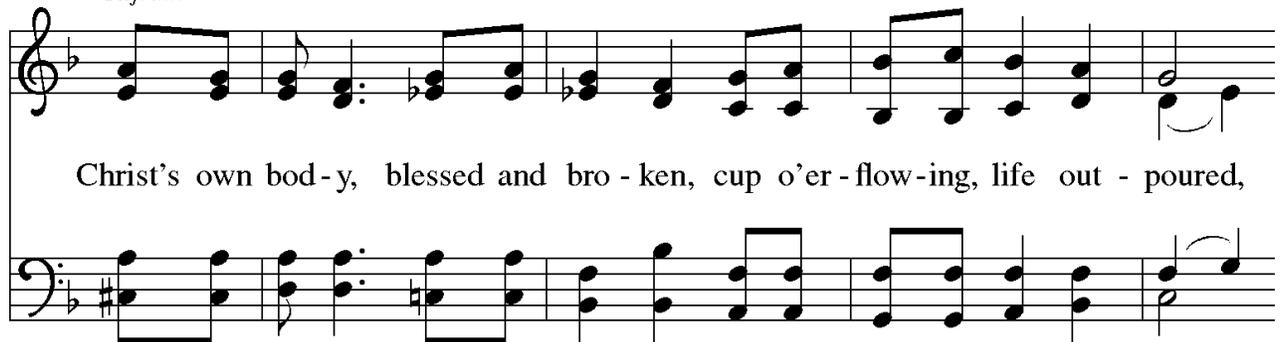


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

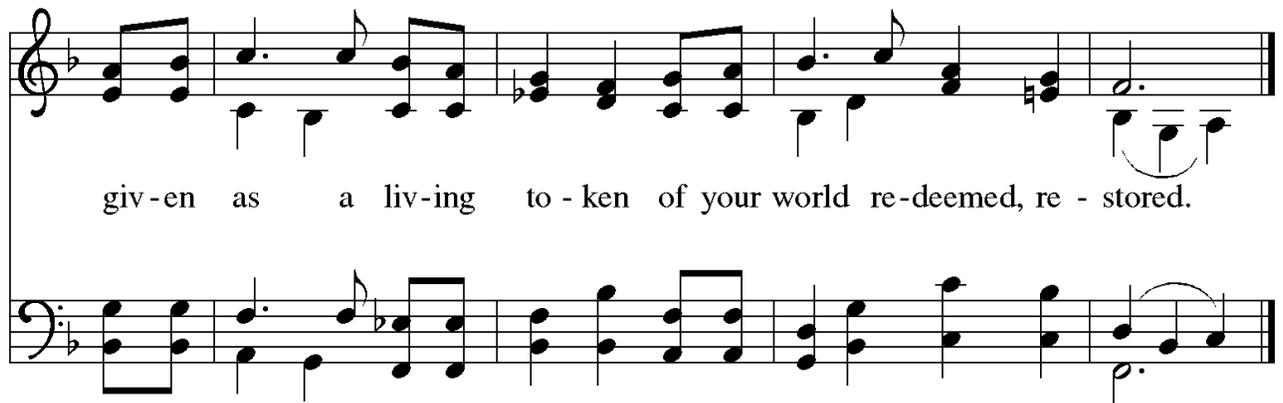


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain

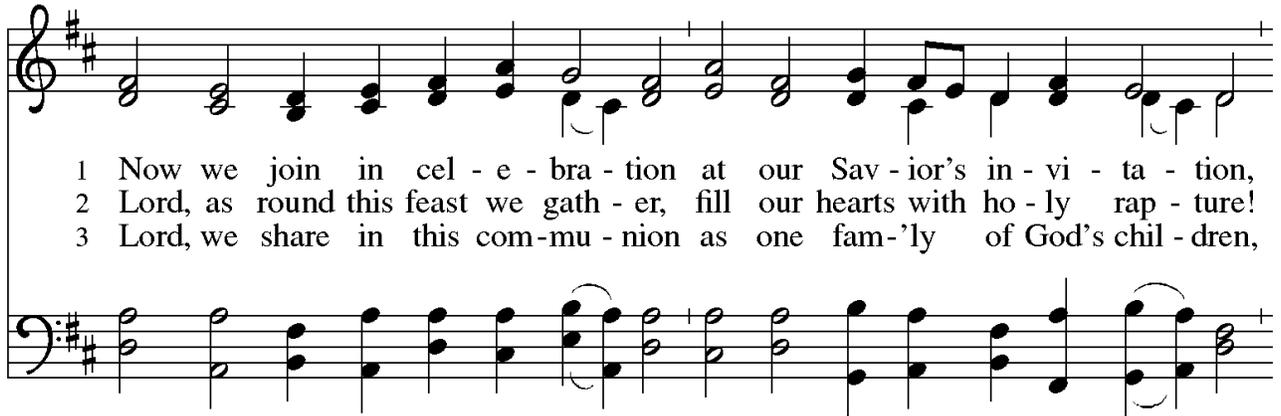


Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

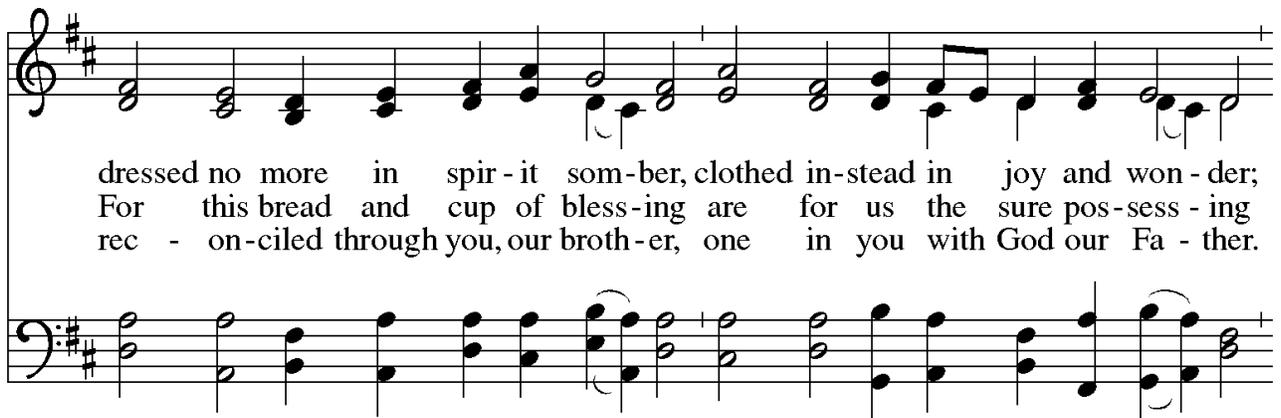


giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

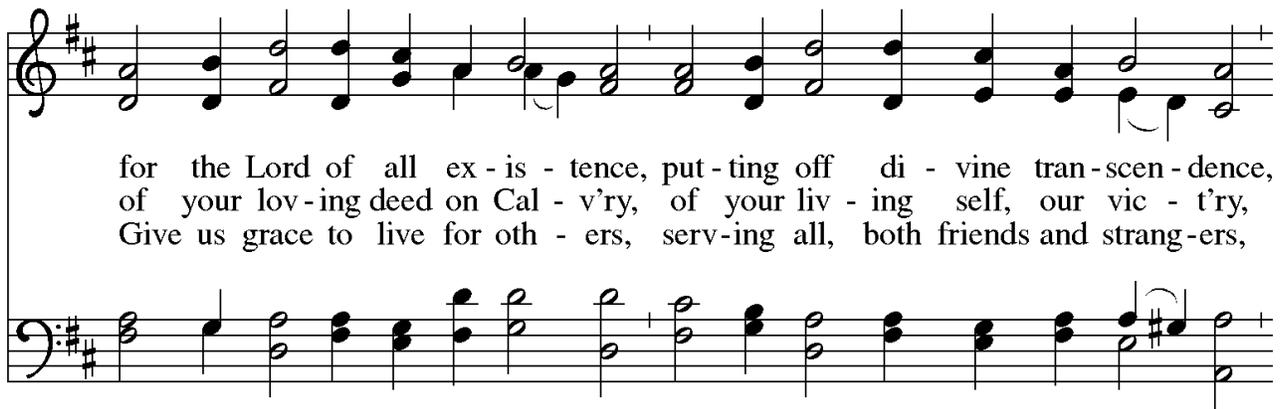
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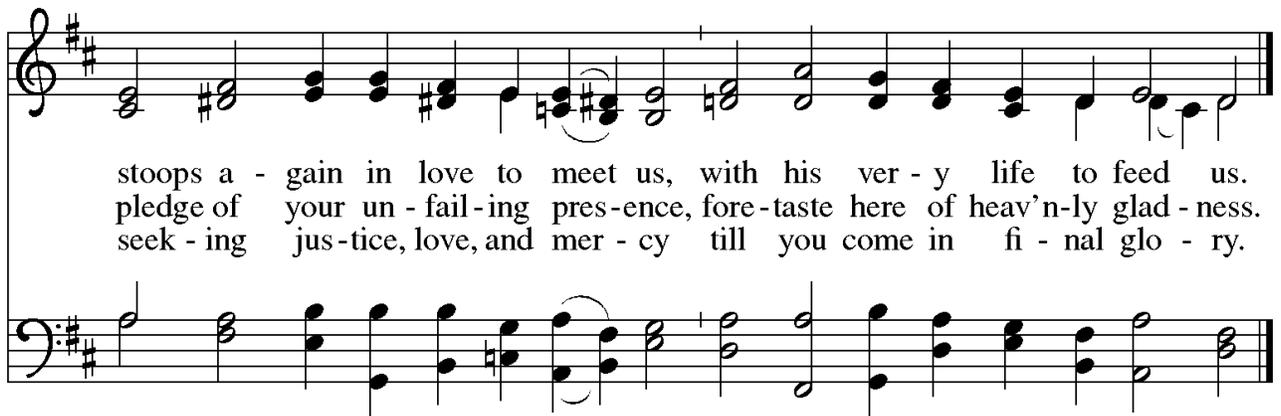
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

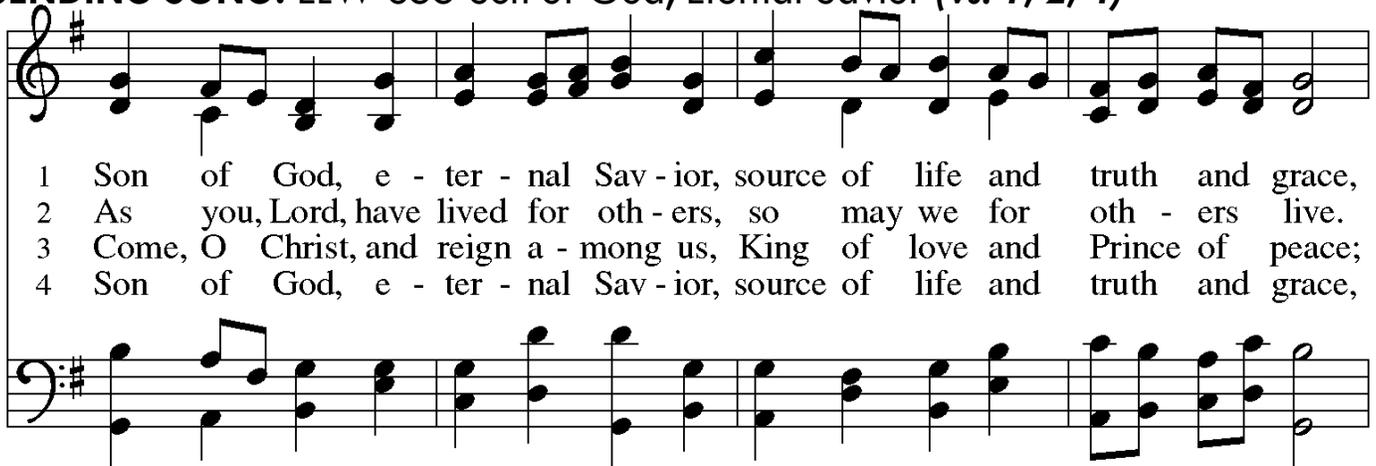
Let us pray together... **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

SENDING

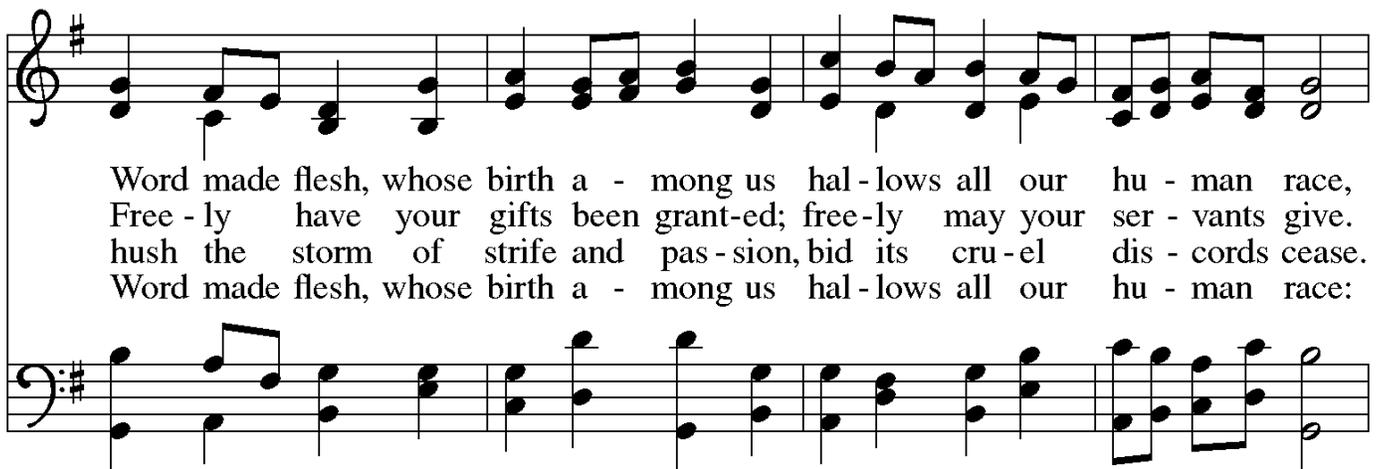
SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION: ... Amen.**

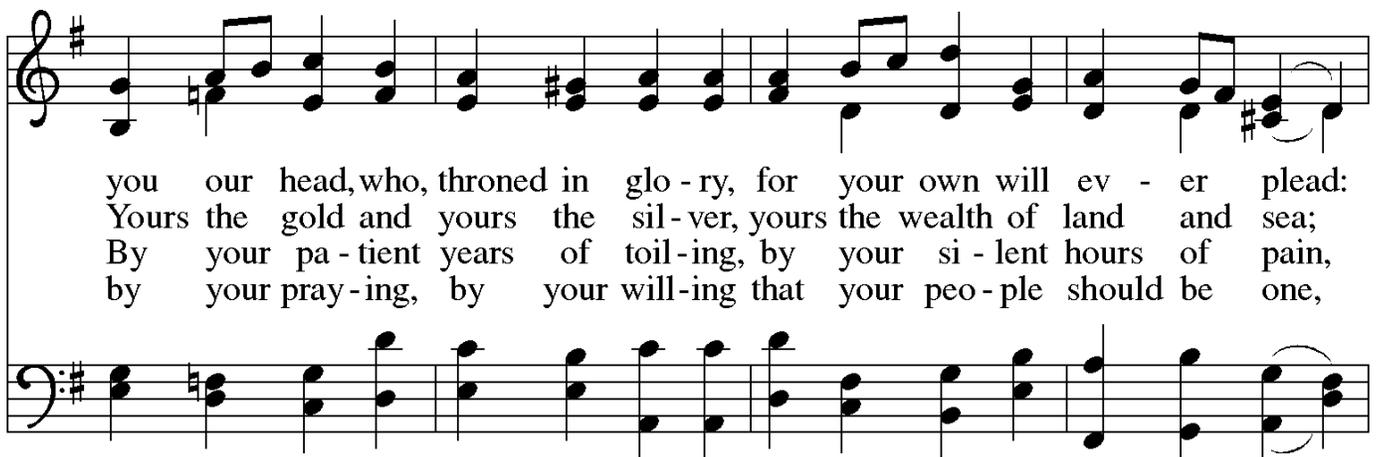
***SENDING SONG: ELW 655 Son of God, Eternal Savior (vs. 1, 2, 4)**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

PRAYER BELL

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

POSTLUDE: Aurora Choir of Luther College

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: Brian Solberg, Reg Laursen; READER: Jim Buzza; CANTOR: Melissa Bills; ASSISTING MINISTER: Brad Hanson; FELLOWSHIP: Jeri Laursen, Jim and Kathy Buzza, Sarah Olson, Bev Nelson, Jutta Anderson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Dave Wrightsman

Special thanks to Aurora, Adrianna Tam, conductor, for their music this morning!

CALL PROCESS UPDATE: The call committee, consisting of Megan Buckingham, Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland, has been installed.

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 Iowa (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.

BOOK SALE: Youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer are hosting a Books (and More!) Fundraiser at tables at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Come browse donated fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books, board games, DVDs, and puzzles! Prayer shawls donated by Good Shepherd’s Prayer Shawl Ministry are also available. Payments are a freewill donation, with a suggested amount of \$1.00-\$5.00 per item. Youth are available on Wednesdays and Sundays following worship, but you can also stop by anytime the

church is open to purchase items—there is a bag for donations that will be monitored by Good Shepherd staff.

LIVING THE MESSAGE BIBLE STUDY: Join **Pastor Dave** on **Tuesday, March 5, 9:15-11:15 AM** for an academic-oriented, comprehensive overview of the Old Testament. The class began **February 13** and extends **through May**, approximately 3 Tuesdays per month for a total of 12 classes. **Even if you weren't able to come to the first few classes, you are welcome to attend! You don't have to be a member of Good Shepherd to participate.** The cost is \$25.00, which covers materials for the class, including the Bethel Bible Series curriculum and other handouts. More information and registration forms are in the Gathering Space.

ADVOCACY ALERT FROM ELCA: If Congress does not pass a new budget, core food programs for households facing hunger will be cut. Please join people of faith from across the country in telling our lawmakers to FULLY fund anti-hunger programs in the budget and Farm Bill in 2024. You can take action at goodshepherddecorah.org/congress . Thank you!

LENTEN RECITAL SERIES BEGINS MARCH 6: This year's Lenten Recital Series at Good Shepherd once again features a variety of music on three Wednesdays during Lent, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All recitals are free and open to the public. The series kicks off on March 6, featuring solo and chamber music by Mattie Snyder, cello, and friends.

AMMPARO OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY: Good Shepherd has a long history commitment to the newcomers in our community and currently works through the AMMPARO program of the ELCA to support asylum seekers locally. The ways you can support this ministry in an active manner include:

- Holding in prayer those seeking sanctuary from danger and famine.
- Share financial resources at:
 - **Path to Citizenship:** donate at immigrationeia.org or P.O. Box 355 Decorah
 - **Guatemalan Basics:** a fund that buys 3 months' worth of corn, masa, and beans for newly arrived families at a cost of \$90 per set.
 - **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** (a fund for immigration related emergencies such as covering rent after the loss of a job or a serious illness).
 - **To give:** <https://decorahucc.breezechms.com/give/online> , put in the amount you wish to give and scroll down to choose **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** or **Guatemalan Basics**.
- Share functional used furniture, particularly twin, full and queen beds and bedding, dressers, and dining tables and chairs (contact Marty Steele, **563-419-6163**).
- Volunteer to drive people to legal appointments, usually in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City or Des Moines and sometimes in town (contact Marty Steele, **563-419-6163**).

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL! Please join us for a free meal on **Thursday, March 7th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street**. All are welcome – this is a free meal – serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Northern Lights Chorale who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

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 W-Th.

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 on for 2 weeks.

Those with medical concerns...

- Russ Freerking - *cancer treatments*
- Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother) *receiving dialysis treatment*
- Stephanie Hoff *awaiting kidney transplant*
- June Melby - *health concerns*
- Ingrid Callaghan - *health concerns*
- Lyle Otte – *recovering from retinal surgery*
- Bonnie Flor a- *Parkinsons and troubling back pain*

Those in hospice...

- Harland Nelson
- Mirium Plaatz (Melanie Folkerts' aunt; In California)

Those who serve the church...

- Good Shepherd's Companion Synod in Hungary
- Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, missionary connections with Good Shepherd
- Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson), *Director for Disaster for the ELCA*
- Kathryn Thompson - *seminarian on internship in LaCrosse*
- Kristin Kopperud-Stinn - *seminarian on internship in Waukon*

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

- For the gift of community and neighbors in Decorah and the greater NE Iowa area who reach out in small and large ways to help each other.
- For our public leaders/officials: medical, fire, law enforcement, social workers, teachers, school board and city, county, state, and national officials, as well as those who serve us around the world in the military, that they be given protection, and instilled with good courage and energy to do their work on behalf of others.
- For those who live with depression and anxiety... that they have caring friends who reach to them and support and comfort them.
- For our Sunday School teachers, we thank God for their gifts of love and forming the faith.
- For those devastated by war in both Ukraine and Gaza, may a better way of peace be found moving forward in these deadly conflicts.
- For our facilities team, WELCA leaders, custodian Mike and several others who help clean and maintain the inside and outside of the building.
- 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 Pr. Dave (pastordavid@goodshepherddecorah.org) or email office@goodshepherddecorah.org

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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 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 at the annual meeting of the congregation on February. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice 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.



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We commit to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (Galatians 5:22)