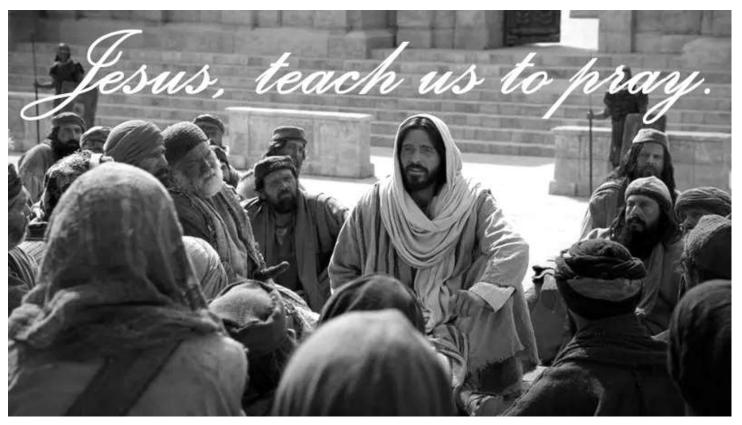
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



May 12th – 7th Sunday of Easter Blessing of the Graduates

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!

Our gospel lesson points us to Jesus instructing us of the need to pray daily. Why, then, do we spend so little time in prayer to God, when Jesus constantly went off by himself to pray and at times spent the entire night in prayer. Perhaps it's because we do not know how to pray. We pray so little because, like the disciples, we wonder if there is a proper way to engage our Lord in our lives... we feel like we missed that unit in our church school or in Confirmation. Oh, if only they could pray like Jesus. If only they could get a sense of God's power and presence in their lives as he did.

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.

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: "This Joyful Eastertide" — arr S. Drummond Wolff **WELCOME**

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #834 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"



*APOSTOLIC GREETING:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

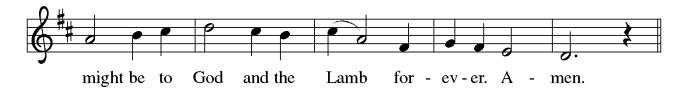
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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** (p. 149):







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... Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful! ²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that $^{|}$ do not wither; everything they $^{|}$ do shall prosper.

4It is not so | with the wicked;

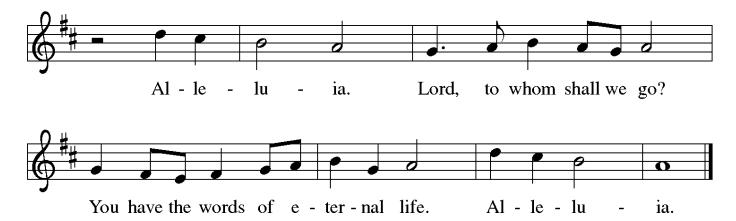
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



*GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11

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

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

SERMON

"Jesus, Teach Us to Pray"

– Pr. Dave Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #392 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" vs. 1, 3, 5



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887



GRADUATION BLESSING:

Leader: May this quilt of blessing remind you of the warmth and love of this faith community and God's warmth in your life. Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may you feel wrapped in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the fellowship of this church and the power of God's presence in your life.

Congregation: From your storehouse of grace, O Lord, give our graduates the spiritual gifts that will go with them into the future, the promises you made to them in their baptism long ago: the gift of faith; the gift of the forgiveness of sins, the gift of grace and the gift of life everlasting.

Pastor: Great and generous God, may these graduates receive all that you have given them with joy. And may their hands be raised in praise to you. May the Lord bless you, may God's face shine on you and be gracious to you, and may he grant you peace. Amen.

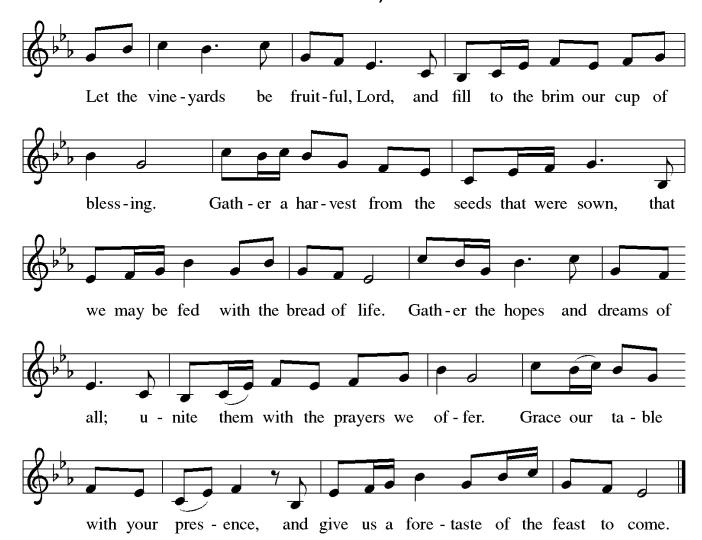
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends... God of grace, hear our prayers.

*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: "Nocturne" - Lewis Raymond

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



*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.

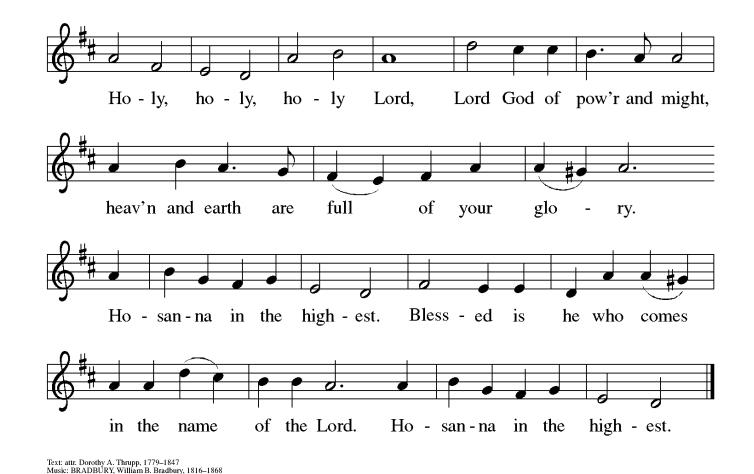
We lift them to the Lord.

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:

Text. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nekon, b. 1927
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*LORD'S PRAYER: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

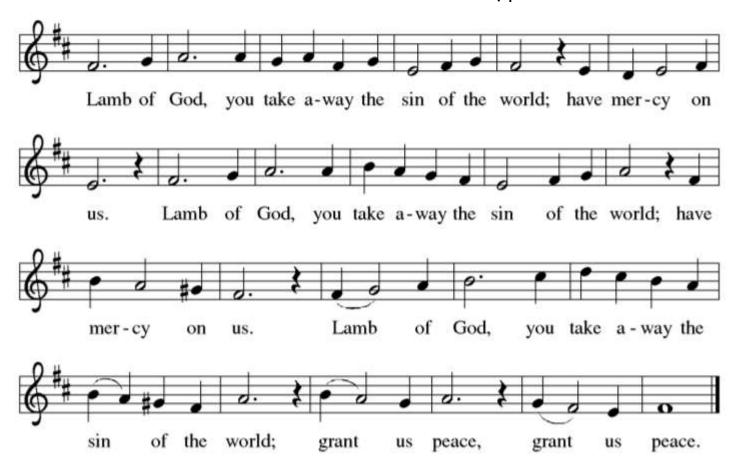
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

HOLY COMMUNION

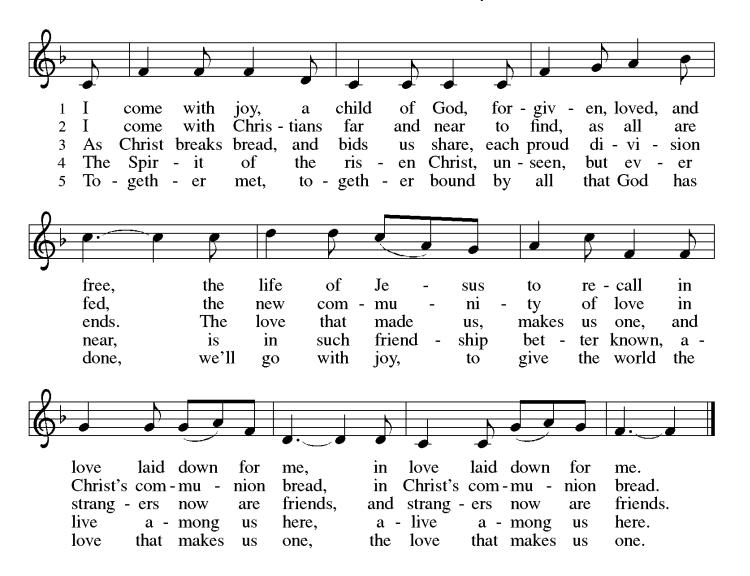
All are welcome at Christ's table. As Lutherans we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's Table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member 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 #482 "I Come with Joy"



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: DOVE OF PEACE; W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835
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ELW #474 "Bread of Life from Heaven"





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will in Christ's pres - ence the loaves a - bound. the full - ness life be yours. that of may that your hun - ger and thirst be no more. and be - lieve in the truth you have heard. praise the in whom you re - born. one are

ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"



*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

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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.

for

all.

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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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 #825 "You Servants of God" vs. 1, 2, 4



*PRAYER BELL

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

Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "Canzon Terza" – Girolamo Frescobaldi

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: GREETERS: Rebecca Boehm Shaffer, and Blair Shaffer; USHERS: John Moeller, Chris Johnson; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; READER: Dave Shaffer; ASSISTING MINISTER: Rebecca Boehm Shaffer; FELLOWSHIP: Lindy Moeller, Catherine Moeller, Bonnie Johnson, Hallie Johnson, Ruth Hasvold, Melanie Folkerts, Erica Yaneff, Ginny Olson, Anne Clausen, Jane Jakoubek

SEMINARIAN AND GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBER KATHRYN THOMPSON GRADUATES FROM WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Today Kathryn Thompson graduates from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, with a Master of Divinity degree. Kathryn has been approved for Word and Sacrament Ministry in the ELCA and is currently in the first call process. From Kathryn: We welcome your continued prayers of support along the discernment and first call journey, and we look forward to my ordination, which will be at Good Shepherd. There is an Amazon book list created by Kathryn. If you would like to purchase a book for her, connect with Erica in the office!a

TODAY IS THE FINAL WEEK OF SUNDAY SCHOOL! Thank you to all teachers, volunteers, families, and youth for the great year!

GOOD SHEPHERD VEGETABLE AND CUTTING GARDEN UNDERWAY! Thanks to Bob Felde's tilling, Tim Lecander's stabilizing the fence, and Katie Prochaska's plants, the Good Shepherd garden is in the process of being planted. As in the past, there will be a basket on the produce table where, if you are inclined, you can make a donation, which at the end of the year will go to the Community Food Pantry. If anyone would like to take over the garden next season and would like to get a feel for how this works, contact John Moeller.

INVEST IN YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Thirteen Good Shepherd youth invite church members and friends to purchase (fictitious) stock certificates, as they continue to raise funds for their trip in July to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Stock certificates cost \$20 each and will be sold in the Fellowship Hall on the next 3 Sundays in May, the 12, 19, and 26. Our youth and two adult leaders (15 total) are partnering with Decorah Lutheran and First Lutheran to share transportation and housing costs.

CALL COMMITTEE CONTINUES PREPARATION OF MINISTRY SITE PROFILE: If you haven't had a chance to respond to the Call Committee's two questions, they can still be submitted to the Church Office or by email to committee member Anne Clausen at anne59clausen@gmail.com. The questions are: 1) What are the top three strengths of our congregation? and 2) What are the top three challenges our congregation is facing?

MOWING AT GOOD SHEPHERD: Tis the season for growing grass and mowing the Good Shepherd property! This year, the lawn will be less of a time commitment and easier as much of the backyard is being converted to prairie and will be managed by Facilities & Grounds. Our sign-up is accessible on the website under "Sign-Ups" and on the table in the Gathering Space.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 29-31 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: GROW IN FAITH. HAVE FUN. CHANGE THE WORLD. All children entering grades K-6th are invited to VBS at Good Shepherd July 29-31 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. each evening. Start the night with dinner, then enjoy a fun evening including music, games, small groups, and crafts! This year's theme is ReNew: The Green VBS. The cost is \$20/child, with \$5 per additional household member. Scholarships are available. Email the office at office@goodshepherddecorah.org for more information. Deadline to register is July 8.

VOLUNTEER AT VBS: We are also seeking youth and adult volunteers to help support activities, be a positive presence, and/or lead portions. Please connect with Kelli Gapinski, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, at **kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org** or Pastor Dave if you are interested.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Gathering Space - All are welcome! Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. This meeting is the last one until next September! Yarn and patterns are available. Please bring any completed shawls to be blessed. Questions? Contact Jeri Laursen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ARLENE LECANDER CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Sanctuary - Blessed be the memory of Arlene Lecander, 84, who passed away peacefully Saturday, December 9, 2023, at her "winter" apartment in Marion, Iowa, surrounded by family, including all four of her children. Visitation is from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m., with a Celebration of Life at 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

(FAKE) CHRISTMAS TREES NEEDED! As we head next month into the summer, our worship theme Living Waters will draw us as a community towards Jesus' teaching and healing. We are looking at decorating the Sanctuary with a north woods theme (trees, tent, camping, etc.). If you have an artificial Christmas Tree (small or large), we could use to create this scene in the Sanctuary. Please bring it to the church in the month of May (and make sure it is labeled!). We also need a freestanding tent, canoe or kayak and fake campfire. Questions or if you want to be a part of the decorating crew, please email Pr Dave at pastordavid@goodshepherddecorah.org

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9 AM - 12 PM M-F. Erica: W-Th 10-5:00PM

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
- Jutta Anderson Chordoma, rare cancer of the spine
- Haakon and Carol Andreasen (parents of Sara Hopkins) chronic health problems
- Christy Vrtis recovering from surgery
- Carrie Solberg cancer treatment
- Sid Simpson (brother-in-law to Marty Steele) struggling with lung and heart issues
- Tim Folkerts recovering from pulmonary embolism
- Iris June (newborn baby daughter of Aaron and Rachael Palmer) in the NICU

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 serve as missionaries and our international partners...

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

Those who serve the wider church...

- Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson), Director for Disaster Response for the ELCA
- Rev. Stacey Nalean-Carlson, Wartburg Seminary, Director of Contextual Education
- · Rev. Susan Friedrich, Interim pastor in Maynard, IA
- Rev. Allie Scott, call through Luther College in Alumni Relations
- David Scott, Director of Theology of United Methodist Church
- Rev. Melissa Bills, Luther College Campus Pastor
- **Missionaries and Seminarians listed on the 1st 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 residents are listed on the 4th Sunday of the month.

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

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

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

- For those victimized by the war in Ukraine, Haiti and in Gaza (and famine in South Sudan).
 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 all the church camps & directors who are recruiting summer staff among college-age students. May the Holy Spirit move in their hearts towards this vocation.
- 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

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 12: 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Celebrating our High School Graduates

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; "Jesus, Teach Us to Pray"

Special Music: Good Shepherd Band

Final week of Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

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

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday

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

Preaching: Pr. David Wrightsman Special Music: Good Shepherd Choir Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

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

Sunday, May 26: Holy Trinity Sunday

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

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

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

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