

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 7th – 7th 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: “Courante” – J. S. Bach

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...

Holy and gracious God,

We confess that we have sinned against you.

Some of our sin we know—

the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—

but some is known only to you.

In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore us, that we may know your peace.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child...

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

***GATHERING HYMN:** ELW #796 “How Firm a Foundation”

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***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: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

PSALM 146

¹ Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³ Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on

my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13**

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

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two

tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #576 “We All Are One in Mission”**

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

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to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

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

MEAL

OFFERING MUSIC

***OFFERING SONG:** ACS #966 vs. 3

3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in

faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the

a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"

Refrain

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.

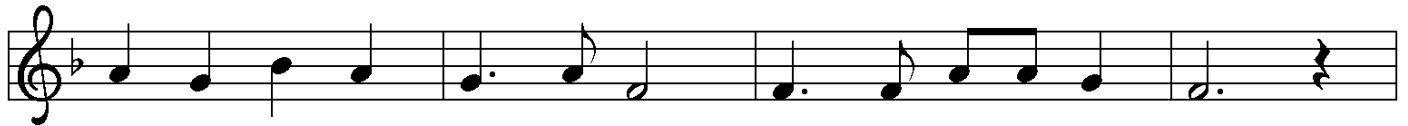
Lift up your hearts.

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,



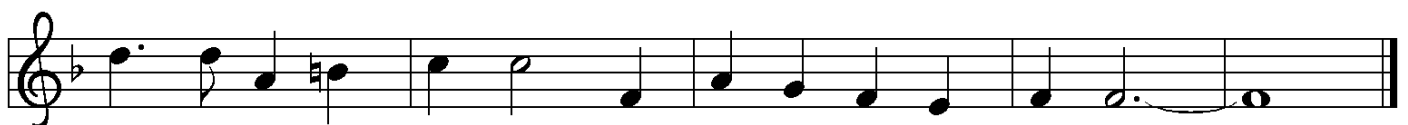
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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.

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

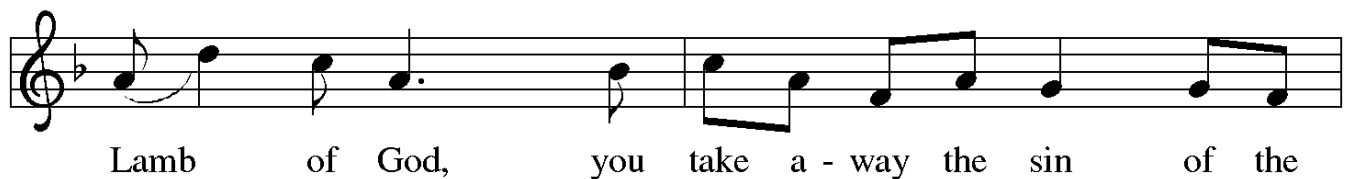
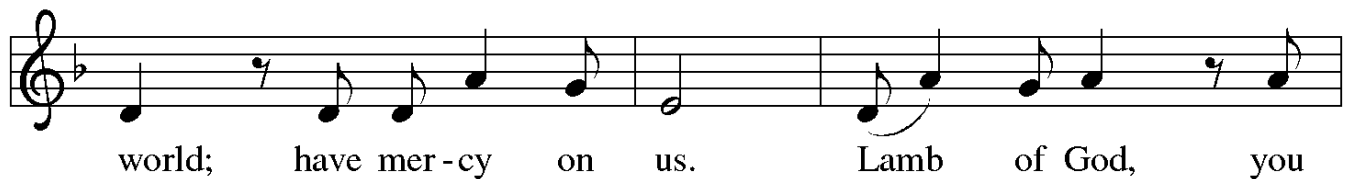
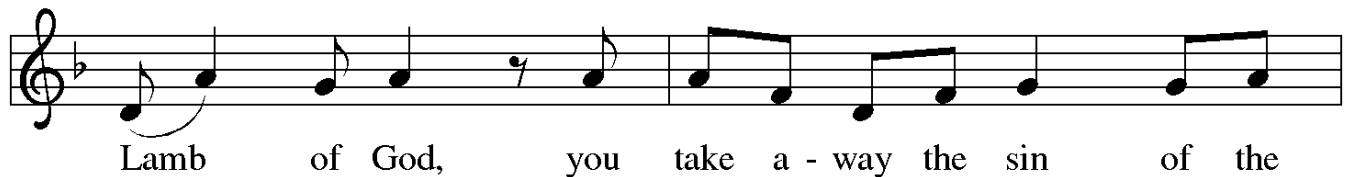
Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

WELCOME TO COMMUNION

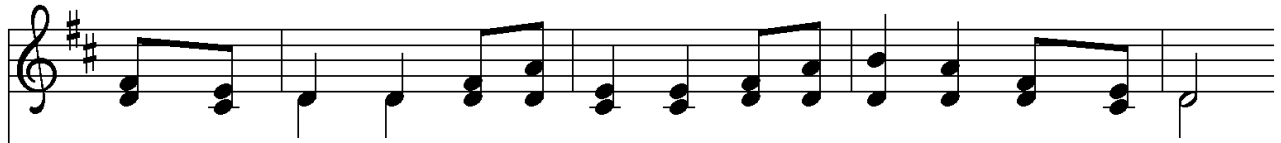
All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you down the center aisle.

- *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 SONGS: Lamb of God, ELW p. 201



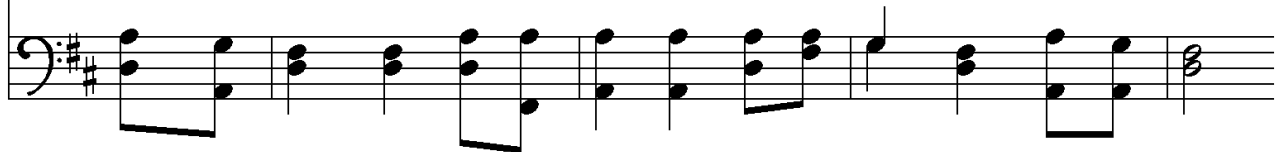
ELW #807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



ACS #967 "This is Christ's Body"

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

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*TABLE BLESSING

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

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING:

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds in ☩ Christ Jesus. Amen.

*SENDING SONG: ELW #538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

*PRAYER BELL

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

POSTLUDE: "The Sycamore" – Scott Joplin

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PREACHING & PRESIDING: Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **VIOLA:** Jessica Trygstad; **GREETER:** Diane Kruse; **USHERS:** Dave Siefken, Connie Buresh; **CANTOR:** Karin Martin-Hiner; **READER:** Megan Buckingham; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Tom Buresh; **FELLOWSHIP:** Connie and Tom Buresh, Diane Kruse, Dave and Jan Siefken, Lyle and Sue Luzums. **Thank you to Hallie Johnson for singing!**

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.

IT'S KRUMKAKE TIME! All ages are invited to participate and **no experience is necessary** to help in the mixing and baking. Baking days are July 14-20 plus a gluten free day on the 8th. Sign up outside the Sanctuary to help bake Krumkake in the coming weeks.

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.

THANK YOU to all of us for supporting the *Prepare the Way* mini-campaign! We surpassed our dollar goal and had many contributors. We are indeed moving forward!

AV STAFF NEEDED: 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.** Those interested, please reach out to Erica or Tristan in the office.

WRITE NOTES TO GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH: Each night of the trip to the Youth Gathering, the 12 Good Shepherd Youth attending the trip will break into small groups for reflection time. We invite all to write a note or card to be shared with them during this time as a note from their home community. There are cards, pens, and a collection envelope in the Gathering Space. Reach out to Erica in the office with any questions or additional messages to send along.

WE ARE SADDENED to share the news that former member of Good Shepherd, Louise Duwe, has passed away. Services for Louise will be held in Mason City next Saturday, July 13th. For further information, see goodshepherddecorah.org/louise-duwe-obituary

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:

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

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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTH attending the National Youth Gathering! Here are the major dates for the trip to follow along:

- Sunday, July 14: Blessing of the youth attending the trip during Sunday Worship
- Monday, July 15: Youth leave from Decorah Lutheran Church at 4:30 PM
- Tuesday, July 16-20: National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
- Sunday, July 21: Youth arrive home!
- Sunday, July 28: Save the date! 6:30 pm for the investors banquet where youth will share reflections from the trip and yummy desserts.

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

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

MARA HOLLAND AND ANNALISE SKRADE RECEIVE NORTHEASTERN IOWA

WELCA SCHOLARSHIPS: At the 36th annual Northeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Gathering on June 15 at Redeemer Lutheran in Waverly, Good Shepherd members Annalise Skrade and Mara Holland each received a \$600 scholarship toward their higher education. Congratulations!

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.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: LUTHERANS TALK ABOUT GOD, SEX, AND POLITICS (OH MY!) WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Pulpit Rock Brewing

Company or **THURSDAY, JULY 11, 10:30 a.m.- noon, The Landing** All are

welcome at this year's Summer Book Club! Sponsored by First Lutheran, Decorah Lutheran, and Good Shepherd, discussions will be led by Pastor Peter Kowitz, Decorah Lutheran, and Pastors Mike Wilker and David Severtson, First Lutheran.

- The July book selection is Tina Schermer Sellers' *Dialogues On: Sexuality*, available from Amazon or Augsburg Fortress. You can attend the Wednesday evening and/or Thursday morning discussions!
- The August book selection is *Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing* by Pastor Dennis Jacobsen (meeting on August 21-22). Copies of the August book are available at First Lutheran's church office for \$10 and in several formats on Amazon.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: *Tristan:* 9 AM – 12 PM M-W, F
 Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM M-Tues.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

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
- Ed Hover
- 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*
- Paul Swanson, *son of Ted & JoAnn Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson*

Those who grieve:

- The family and friends of Louise Duwe, who died June 14th, 2024, in Mason City

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 or Tristan/Erica at: office@goodshepherddecorah.org

Sunday Worship Schedule

Today, 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

Krumkake Sunday

Sunday, July 14: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Sending/Blessing for Sr. High students attending the National Youth Gathering

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

Krumkake baking begins in Fellowship Hall: 2:00 pm

Sunday, July 21: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Youth get home from National Youth Gathering!

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

Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Preaching: Pr. Allie Scott

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