

# 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



**July 21<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after 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.**

# 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.

## GATHERING

**PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE:** Largo – G. P. Telemann

### WELCOME

#### \*GATHERING AND THANKSGIVING FOR WATER

We praise you, O God, for water...

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for our water stories...

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We remember the waters of Jesus...

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for this font...

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

**We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth...Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #455 "Crashing Waters at Creation"

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,  
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor-dan closed a - round the one fore-told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age — chan - nel to a life made new.  
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

## PSALM 23

**<sup>1</sup> The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.**

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

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

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

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

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

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

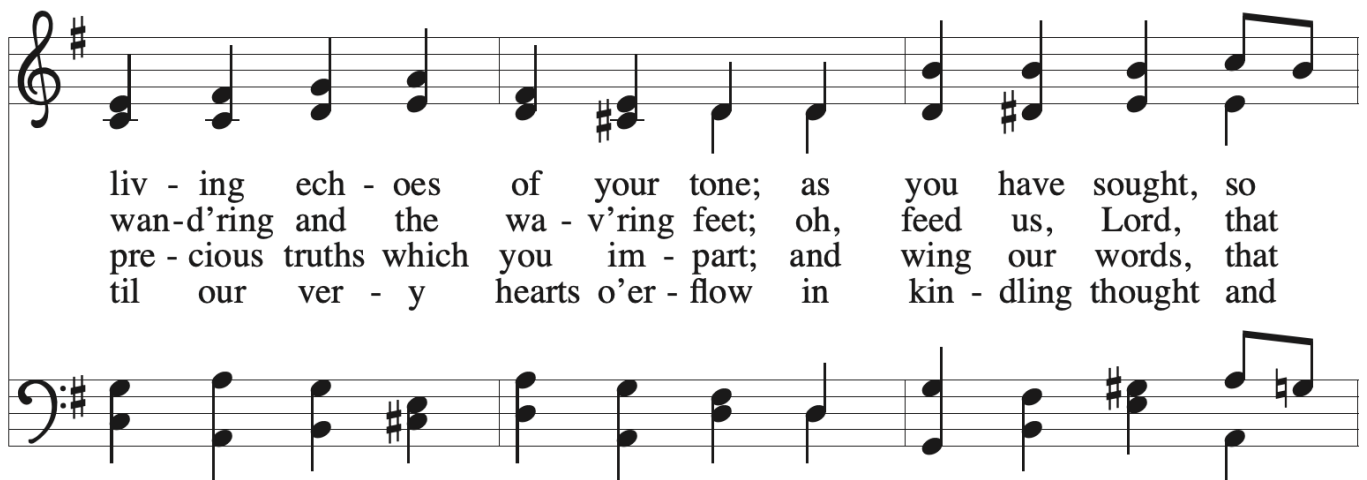
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #676 “Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak”**



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y\_a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

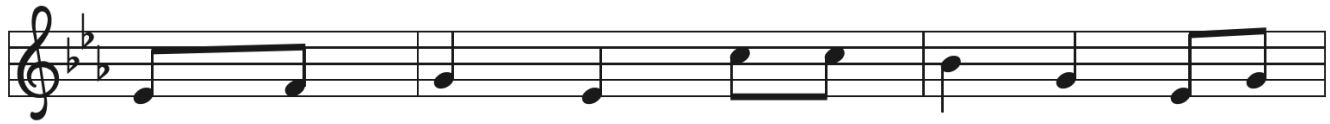
**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE OF CHRIST:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

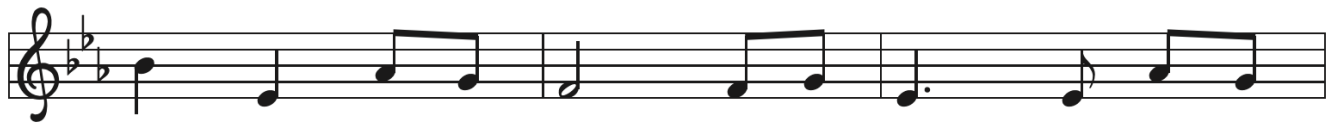
# MEAL

**OFFERING MUSIC:** "Soundscapes" – Anne McGinty

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ACS #966 vs. 1



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the



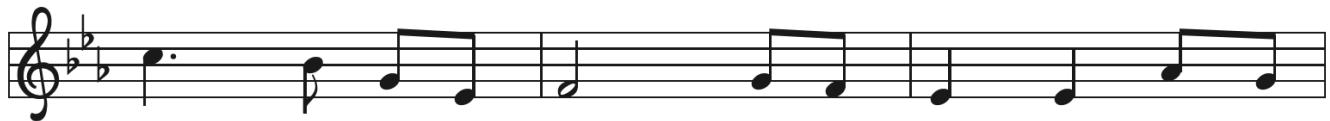
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav' n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise... with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness... into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit... without end. **Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**



## WELCOME TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. 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 over your heart.
- Prepackaged servings of bread and wine are available upon request.
- Place wine/juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.

## COMMUNION SONG:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

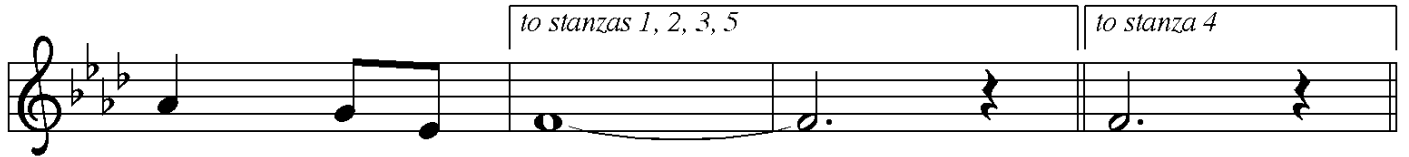
# COMMUNION HYMN: ELW #780 "Shepherd Me, O God"

*Refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Refrain*

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

*Refrain*

Leader or All



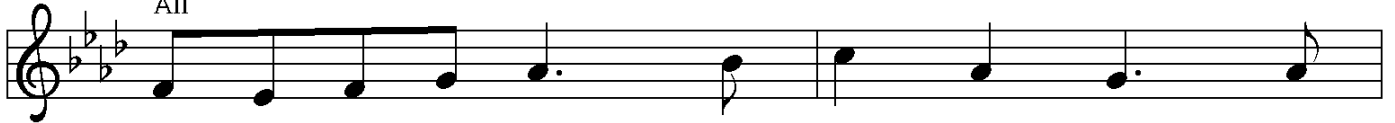
5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



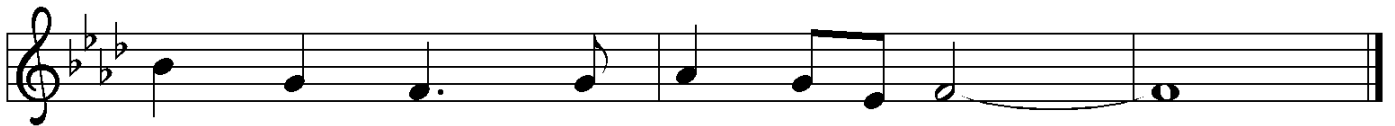
I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

# SENDING

## SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SENDING SONG: ELW #654 "The Church's One Foundation" vs. 1, 2, 3, 5



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



**\*BLESSING:** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in † Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER BELL**

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** A piece by Flor Peeters

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:** PRESIDING: Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; PREACHING: Pastor Allie Scott; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Jonathon Struve; VIOLA: Jessica Trygstad; GREETER, READER, and ASSISTING MINISTER: The Bills family; USHERS: Mike Huinker, Tom Buresh; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; FELLOWSHIP: Lyle and Sue Luzum, Connie and Tom Buresh, Diane Kruse, Laura Barlament, Jerry and JoAnn Aulwes, Cindy and Jeff Ernst.

Thank you to musicians: **Ray Torresdal** and **Julia Wharton** for providing musical offerings during the Offertory today.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CALL COMMITTEE:** Megan Buckingham (Convener), Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland.

**MISSION ASSISTANCE FUNDS NEEDED:** Good Shepherds Mission Assistance Fund is currently depleted. This fund is available to support those who request urgent financial assistance from Good Shepherd. Please consider donating to this fund: in the basket on the table of treats at Fellowship Hour or in the offering plate/mail with "Mission Assistance Fund" designated on the contribution.

**HELP WITH NORDIC FEST KRUMKAKE:** Sign up to help sell Krumkake at the Nordic Fest Booth, "run" bins to keep the booth stocked, demonstrate (in the air-conditioned bank) how to make krumkake, or help bag freshly baked krumkake to be sold. Monies raised from this booth are donated to support projects locally and globally – your help is appreciated.

**MEALTRAIN FOR GS MEMBER LAVERNE RAMSEY:** Dear Good Shepherd Church Family, the family of LaVerne Ramsey is requesting some assistance from her church family to provide 1 evening meal per week for 6 weeks, on Wednesdays, as life has presented some recent challenges. We are honored to share our affection and respect for LaVerne in this way. The MealTrain is accessible through the GS website under "Sign-Ups". If you have any questions, please contact Kris Peterson GS MealTrain organizer (see church directory) or Erica in the GS church office. Thank you so much for your help!

**PRODUCE AND FLOWERS THIS WEEK FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD VEGETABLE AND CUTTING GARDEN:** Come see what's available this week on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall! Freewill donations are very welcome and go directly to the Decorah Community Food Pantry.

**EDUCATION IN RESPONSE TO CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM:** Christian Nationalism is in the news, and in the coming months, there will be a number of opportunities to learn about what it is and how to respond. First, there is a two-part free webinar, "Breaking Point" from Broadleaf Books and Fortress Press: August 1, 6 pm central & August 8, 6 pm central Registration is free at [shorturl.at/MCn3b](https://shorturl.at/MCn3b) . The webinars will be recorded for later access for those who register but cannot attend the live session. Join this conversation to learn how we got here and about how we can respond to extremist movements. In September and October, there will be several Adult Forums to continue the conversation.

**GUATEMALAN BASICS INITIATIVE NEEDS FINANCIAL DONATIONS:** The Guatemalan Basics Initiative provides staples to local immigrant families. Each set costs about \$90 wholesale and can provide food essentials to a family of four for approximately six weeks. **To give and learn more:** [decorahucc.breezechms.com/give/online](https://decorahucc.breezechms.com/give/online)

**PETITION FOR IOWA TO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR KIDS:** The Iowa Hunger Coalition (IHC) is launching an **online petition** to urge Governor Kim Reynolds to take steps to ensure Iowa participates in USDA's **Summer EBT** (Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children), also known as **Sun Bucks**, in 2025. **The goal is to gather 2,500 signatures by Friday, August 2.** Iowans can **sign the petition** and find **additional information** by visiting [iowahungercoalition.org/summer-ebt](https://iowahungercoalition.org/summer-ebt)

- In December 2022, a bipartisan Congress created a new, permanent program (Summer EBT) for States and certain Indian Tribal Organizations, to provide food dollars to low-income families with school-age kids over the summer months.
- Iowa was one of 13 states that **declined to participate in Summer EBT** in 2023, for summer 2024, a decision **strongly opposed by the Iowa Hunger Coalition.**
- The program will provide \$40 per child/month (a total of \$120) in nutrition benefits during the summer to 245,000 children in IA who qualify for free/reduced school meals.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1st, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.** 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 Decorah Community Food Pantry 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

**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 purchase materials. Volunteer & Donation information is at: [decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub](http://decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub)

**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](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org) for more information.

**REMOVAL OF NORTHWOODS ITEMS FROM SANCTUARY:** All Northwoods-themed items can now be removed from the Sanctuary. Many smaller items are currently in Pastor Marion's office and can be picked up during regular office hours, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Monday through Friday, or anytime on Sunday morning. Thank you to everyone who provided items to create a "Northwoods" look this summer in our Sanctuary!

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

*Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM M-F*

*Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM M-Tues.*





# A Message from Bishop Eaton on Political Violence

*For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us (Ephesians 2:14).*

Just a few weeks ago in my June column for *Living Lutheran* I wrote, “I can't think of an election cycle more fraught and divisive than this one. People all across the political spectrum claim that life as we know it is on the line. It's not possible to agree to disagree—one must decide and put a stake in the ground. There is the potential for violence.” That potential is now a reality after last weekend's shooting at a Trump campaign rally that killed Corey D. Comperatore and injured other attendees. I am thankful that former President Trump's injury was minor and pray for his recovery alongside those affected.

I also wrote, “But division and violence don't have to be our inevitable future.” I believe this and that God calls this church to say a definitive “no” to political violence now and in the future. Political violence has a long history but no place in democracy. This church belongs to God, and our unity in Christ is a grace-filled and healing gift in a fractured society. As the ELCA we have theological and community resources to meet this moment through worship, discipleship and civic engagement.

In the face of violence, God's resolve for peace in human communities is unshakable. In proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ's forgiveness, healing and new life, the church addresses the ultimate root of violence. God calls us as church together in this moment to hear and embody this good news by embracing our identity as peacemakers through active civic engagement grounded in our baptismal identity and our institutional witness to foster justice, racial and social equity, reconciliation, and healing with compassion and imagination.

Last weekend's shooting has distressed and destabilized our nation. Political violence breeds fear and can set in motion cycles of violence that will further shatter us.

Consider how, as individuals and communities in our life together, you will:

- Confess and confront the violent tendencies within ourselves and our society.
- Resist use of dehumanizing language about people with different political leanings.
- Build bridges of curiosity and compassion with people who think differently.
- Find ways to cultivate the practices of nonviolence in civic life.

Our inevitable future belongs to God. In this certainty and bound together in Christian hope, consider how you can join me in ongoing prayer and actions for our nation, a peaceful election season, the safety of candidates for office, and a bold and life-giving witness of our church in the time ahead.

# Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

*Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. There are no time constraints to our care for others as we offer their needs up to God.*

*People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.*

## **Those with health concerns:**

- Stephanie Hoff – *awaiting kidney transplant*
- Jutta Anderson – *chordoma, rare cancer of the spine*
- Carrie Solberg – *cancer treatment*
- Karl Knudson – *recovering from a stroke*
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Dennis Martin, *Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law*
- Bob Fahrenkrug, *grandfather of Sarah Wicks*
- Janet Gall
- Harland Nelson
- Millard Nelson, *father of Laurie Biedermann and Linda Martin*
- Renee Scheuerlein, *daughter of Bonnie Flora and sister of Melanie Folkerts*
- Phillip Swanson, *son of Ted & JoAnn Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson*

## **Those who grieve:**

- Charilyn Hover and family, *upon the death of her husband Ed Hover on July 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Those serving the needs of others:**

- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*

*To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Pr. Marion at: [pastormarion@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:pastormarion@goodshepherddecorah.org) or Tristan/Erica at: [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org)*

## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

### **Today, Sunday, July 21: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Youth get home from National Youth Gathering!

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

Gathering & Blessing of the Waters

Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Preaching: Pr. Allie Scott

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

### **Sunday, July 28: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Preaching: Pr. Tom Buresh

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

Investors Banquet for Youth Gathering: 6:30-7:30 pm; Fellowship Hall

**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](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.



**We lament** that the white Church in the United States, through its dominant place in our country's culture and history, has actively constructed, justified, and sustained systems of racial injustice and violence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has marginalized Lutheran Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and communities and perpetuated a patriarchal, monocultural and racially segregated status quo. *(From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019)*

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