

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> – 10<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: “Leola” – Scott Joplin**

**WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #461 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”**

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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**\*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: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " <sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

## **PSALM 145:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>16</sup> You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

<sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>18</sup> **You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before God, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

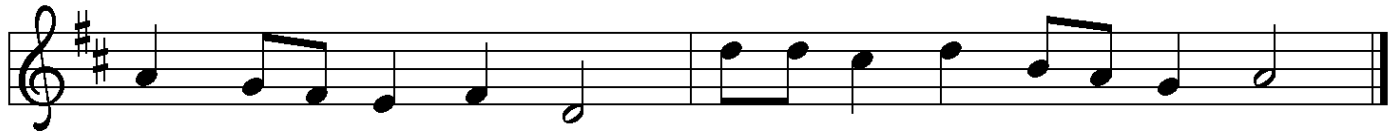
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*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: John 6:1-15**

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

**SERMON**

"What are you looking for?"

Pr. Tom Buresh

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"**

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.  
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

**\*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:** Adagio – Ludwig van Beethoven

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ELW #512 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950  
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson  
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**\*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'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer...

For as often as we eat... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore... to enjoy the tree of life. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon us...the Bread of life, your Son. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory... both now and forever. **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.

# COMMUNION HYMN: ELW #474 "Bread of Life from Heaven"

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass a - way;	set your
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love for you,	gave him -
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells in you;	make your
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de -	clare his death;	eat this

thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en -	dures.	Come,	learn	the	true
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -
bread	and	be -	lieve	Eas -	ter	morn;	trust	his	re -	turn
									and,	with

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952  
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas  
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sat - is - fied;      in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
liv - ing way,      that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
food for you,      that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God,      and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - 'ry breath,      praise the one in whom you are re - born.

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

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

**SENDING**

**SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*SENDING SONG: ELW #547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

**\*BLESSING:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**\*PRAYER BELL**

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "At the Brook" – Edvard Grieg

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:** PRESIDING: Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; PREACHING: Pastor Tom Buresh; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; VIOLA: Jessica Trygstad; USHERS: Mike Huinker, Erik Berg; GREETERS: Lyle and Sue Luzum; READER: Connie Buresh; ASSISTING MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Rolf Svanoë; CANTOR: Melanie Folkerts; FELLOWSHIP: Lyle and Sue Luzum, Connie and Tom Buresh, Kim and Mike Huinker, Brooke Joyce and Jennifer Self, Lisa Beiwel.

**Thanks to Laura Barlament and Kimberly Svanoë for their music this morning, and a big thank you to Jessica Trygstad for her music during the month of July!**

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

**INVESTORS BANQUET TONIGHT!** Join tonight at 6:30-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall to share in treats, and stories from the Youth about their trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The experience was impactful and powerful, so thank you to all for the support in getting them there.

**GROW IN FAITH. HAVE FUN. CHANGE THE WORLD!** Vacation Bible School starts **tomorrow** here at Good Shepherd! Monday through Wednesday, kids and leaders will gather at 5 PM for a light supper, and then enjoy time together learning about God's love and God's plan for the world. All kids entering grades K-6<sup>th</sup> are invited. Please keep the kids and leaders in your prayers over these three exciting and fun-filled days!

**THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's Good Shepherd Krumkake Booth at Nordic Fest a success!** We couldn't have done it without all of you. We are always amazed at the number of people who volunteer in this ministry. Thank you, thank you, *tusen takk!*

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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](https://decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub)

**FOLDING PAPER CRANES: REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA: Tuesday August 6, 2024, 5-7 pm, Phelps Park** (During Decorah's National Night Out) Shelter # 4 (above the fountain). Join Decorah Friends Meeting (Quakers) folding paper cranes while sharing thoughts on building peace and a world without war.

**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)

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

*Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM M-F*

*Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Thursday only*





## Thoughts on Nordic Fest and the Feeding of the 5,000

I love it when the Gospel reading on the Sunday of Nordic Fest is the miracle of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000. It's such a beautiful coincidence, as our community of 8,000 prepares to welcome some 10,000 visitors to town, all of whom are planning to enjoy delicious Norwegian food - Varme Pølse, Rømmegrøt, Kringle, Meatballs, Leafse, Rosettes, Sandbakkels, Lingonberry Ice Cream, and of course, the fabulous Good Shepherd Krumkake! We know that none of that deliciousness appears miraculously. It's the result of hundreds of hours of volunteer labor as people come together to do the mixing and the baking and the rolling and the bagging, and finally offering it to all of the eager visitors who have come to experience the Fest.

What is a bit miraculous is that our small community is able, again and again, to offer such generous welcome and hospitality to so many friends and visitors who join us for those two and half days at the end of July. What is wholly miraculous and wondrous is that our gracious God is continually welcoming all people to take their place at the table of mercy. God's hospitality has no limits. There's always room at the table for more, because there is always more than enough grace for everyone to have their fill.

The feeding of the 5,000 is not just a miracle to be remembered, it is an ongoing event. Each Sunday, bread is broken and wine is poured, and we are fed with Jesus' very life, given and shed for us. So after you go to the Fest, you're invited to come to the Feast which has no end. Looking forward to sharing that great feast of mercy with you this Sunday!

*Pastor Marion*

# 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
- 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:**

- Liz and Jim Fritz and family, upon the death of Liz's mother Janet Gall on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 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)*

# Good Shepherd Events Schedule

## **Today, 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

## **Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd:** July 29-31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 PM-7:30 PM

## **Sunday, August 4:** *11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

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

## **Sunday, August 11:** *12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

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

**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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