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



April 21st - 4th Sunday of Easter

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 what we often call, in this Season of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday. So that would explain the several references to shepherds and sheep in today's scripture readings, and hymns and prayers. Verses before today's gospel, Jesus calls himself "the gate". The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our head with oil and guides us besides the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday, he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's care to all of creation.

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.

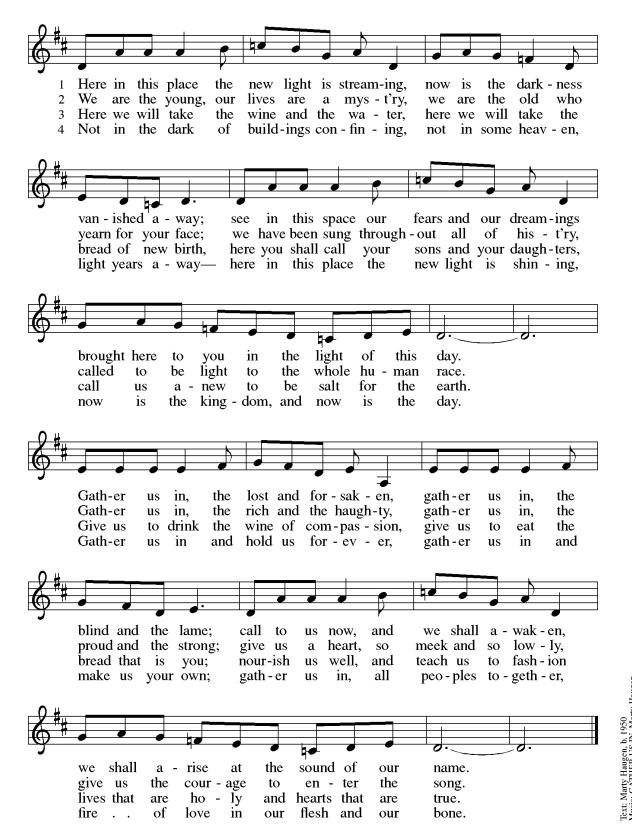


GATHERING

PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: Scherzo - John Cheetham

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #532 "Gather Us In" (vs. 1-3)



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*APOSTOLIC GREETING:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE:







This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together... Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. Surely your kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore.

WORD

LESSON: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM 23

¹The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;

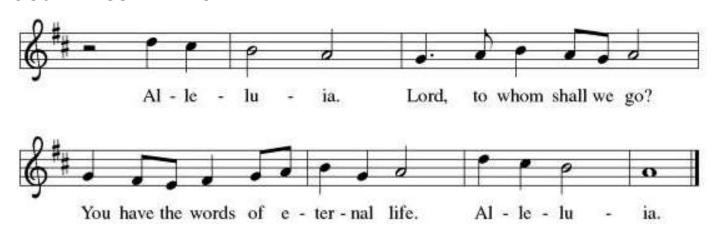
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

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

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

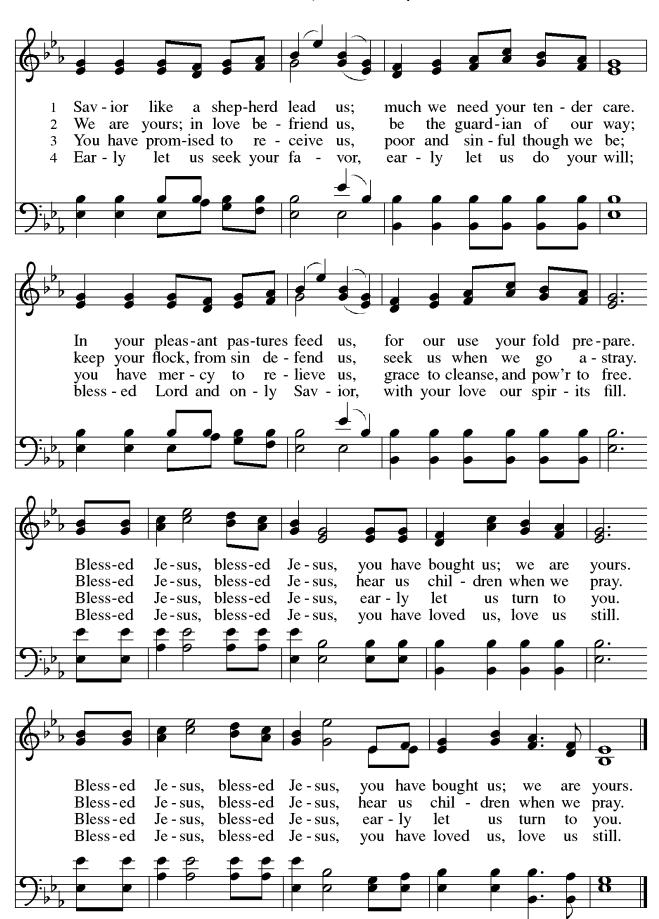
- The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Abundant Life"

- Pr. Dave Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #789 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



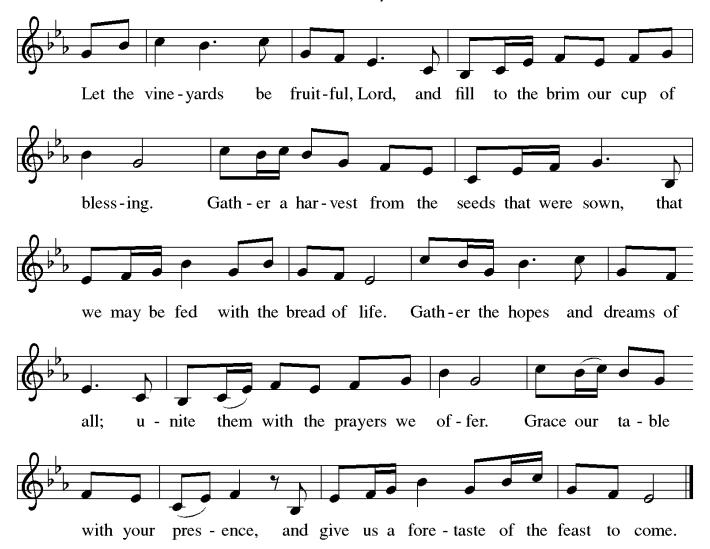
Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868 *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends... God of grace, hear our prayer.

*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: "Centone No. V; IV. Largo" - Samuel Scheidt

*OFFERING SONG: ELW #184 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927 Text and music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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*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 - HOLY HOLY: p. 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

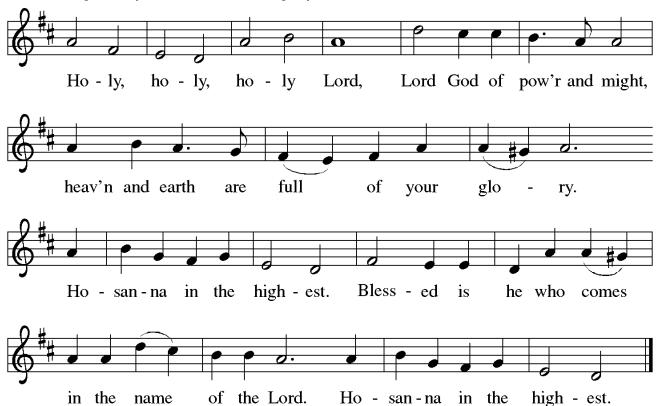
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:



*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.

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.

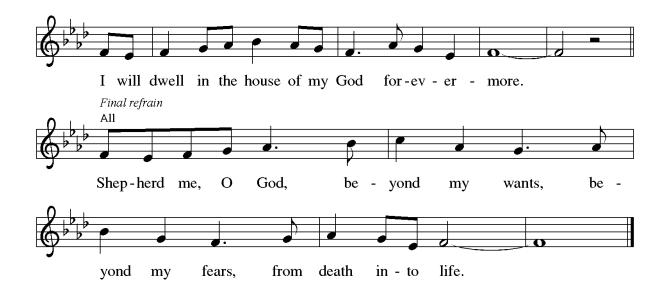
- Ushers will direct you to the altar rail.
- Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.
- If you prefer only blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart.
- Prepackaged servings of bread and wine are available.

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God, p. 154

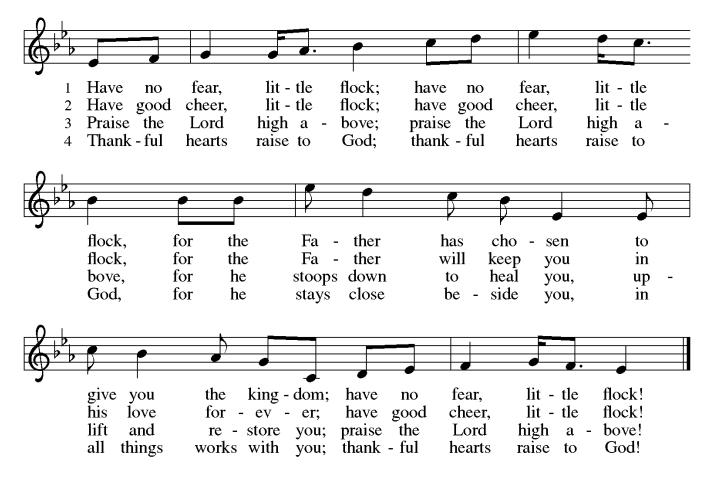


ELW #780: "Shepherd Me, O God"





ELW #764: "Have No Fear Little Flock"



Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930 Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

ELW #502: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*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

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen**.

*SENDING SONG: ELW #377 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"



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PRAYER BELL

DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "Amazing Grace" – Arr. Luther Henderson

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: Gabriel Hiner; USHERS: Jason Martin-Hiner, Sharon Drew; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; READER: Norman Friedrich; ASSISTING MINISTER: Susan Friedrich; FELLOWSHIP: Linda and Mic Martin, Marilyn Rue, Karin Martin-Hiner, Miky Hiner, and Gabriel Hiner

Thank you to the Noble Brass Quintet: Matthew Boardman ('24) trumpet, Hannah Wren ('24) trumpet, Maggie Bruck ('25) horn, Elias Vorvick ('27) trombone, Mark Severtson ('25) tuba

CALL COMMITTEE REQUEST: The Call Committee is making progress on the Ministry Site Profile, and we need your help! Please pick up a blank note card, available from the ushers on Sunday, and write what you think are the top three challenges our congregation is facing. Submit your note card on the way out of church, to the church office, or email your response to Anne Clausen at anne59clausen@gmail.com Thank you!

 Call Committee members: Megan Buckingham, convenor; Council members Anne Clausen and Karin Martin-Hiner; Steve Holland and Bob Larson; Youth Representative Leah Holland.

THANK YOU TO ADULT MENTORS FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS DURING

LENT: Good Shepherd thanks the following six adults who mentored our six confirmation students during the Season of Lent. Great appreciation goes to: Bob Felde, Bob Larson, Kris Peterson, Jane Jakoubek, Reg Laursen and Reverend Ginny Olson. Working with a curriculum that focused on faith, the mentors and mentees met for four Wednesdays during the Soup Supper time. If you are interested in working with our teens or our children's ministry, please connect with Pastor Dave or Kelli Gapinski, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry.

ASSEMBLE LWR BABY CARE KITS: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall: All are invited to help assemble Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. Come learn what goes into a baby kit and how they are packaged for shipping to the LWR warehouse in the Twin Cities.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - All are welcome at this month's Gather Bible Study. Kathy Buzza is the study leader; Connie Buresh will provide refreshments. If you need a copy of the study, contact Bev Sheridan at sherida701@gmail.com

ADULT FORUM: VOTE FORWARD: ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 ELECTION – SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 11:00 a.m., Gathering Space: Come and learn from Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson and Jane Jakoubek about a national nonprofit organization called Vote Forward, which "empowers grassroots volunteers to send handwritten letters encouraging fellow Americans to vote."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 – EPIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: All Good Shepherd high school seniors and current college students attending an ELCA college or university during the 2024-2025 academic year are eligible to apply for an EPIC (Education Partners in Covenant) scholarship. Applications are available in the church office and on our website at goodshepherddecorah.org/endowment-fund

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES SUNDAY: Blessing & celebration of graduates from high school and college will be on Sunday, May 12th during worship – there will be a special Fellowship Hour following worship. If you are a Luther student who would like to be blessed and celebrated, please contact the church office.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: July 29-31 Save the date and more information coming soon!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 3:00 p.m., Decorah Lutheran Church - NORTHERN LIGHTS WOMEN'S CHORUS SPRING CONCERT, "Weep No More": Several members of the Good Shepherd family participate in this 48-member ensemble; Rachael Buresh is the artistic director. Decorah High School's Claiborne Treble Singers, directed by Good Shepherd member Jason Rausch, will provide intermission music. A portion of the freewill offering will be donated to the Decorah Kids Lunch Club.

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. 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...

- Stephanie Hoff awaiting kidney transplant
- Bonnie Flora Parkinsons and troubling back pain
- Jutta Anderson Chordoma, rare cancer of the spine
- Sonja and Braelyn health concerns
- Brielle (granddaughter of Tom & Connie Buresh) recovery from knee surgery, torn ACL
- Rolf Svanoe recovering from surgery on his parotid gland
- Haakon and Carol Andreasen (parents of Sara Hopkins) chronic health problems

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
- Janet Gall, Eastern Star

Those who grieve...

• Harriet Hayes, grieving the death of her husband, Claude, who died on 4/7.

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

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

Residents of Aase Haugen and Wellington Senior Living Centers

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

<u>Prayers for the Church, the Nation, and the World...</u>

- For the United Methodist Church, its delegates and staff participating in the upcoming General Conference, including Allie and David Scott.
- For those victimized by the war in Ukraine, Haiti and in Gaza (and famine in South Sudan).
 May calm minds from all sides return to the negotiating table and bring peaceful
 resolutions. Be with those who have lost their livelihoods and family members to destruction.
 Be with those serving on the ground and in harm's way: diplomats, soldiers, aid workers,
 missionaries, and medical personnel.
- For the gift of community and neighbors in the greater Decorah area who reach out in small and large ways to help each other.
- For high school seniors and college graduates discerning their future vocation/ career plans. May they receive God's guidance in their decisions. Congratulations!
- 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: office@goodshepherddecorah.org

^{*}Missionaries and Seminarians listed on the 1st 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 residents listed on 4th Sunday of the month.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, April 21: 4th Sunday of Easter; St. Grubby's Sunday

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; Sermon title: "The Abundant Life"

Special Music: Noble Brass Quintet

*Come to church dressed in your grubbies; spring cleaning projects

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall No Adult Forum; Spring Cleaning Projects around the church

Sunday, April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching: Pr. David Wrightsman; Sermon title: "Cleansing the Heart with

Faith"

Special Music: Band

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall

Adult Forum: Vote Forward: Encouraging Participation in the 2024 Election

with Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson and Jane Jakoubek

Sunday, May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; "As Plain as the Nose on your

Face"

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall

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