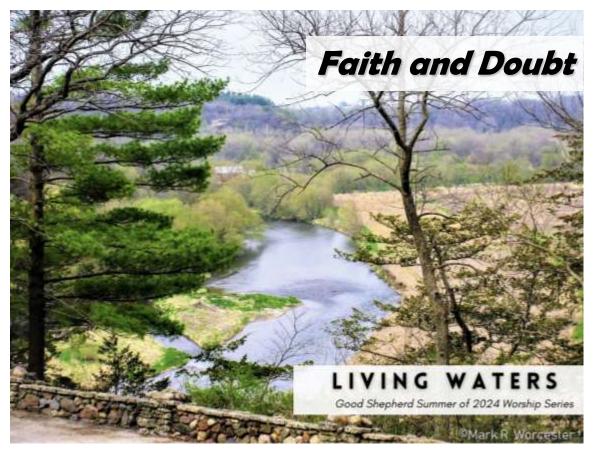
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ... Psalm 100:3



June 16th – 4th Sunday after Pentecost Summer Series: *Living Waters*

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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!

And welcome to our summer sermon series, *Living Waters*. Each week we encounter Jesus engaging with people—teaching, healing, calming storms—near water, especially near the Sea of Galilee and are challenged through our Lord's actions and words in new ways as we strive to follow the Good News. Throughout scripture, the Bible is rich with many images of water that symbolize new life, the cleansing of sins, and the fulfillment of God's promises

Today's theme: Have you ever had a time in your life when you were faced with an overwhelming obstacle or a heart-wrenching burden and you thought, if only I had more faith? If so, you can identify with Jesus' own disciples who were feeling at the same time overwhelmed and underpowered. And so they said to the Lord, in another place in scripture, "Increase our faith!"

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.

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: "Hommage à Albert Roussel" – Arthur Honegger **WELCOME**

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #526 "God is Here" vs. 1, 3, 4



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***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.

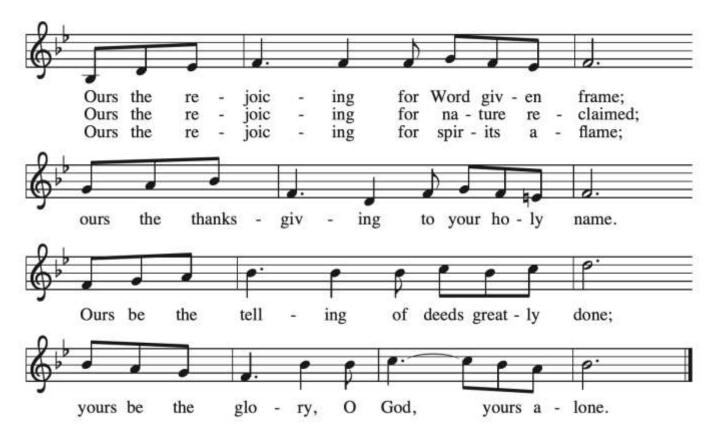
*APOSTOLIC GREETING:

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.

God. 1 Glo - ry for yours is the earth; you. to for yours is 2 Glo - ry God, the earth: to you, 3 Glo - ry the earth; God, for yours is to you, birth. the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the yours is yours the ho san - nas, the dy - ing, re birth. \sim the worth. yours the noint - ing, ra - di ant a -

*HYMN OF PRAISE: ACS p. 31



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together... O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks ¹ to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, | O Most High; ²to herald your love | in the morning and your faithful- | ness at night; ³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre, and to the melody | of the harp. ⁴For you have made me glad by your [|] acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. ¹²The righteous shall flourish ¹ like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon. ¹³Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD shall flourish in the courts | of our God; ¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹ in old age; they shall be | areen and succulent; ¹⁵that they may show how up-¹ right the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



*GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34

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

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

SERMON

"Faith and Doubt"

- Pr. Dave Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #841 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" vs. 1, 3





Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954 *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends... Hear us O God, your mercy is great.

*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: Special Music from Karl Wicks

*OFFERING SONG: ACS #966 vs. 4



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***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.

*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:

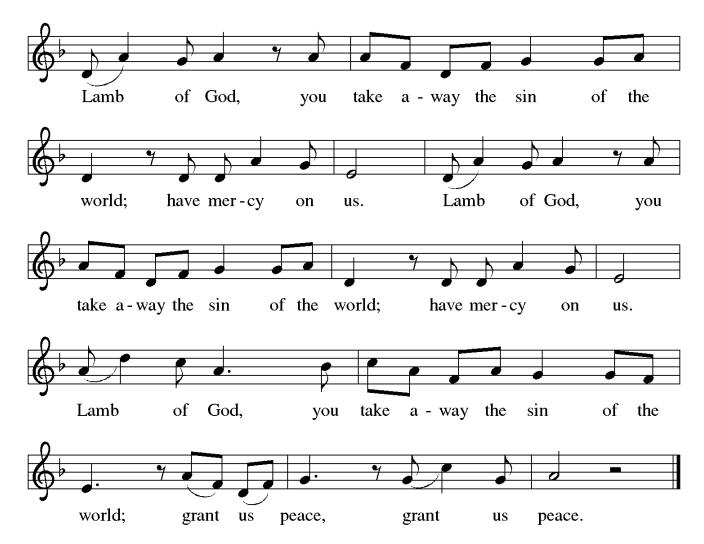
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



Τú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri lla, no has bus -1 You have come down to the lake shore seek - ing 1 You know full well what I Lord: nei - ther 2 have. 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus tion, work - ing who have fished oth - er 4 You wa ters: you, the ca - do ni_a sa - bios ni_a ri cos; tan só - lo nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly trea - sure nor wea-pons for con - quest, just these my love for the rest of the wea - rylove that's a of souls that are lov - ing long - ing yearn - ing: 0 quie res que te si ga. yo +ask ing for me fol low. to fish and will for work nets ing. will lov ing to go on ing. call Friend, you have come to me. Refrain / Estribillo Se ñor, me_has mi - ra - do_a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do. kind-ly smil-ing, Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; has di - cho mi nom-bre. En la_a-re - na he de-ja - do mi you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my bar - ca; bus-ca - ré jun-to_a ti o - tro mar. small boat; I will seek oth-er now with you, seas.

ELW #817 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

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ELW #423 "Shall We Gather at the River" where bright an - gel feet have trod, Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, 1 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, reach the shin-ing riv - er, ev - 'ry bur - den down; Ere we lay we 3 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, our pil-grim-age will cease; 4 soon 00 with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God? will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a gold - en day. we grace our spir - its will robe and crown. soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o dy of peace. 8 Refrain Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er; gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne God. of 8

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

***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 #547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



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*PRAYER BELL

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

POSTLUDE: "Palm Leaf Rag" – Scott Joplin

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PREACHING & PRESIDING: Pastor David Wrightsman; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; SAXOPHONE: Karl Wicks, GREETER: Ann Naslund; USHERS: Lyle Otte, Jim Biedermann; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; READER: Jane Borelli; ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Naslund; FELLOWSHIP: Carol Hasvold, Jon Lund, Charilyn Hover, Ann Naslund, Bev Sheridan, Bob Larson, Elizabeth Kaschins. Thanks to Karl Wicks for playing for us this morning, and thanks also to Laurie Biedermann for helping him prepare!

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH! Good Shepherd welcomes, includes, accompanies, and celebrates people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Our Welcome Statement: 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.

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. Until June 23, Good Shepherd is 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. Thank you for your stewardship and generosity!

IT'S KRUMKAKE TIME! Planned by WELCA, the Krumkake demonstration and sale is an all-congregation event. All ages are invited to participate and no experience is necessary. This year we will be baking at church from July 14-20 plus a gluten free day on the 8th (see church calendar for schedule). More information and sign-ups in the Gathering Space. Ways to sign up and get involved: Donate ingredients for making krumkake; help mix or bake krumkake; during Nordic Fest, help bake, fill bags, "run" krumkake between the stand and storage, sell krumkake at the booth.

AV STAFF NEEDED: Good Shepherd is looking beyond this coming August. **We are searching for 3-4 members who are willing to get trained** on the AV system and available on Sunday mornings to set-up and run the audio and visual ministry of worship, including the *worship live*. **This is a paid position**. Applicants must be at least entering 7th grade this fall and comfortable working with electronic systems. Those interested, please reach out to Pr. Dave, or Erica or Tristan in the office.

SAVE THE DATE: All-Flock Sunday: A potluck picnic for all in the churchyard after worship next week, June 23. Connect with your flock's Shepherd for further instructions on what to bring!

EPIC SCHOLARSHIP DISPLAY: The display case for EPIC Scholarship recipients has been updated for the 2024-2025 academic year. Take a moment to visit the display case, located between the office and Gathering Space, and view it, featuring Mara Holland, Annalise and Daniel Skrade, Mason Cote and Gabe Hiner.

HELP NEEDED! As we recharge over the summer and look ahead to the next school year, the following ministry areas are in need of leaders/coverage starting in August (you do not need to be a member of GSLC to serve on committees). Email or call the Church Office for more information or to express interest:

- Facilities and Grounds Standing Committee: 2 people
- Outreach and Hospitality Standing Committee: 1 person
- Education Standing Committee: 2 people
- Audio/Visual Team: 3 people

KATHRYN THOMPSON & SARA HANSSEN BABY GIFTS: Anyone wishing to help Kathryn Thompson and Sara Hanssen welcome their second child in August can contact Jane Jakoubek (contact information in the directory) or Erica Yaneff in the office for information about gift suggestions.

KIDS LUNCH CLUB 2024 IS UNDERWAY THROUGH AUGUST 13: Fresh, nutritious grab 'n go lunches geared specifically to kids are available at no cost to anyone age 18 and under at Freeport Park from 12:15-12:35 p.m., and John Cline Elementary School from 12:50-1:10 p.m. (No distribution July 4-9 or July 26.) Volunteers are needed to help pack (at Decorah UCC) and distribute meals. Monetary donations are also welcome to help purcahase materials. Volunteer & Donation information is at: <u>decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub</u>

GUATEMALAN BASICS INITIATIVE NEEDS FINANCIAL DONATIONS: The Guatemalan Basics Initiative provides staples to local immigrant families that form an important component of meals for the family. Each set of staples costs about \$90 wholesale and can provide food essentials to a family of four for approximately six weeks. **Give online** by credit/debit card or bank transfer by going to <u>decorahucc.breezechms.com/give/online</u> and selecting "Neighbors Helping Neighbors—Guatemalan Basics Fund" from the dropdown menu. You can also **write a check**, payable to Decorah UCC with "Guatemalan Basics" in the memo line, and send it to Decorah UCC, Box 470, Decorah, IA 52101.

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. 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 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Mon-Tues.

The Church Office will be closed Wed. June 19th for Juneteenth.

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
- Carrie Solberg cancer treatment
- Bonnie Flora recovering at home from chest pain and heart related issues
- Mic Martin recovering from knee surgery

Those in hospice...

- Ed Hover, Eastern Star
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law, Buffalo, NY
- Bob Fahrenkrug, grandfather of Sarah Wicks
- Janet Gall, Eastern Star

Those who grieve...

• Melanie Folkerts and family, as they grieve the death of her aunt Miriam in California

Those who celebrate...

• Aaron and Rachael Palmer, as they return home with baby Iris June from the NICU

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

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

- 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 victimized by the war in Ukraine and in Gaza; for the diplomats, world leaders, and international relief organizations trying to find solutions and stop the violence; for those in harm's way serving the civilian people; pastors, missionaries, medical, and military personnel.
- For all having to journey to new lands as refugees, leaving behind their homes and loved ones; for those who receive them with open arms, taking them into their own homes.
- 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: <u>pastordavid@goodshepherddecorah.org</u> or Tristan/Erica at: <u>office@goodshepherddecorah.org</u>

Sunday Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, June 16: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; "Faith and Doubt" Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Blue Flock

Sunday, June 23: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; "The Other Side" Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Blue Flock All Flock Picnic: Solar Patio and back yard of church following Fellowship Time Wrap-up of Prepare the Way Mini-Campaign

Sunday, June 30: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Blue Flock

Sunday, July 7: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Purple Flock

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF:

Rev. David Wrightsman; Pastor pastordavid@goodshepherddecorah.org 612-599-6911 Brooke Joyce; Music Director Kelli Gapinski; Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Tristan Occhipinti; Office & Building Manager Erica Yaneff; Ministry & Communications Coordinator Mike Sammons; Custodian



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