

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 4th – 11th 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: “Now We Join in Celebration” – G. P. Telemann

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 #880 “O God, Beyond All Praising”



1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

***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: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

PSALM 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the | clouds above
and opened the | doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon | them to eat
and giving them | grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the | bread of angels;
God provided for them | food enough.

²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon | them like dust
and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst | of the camp
and round a- | bout the dwellings.**

²⁹**So the people ate and | were well filled,
for God gave them | what they craved.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

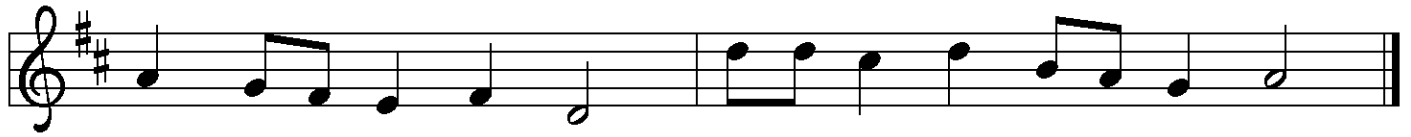
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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 6:24-35**

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

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #462 "Now We Join in Celebration"**

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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***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: "Garden Song" – David Mallett

***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.

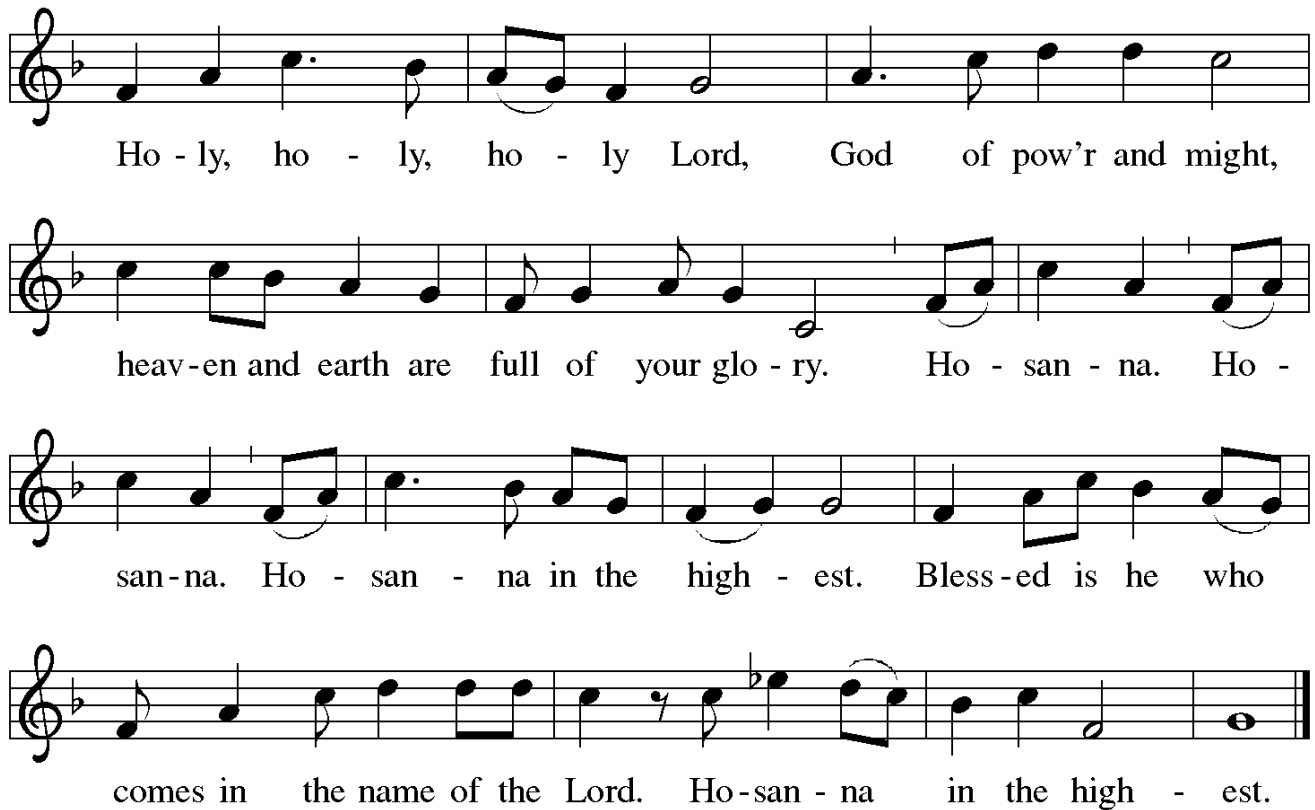
Lift up your hearts.

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 #479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"


1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
 To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
 not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

ELW #465 "As the Grains of Wheat"


Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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Music: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT, Mary Haugen
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*TABLE BLESSING

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


SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SENDING SONG: ACS #1062 "Build A Longer Table"



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.

Text: David Brédas, b. 1984
Music: NOÛL NOÛVELLET, French, ca. 1984
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Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

***BLESSING:**

Lord God, we who do new things sometimes feel afraid, **so make us brave.**

We who live this life as a full gift from you, are often challenged, **so make us authentic.**

We who serve others are sometimes held back, **so make us free.**

We who trouble the systems of this world as it is, invite anger, **so make us disruptive.**

Now send us out, created to be your disciples in the world; **may we tell the story of your love.**

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: "Eugenia" – Scott Joplin

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PRESIDING/PREACHING:

Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; USHERS: Karla Erdman, Lindsay Erdman; READER: Bethany Volz; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Kemp; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; FELLOWSHIP: Bethany Volz, Cheri Lane, Germano Streese, Karla Erdman, Mic and Linda Martin.

Thanks to Miky Hiner for her music this morning!

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIC AND LINDA MARTIN who are celebrating their **50th wedding anniversary!** We rejoice with you in the love you have shared, and pray for God's continued blessings on you and your family. To help them celebrate, please join them for cake during Fellowship Hour! *The flower arrangements shared in church today were joyfully given by their family. Red roses and pink carnations were flowers in Linda's wedding bouquet.*

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 FROM THE FAMILY OF ED HOVER: My daughters and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Good Shepherd family for everything you have done during Ed's time at Eastern Star. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity of providing meals, calls, prayer shawls, visits, and prayers during this difficult time. The Good Shepherd community meant a lot to Ed. He enjoyed the fellowship along with supporting the church in any way he could. It gave him great pleasure to provide fresh produce from the garden on Sunday mornings. We are truly blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd loving and caring community. - *Charilyn, Sarah, Stephanie, Joanna, and Jane*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THE SOWER AND THE SEED: Our annual Vacation Bible School was held this past week, Monday - Wednesday. The kids had a great time! They enjoyed delicious kid-friendly meals, lovingly prepared by our dedicated "VBS Chefs," Ann Naslund and Kris Peterson. The children were divided into three age-appropriate groups, which were led by the Shepherds, Laura Barlament, Jillian Volz, and Kelli. After dinner, they rotated between four different activities: Music, led by Brooke Joyce; Games and Movement, led by friend of the congregation and Luther College senior, Jacob Wenger; Arts and Crafts, led by Harriet Hayes; and Story Time, led by Vicky Harris, a recent Luther graduate and friend of Good Shepherd. Our music intern, Jessica Trygstad also helped with all the activities. There were 13 children total ranging from kindergarten to 5th grade. They all had lots of fun and learned about the "Sower and the Seed" parable. Many thanks go to everyone who was able to make this a success! Please stop and take a look at the VBS posters on the west wall of the sanctuary.

TUSEN TAKK TO ALL KRUMKAKE VOLUNTEERS! Total sales this year were \$4,745, with 10% of that returned to the Nordic Fest Board. *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 for this ministry. Thank you, thank you, tusen takk!* - Bev Sheridan and Ann Naslund, this year's Krumkake co-chairs

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 8, 6 pm central** Registration is free at 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 three Adult Forums to continue the conversation.

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

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.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: 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! 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. 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. Copies of the August book are available at First Lutheran's church office for \$10 and in several formats on Amazon.

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

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: *Tristan:* 9 AM – 12 PM Thursday-Friday
 Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Monday-Tuesday
The office will be closed on Wednesday.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

Created to Be....Brave, Authentic, Free, Disruptive, Disciples

On Sunday evening, July 28th, about 50 of us gathered in the Fellowship to enjoy ice cream sundaes and to hear the stories from the students who attended the Gathering in New Orleans. Our 12 young people, along with our Youth and Family Director, Kelli, were part of the 97 youth and chaperones who attended from Decorah. They joined a total of 16,000 young people from across the ELCA, coming from as far south as Puerto Rico, and as far north as Alaska.

It was a joy and a delight to hear the kids talk about each of the five days of the Gathering. They shared what some of their favorite activities were, and talked about how much they enjoyed the evening gatherings with bands and inspirational speakers.

The adults who supported these young people were eager to ask questions, and to share their own experiences of attending youth gatherings way back in the 1950s! What a long and wonderful tradition the ELCA as it regularly hosts the largest youth gatherings from across all the mainline protestant denominations.

We closed the evening with a beautiful prayer that we will share in worship today.

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*

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

From Clara Knutson: *Karl is doing much better. We would like to thank our Good Shepherd family for your prayers, love and good wishes; for phone calls and cards and food and driving us to the appointments, and for countless help that we cannot list. We greatly appreciate all of you and all the help which you gave us. We love you all.*

Good Shepherd Events Schedule

Today, Sunday, August 4: 11th 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: 12th 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 18: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Melissa Bills

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

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 publicly declare that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships. (*Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6*)

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