

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



August 18th – 13th 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: “Heather” – Claude Debussy

The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #845 “Voices Raised to You We Offer”

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

***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

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:9-20

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³Then he heard a voice saying, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ¹⁴But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.' ¹⁵The voice said to him again, a second time, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁶This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. ¹⁸They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. ¹⁹While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Look, three men are searching for you. ²⁰Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.'

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 13:33-35**

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

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

***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

***OFFERING SONG:** ELW #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



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.

***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

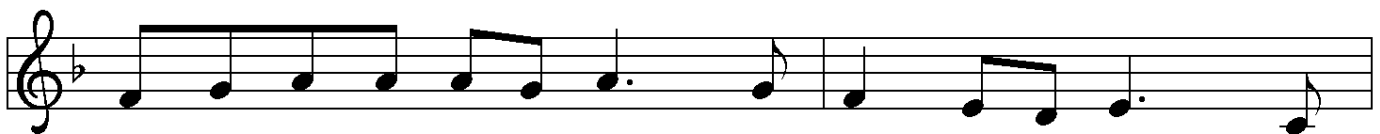
Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

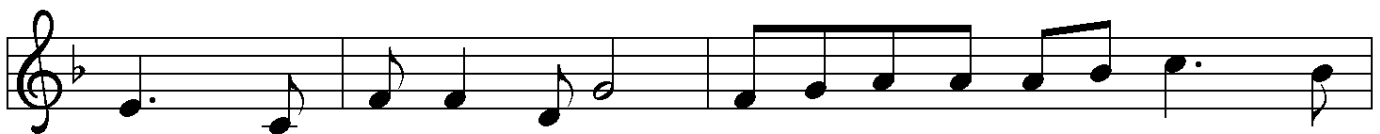
COMMUNION HYMNS:



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.

ELW #491 "Come, Let Us Eat"

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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ELW #472 "Eat This Bread"

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass clef. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains two lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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***TABLE BLESSING**

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

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG:** ELW #494 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.
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***BLESSING:**

May God bless you and keep you.
May God' face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May God look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

***PRAYER BELL**

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

POSTLUDE: “The Ragtime Dance” – Scott Joplin

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PRESIDING/PREACHING: Reverend Allie Scott; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; USHERS: Tim Lecander, Germano Streese; READER: Dick Ylvisaker; ASSISTING MINISTER: Wanda Deifelt; CANTOR: Karin Martin-Hiner; FELLOWSHIP: Germano Streese, Wanda Deifelt, Dianne Burke, June Melby, Bethany Volz, and Hayley Jackson.

Thanks to Mikayla Hiner, Gwenyth Thompson, and Karl Wicks for their music this morning!

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

From Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson:

Beloved of God,

Thank you very much for giving me the beautiful pottery pitcher created by George Lowe. When Martha and Kris presented it to me on Monday, I was so moved. As I lifted it out of the box, I was immediately struck by its graceful shape, and the luminous appearance of the amber glaze. It is such a generous and thoughtful gift and I will treasure it always.

I am deeply grateful for the time I've been able to serve as your pastor. It has been an honor and a joy to share in ministry with all of you.

With a full heart,

Pr. Marion

MINISTRY SITE PROFILE SUBMITTED AND AVAILABLE: The Good Shepherd Call Committee has officially submitted our Ministry Site Profile to the Synod. The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is intended for use by congregations to help potential candidates understand the congregation. The next step in the Pastoral Call Process is awaiting names and rostered minister profiles of pastors that are interested from the Synod. Copies of the Good Shepherd Ministry Site Profile are available on the website under "About" and in the Gathering Space.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Next Sunday, August 25th All students, educators, and those who support them in their work are welcome to bring backpacks, school bags, briefcases, computer cases, etc. to be blessed at worship.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE AND SCHOOL

KITS: With school supplies currently on sale and Decorah city-wide garage sales coming up on September 14, now is a perfect time to pick up gently used items for LWR Baby Care Kits and new items for School Kits. For a list of supplies needed, go to page 6 of the August newsletter. The donation box for all supplies is in the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact **Gail Judisch** at **563-380-7276** regarding Baby Care Kits or **Bev Sheridan** at **563-608-3272** about School Kits.

YOUTH/CHILDREN PROGRAMMING: Youth & Children Sunday programming is looking forward to another year of Sunday School and more. We request that all children/youth have a registration form completed prior to the start of programming. Copies are on the bulletin board in the hallway and available online under "Ministries". More information about the year ahead is coming soon, but in the meantime, if you are a person over the age of 6th grade and are interested in getting involved with Sunday School or any youth/children programming, please reach out to the Office.

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.

LUTHERANS TALK ABOUT GOD, SEX, AND POLITICS (OH MY!) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Pulpit Rock Brewing Company and THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 10:30 a.m.- noon, The Landing - All are welcome at this final Summer Book Club! 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.

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

MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. -

EMOTIONAL EMPOWERMENT: TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR

FEELINGS, presented by Petrina Eger. The workshops are sponsored by and take place at the Center for Belonging Folk School, run by Good Shepherd friend Liz Rog, 1591 Manawa Trail Road, Decorah.

CELEBRATE GLOBAL UNITY AT NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD'S GLOBAL CHURCH TOGETHER FESTIVAL: SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City. Embark on a vibrant journey of faith and culture at the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Global Church Together Festival! This event is sponsored by the synod's Global Church Together Network and offers a unique opportunity to experience God's work worldwide. **Registration is \$10 per person**, which includes lunch. For more information and to register online, go to neiasynod.org/2024/06/global-festival/ More information is also available in the Gathering Space.

MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE UPDATE: Pastor David Severtson, First Lutheran Church Associate Pastor, has graciously agreed to serve as our Good Shepherd **emergency on-call pastor** from **August 15–22**. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call the Good Shepherd church office at **382-3963**, and staff members **Erica** and **Tristan** will provide Pastor David's contact information. If you call after office hours, this information will be on the office voice mail. Good Shepherd member **Pastor Stacey Nalean-Carlson** will serve **August 23–25, presiding and preaching on August 25**.

AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM FOR SANCTUARY AND HALLWAYS PROVIDES CLEANER AIR: From members **Jim** and **Liz Fritz**: *We want you all to know that during the Good Shepherd Carbon Neutral Initiative, Mission Green installed a **new air purification system** for the Sanctuary and adjacent hallways. This air purifier is industrial grade and sized appropriately for the spaces. It uses everything from carbon filtration to UVLED and more. It is housed in the same air handler that also holds the steam humidifier and the 15 kW backup resistive heater for the Sanctuary.*

*If you'd like to know more about the capabilities of the air purification system, you can read about it at ultravation.com/synergy/ . This is the exact same system that was installed at Good Shepherd. It's several steps above the MERV filters we had in our rooftop units. **Much more purification, important as COVID raises concerns.***

THANK YOU TO OUR PAINT CREW! Thanks to **Bob Felde, Dave Geenen, Steve Holland, Jane Jakoubek, Mary Klimesh** and **Bob Larson** for being a part of the great painting crew on August 8 that painted two sides of the Annex and Mower Shed. Thanks to **Bob Wilson** who helped **Reg Laursen** prep the buildings on August 7. Great job!

WINNESHIEK COUNTY LUTHERANS EARTH'S CLIMATE CRISIS GROUP: PRAY, STUDY, & ACT. Wednesdays, Sept. 4 – Oct. 9, 5:30-6:30 P.M. Via Zoom: Join Winneshiek County Lutherans to pray, study, and act together faithfully and courageously to respond to Earth's Climate Crisis. First Lutheran Pastor Mike Wilker will lead the prayer and study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m., using a study guide developed by ELCA Hunger ministries and an ELCA statement written chiefly by the Rev. Dr. Jim Martin-Schramm, Luther College Professor Emeritus of Religion and member of First Lutheran.

THANK YOU TO RPEG LAURSEN for reinstalling the information sheet describing the crosses and baptismal font located in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks Reg!

DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: The Decorah Community Food Pantry is on track to distribute over 300,000 pounds of food to northeast Iowa neighbors this year. More than half of that food is rescued from local stores that would otherwise end up in the landfill. **Shelf-stable food items** needed at this time include all varieties of pasta, canned vegetables and fruit, canned soup, canned meat (fish, chicken, pork), all varieties of cereal, sugar, flour, and cooking oil. **Non-food items** include toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, and dish soap.

- Items can be dropped off at 110 Railroad Street in donation boxes outside the building.
- **The best way to donate financially** is to write a check to "Decorah Community Food Pantry" and mail it to PO Box 26, Decorah, IA 52101.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM Monday-Friday

Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Monday-Tuesday

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*
- 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*
- Harley Refsal – *moved to Eastern Star care facility*

Those who grieve:

- Liz and Jim Fritz and family, upon the death of Liz's mother Janet Gall on July 20th.
- Charilyn Hover and family, upon the death of her husband Ed Hover on July 11th.
- Our condolences to Brooke Joyce and his family on the death of his cousin, Sister Mary Thomas. (1933-2024) Several years ago, Brooke led an adult forum where he shared with us about her extraordinary life of service and creativity. Thanks be to God for Sister Mary Thomas. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Those serving the needs of others:

- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*
- Kathryn Thompson as she starts her call at LuMin in LaCrosse and that the Conference of Bishops approves her request for an exception to be ordained without the usual time in a parish.

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Tristan/Erica at: office@goodshepherddecorah.org

Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, August 18: *13th Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Presiding/Preaching: Rev. Allie Scott

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

Sunday, August 25: *14th Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Blessing of the Backpacks in worship

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Stacey Nalean-Carlson

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

Sunday, September 1: *15th Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Red 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 trust in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

We commit to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (Galatians 5:22)

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF:

Brooke Joyce; *Music Director*
Tristan Occhipinti; *Office & Building Manager*
Erica Yaneff; *Ministry & Communications Coordinator*
Mike Sammons; *Custodian*



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