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

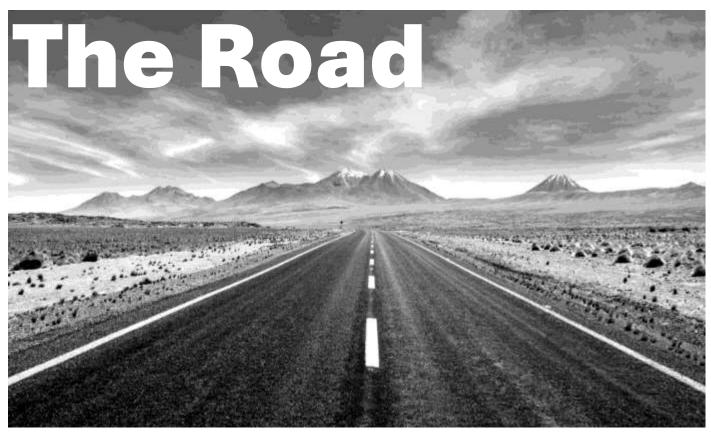


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May 19th - Day of Pentecost

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!

On the fiftieth day of Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.

Scripture shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. It makes it clear that God is in the process of recreating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

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: "Spring" mvt. III – Antonio Vivaldi

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL

HYMN: ELW #627 "O Day Full of Grace" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.

Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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PENTECOST LITANY:

L: Powerful Spirit, strong Wind-

All: Stirring us to life, breathing hope into despair.

L: Warming Spirit, dancing Flame—

All: Kindling joy and filling us with courage.

L: Comforting Spirit, gentle Breeze—

All: Refreshing our weariness, softening our grief.

L: Wise Spirit, blazing Fire—

All: Illuminating our path, casting out the darkness.

L: Holy Spirit, soaring Dove—

All: Call us to worship, filling us with love.

-William Booth

*APOSTOLIC GREETING:

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

All: And also with you.

*KYRIE: p. 147 - sung with cantor

L: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (p. 149):

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength,

And honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together... Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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: Acts 2:1-6, 12, 14-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

PSALM 8

¹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,

8the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:





You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

SERMON

"The Road"

- Pr. Dave Wrightsman

Thou Christ of burning, cleansing flame,
Send the fire, send the fire!
Thy blood bought gift today we claim,
Send the fire, send the fire!
Look down and see this waiting host,
Give us the promised Holy Ghost;
We want another Pentecost,
Send the fire, send the fire

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #401 "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" vs. 1, 3



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*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 "Spirit God, Eternal Word" – John Behnke; Good Shepherd Choir ***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.

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*GREAT THANKSGIVING - HOLY HOLY: p. 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

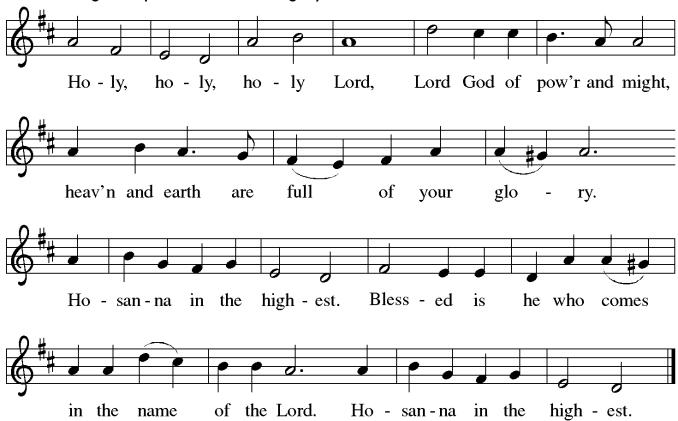
Lift up your hearts.

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:



...Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER:

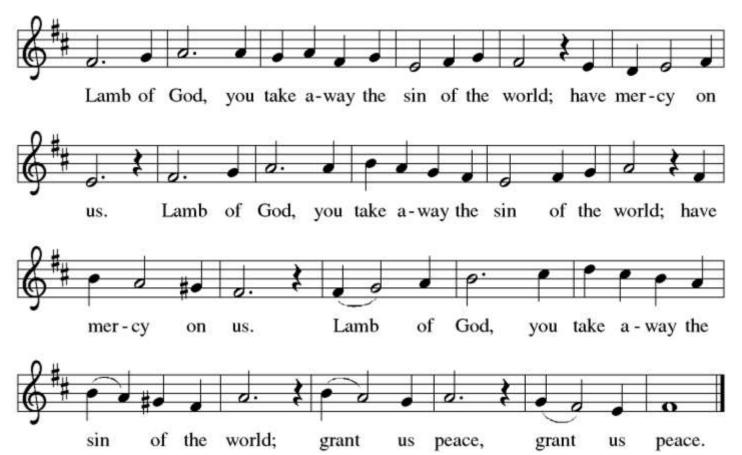
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

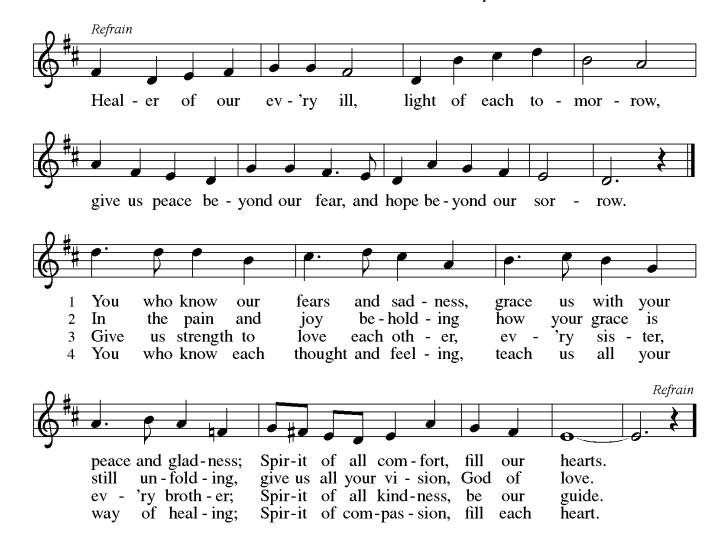
- Ushers will direct you to the altar rail.
- Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.
- If you prefer only blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart.
- Prepackaged servings of bread and wine are available.

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God, p. 154



Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: BRADBÜRY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

ELW #612 "Healer of Our Every III"



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ACS #943 "As the Wind Song"



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*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

PENTECOST BLESSING:

L: Spirit of Laughter, make laughter within us.

All: Spirit of fire, build fire in us.

L: Spirit of creation, create anew in us.

All: Spirit of peace, make peace within us.

L: Spirit of vision, envision in us.

All: Spirit of imagination, build imagination in us.

L: Spirit of promise, speak promise through us.

All: Spirit of love, be love in us. Amen.

*SENDING SONG: ELW #551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



*PRAYER BELL

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

Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "Gladiolus Rag" – Scott Joplin

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: GREETER: Gloria Hove; USHERS: John Moeller, Bob Felde; CANTOR: Tom Buresh; READER: Anne Clausen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Jakoubek; FELLOWSHIP: Lindy and John Moeller, Jane Jakoubek, Norma and Harley Refsal, Gloria Hove, Ginny Olson, and Marty Steele and Bob Felde

INVEST IN YOUTH FUNDRAISER: 13 Good Shepherd youth invite you 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 2 Sundays in May 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. We have successfully sold 100 shares of stock and look to sell an additional 50 shares.

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.

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. The 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. Volunteers are needed prior to the service in the kitchen, as ushers during the service, and during the luncheon.

SOGO SNACKS FUNDRAISER: Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer are also excited about their tastiest fundraiser yet: **SOGO SNACKS!** Youth will be selling Sogo Snacks meat sticks starting **this Sunday through June 9.** Meat sticks are \$2 each and can be purchased via cash or check made out to Good Shepherd, with "Sogo Snacks" in the memo line. Youth will be selling snack meat sticks during Fellowship Hour, but you can also order bulk bundles through individual youth so you can mix and match flavors.

- Six flavors of 100% grass-fed/grass-finished beef, 3 free-range turkey flavors, and one natural pork option will be offered. All sticks contain NO Gluten, Soy, Dairy, Nuts, Eggs, or MSG. Eight of the flavors offered contain no sugar.
- **Sogo Snacks** is an independent family business owned by Good Shepherd members **Dan Bellrichard** and **Liza Hicken**.

PROVIDE INPUT FOR PASTORAL SEARCH SURVEY: The Call Committee invites the Good Shepherd community to assist us in completing our Ministry Site Profile by responding to a survey. Feel free to respond as individuals or as a family. We request that you complete this survey online. If you are unable to do so, paper copies are available at church. We ask that you please complete the surveys by May 22, the date of our next Call Committee meeting.

PREPARE THE WAY SPECIAL CAMPAIGN: Our congregation is at a wonderful point where we are moving forward in faith and grace amidst conducting a call process. Our Interim Pastor David Wrightsman has learned a lot about us in the past few months, and with his experience in many congregations, sees 4 congregational projects that are relatively affordable and still can have an outsized impact at this time. From May 19 to June 23, Good Shepherd will be having a Special Campaign to support these 4 congregational projects involving our nursery, outdoor public lighting, cash handling, and stewardship leadership. Our campaign goal is \$13,000. There will be an information session after worship today, Sunday, May 19, and on June 2nd, in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your stewardship and generosity!

-The Church Council & Stewardship Committee

SAVE THE DATE: All-Flock Sunday: A potluck picnic for all in the churchyard after worship June 23. Watch for details!

VBS SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 29-31 - 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.

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.

(FAKE) CHRISTMAS TREES NEEDED! Our summer 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.). We are looking for: artificial Christmas Trees (small or large), a freestanding tent, a canoe or kayak and fake campfire. Please bring items to the church in the month of May (and make sure it is labeled!). Questions and/or if you want to be a part of the decorating crew, please contact Pr. Dave.

KATHRYN THOMPSON GRADUATED: Kathryn graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, with a Master of Divinity degree last Sunday. **There is an Amazon book list created by Kathryn.** If you would like to purchase a book for her, contact Erica in the office!

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

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
- 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 Fahrenkrug, grandfather of Sarah Wicks
- Janet Gall, Eastern Star

Those who grieve...

- The family of Good Shepherd member Jane Suntken, as they grieve her death in Maine.
- Sarah Wicks, as she grieves the death of her grandma Eileen in St. Paul, MN

Residents of Eastern Star Care Center and Arlin Falck Independent Living...

- Eastern Star: Harland Nelson, Ed Hover, Janet Gall
- Arlin Falck: Bonnie Flora, Naomi Craft, Dick & Glendalu Wuest, Brad Hanson, Doyle Gorden **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

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

- For those experiencing loneliness and despair; may they be touched by the warmth of relationships and know the depth of the love of God. "Because of God's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassion never fails." Lam. 3:22-23
- For migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers; inspire the nations of our world to care for them and keep them safe in their journeys.
- 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, offerings, 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

Today, Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday

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

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

Special Music: Good Shepherd Choir

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

Adult Forum: Details about the Prepare the Way Mini-Campaign

Sunday, May 26: Holy Trinity Sunday – Memorial Day Weekend

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

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; Sermon: "Belonging, Behaving, Believing"

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

Sunday, June 2: 2nd Sunday of Pentecost

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

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman

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

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