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



The Trinity - Andrei Rublev, 1425

May 26th - Holy Trinity Sunday

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.

In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

As you enter the Sanctuary, you are invited to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here". Take a moment to silence phones. You may use these moments of quiet time to listen to the Prelude as you prepare to come fully into the presence of God and our community of faith.

Worship Books are in the Pews

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (**ELW**) - red book

All Creation Sings (**ACS**) - purple book

Page numbers (p.) in front of the books; hymn numbers (#) in back of books.

Congregational responses are in **bold**. An * indicates a time to rise in body or spirit.

Worship Window Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Memorials are important. And on this Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, we pause to remember all of those who died – giving their tomorrow for our today. The word "memorial" comes from the word "memory", and what a blessed gift, memory is – the capacity to recall and live again previous experiences and relationships.

We are reminded today, Holy Trinity Sunday, that the Holy Spirit who appeared on that Sunday of Pentecost centuries ago is present among us in power and is pursuing us even today. But you might want to ask... where? Where is the Holy Spirit at? And what happened to the "Wow" of Pentecost? What about the third member of the Trinity... the life-giving, love-giving spirit of God who is often under-represented and perhaps hidden from our consciousness? When we draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit, it will be as if we have discovered fire for the first time!

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.

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" vs. 1, 2, 4



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

*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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: ACS p. 31



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together... Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON: Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.- Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.

PSALM 29

- Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- I ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of I glory thunders; the LORD is upon the I mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ¹ forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- 11O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



*GOSPEL READING: John 16: 12-15

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

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 "Belonging, Behaving and Believing" — Pr. Dave Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #412 "Come, Join the Dance of the Trinity"



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin i ty, new born in Beth le hem;
- 3 Come, speak a loud of Trin i ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With in the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun,



Fa - ther, Spir - it, the in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Son. then blood-ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. peo - ple free tell the Say - ior's name. Pen - te - cost to set at we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it,



u - ni - verse of space and time did The not a - rise by chance, The Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; dance of We sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; know the voke of Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with in their dance. dance in death, God rolls when fear con-fines the a - way the stone. weight and woe that the world of free to move! go we are shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty. to

*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.

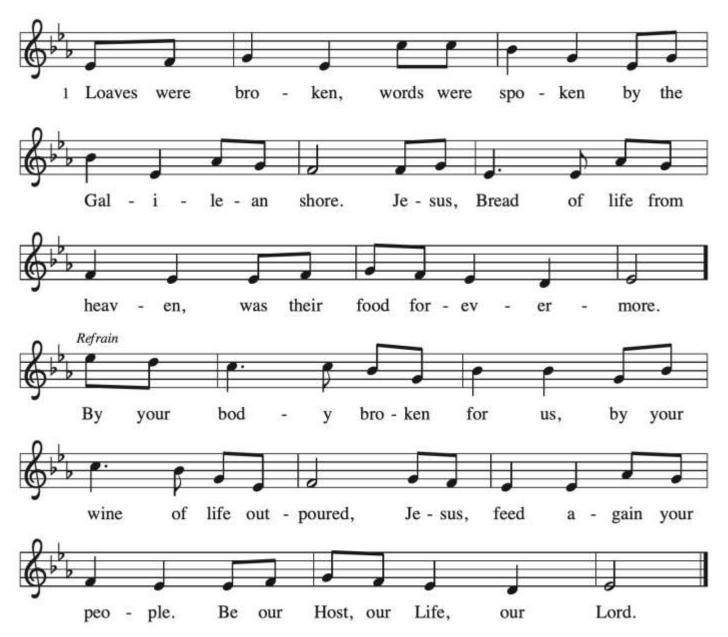
We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953
Music: KINGSROLD, English folk tume
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MEAL

OFFERING MUSIC

*OFFERING SONG: ACS #966 vs. 1



*OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray together... Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

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*GREAT THANKSGIVING - HOLY HOLY: ELW #192

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:



...Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER:

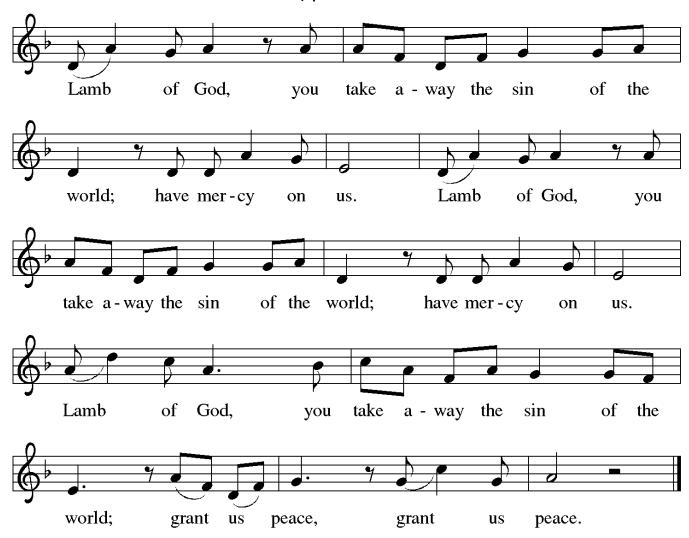
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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. 201



ELW #481 "Come to the Table"



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ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"



*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray together... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION:

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG: ELW #414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" vs. 1, 4



*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: GREETER: Gloria Hove; USHERS: Jerry Bruce, Bob Felde; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; READER: Ginny Olson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Anne Clausen; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Jonathon Struve; FELLOWSHIP: Gloria Hove, Amelia Kurth, William Kurth, Kathi Wild, Jerry and Ruth Bruce, Linda Donoghue, Ruth Hasvold, Catherine Moeller, Bob Felde and Marty Steele

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.

SOGO SNACKS FUNDRAISER: Youth will be selling Sogo Snacks meat sticks **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. This is the final fundraiser for the Youth Gathering!

- 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**.

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 Sunday, June 2nd, in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your stewardship and generosity!

-The Church Council & Stewardship Committee

GATHER BIBLE STUDY: TUESDAY, MAY 28, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall — All are welcome at this month's Gather Bible study, featuring a devotional on mental health and wellness. Sharon Drew will lead the study, and Wanda Rueber will provide refreshments. If you need a copy of the Gather study, contact Bev Sheridan at sherida701@gmail.com

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m., Decorah Lutheran Fellowship Hall — Please join your friends and neighbors for this **free** meal in Decorah Lutheran's Fellowship Hall, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome! This month, members of the Prairie Lakes Church-Decorah are providing volunteers, salads, and desserts, with the main course provided by Sodexo of Luther College. Gluten free options and carry outs are always available.

SANGERFEST 2024 GRAND CONCERT: SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 7:00 p.m., Center for Faith and Life, Luther College: The Luren Singers are the host chorus for this <u>free</u> concert, which includes a number of Norwegian-American men's choruses from around the United States singing together, along with soprano Rachel Storlie and tenor Ken Michaels, guest artists, and the Northern Lights Women's Chorus.

- Conductors include Dr. David Judisch, Ed Kramer, Linda Svanoe, and Rachael Buresh. Accompanist is Chris Hadley, with trumpeter Phil Iversen.
- Over two dozen Good Shepherd folks are involved with the concert!

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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9 AM - 12 PM Tues-F.

Erica: 10 AM - 5 PM W-Thur.

The office is closed Monday for Memorial Day.

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
- 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...

- Marty Steele and family, as they grieve the death of her brother-in-law, Sid Sampson
- Sarah Wicks and family, as they grieve the death of her grandma Eileen in St. Paul, MN

Residents of Aase Haugen and Wellington Senior Living Centers

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

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 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 those with newly diagnosed conditions and those living with illness for which there is no cure; that they would know that God is with them and with those providing their care.
- For those who struggle to feed and clothe their families; may we be generous in sharing our abundance.
- 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

^{**}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.

Sunday Worship Schedule

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 after 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

Adult Forum: Pave the Way Mini-Campaign

Sunday, June 9: 3rd Sunday after 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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