

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



September 22nd – 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Jazz Worship

Today in worship we center the sounds and stories of Black American music. We'll sing familiar hymns and liturgy in new ways that reflect the history of the spirituals, New Orleans second line, and traditional and modern jazz. In this music, we hear hope and lamentation, joy and dance, and the cultural imperative towards community, self-expression and creativity. In a society that violently suppressed individual freedom through enslavement and Jim Crow segregation, Black American music was both a means of survival and a form for expression of the deep spiritual need to express one's whole self. In bringing this music to worship in a predominantly white church, we challenge and reject the expressions of white supremacy that emphasize Eurocentric cultural traditions as superior to all others. By singing Black American music in worship we unequivocally lift up and celebrate the full humanity of Americans of African descent and all people.

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 in the Pews

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - red book

All Creation Sings (ACS) - purple book

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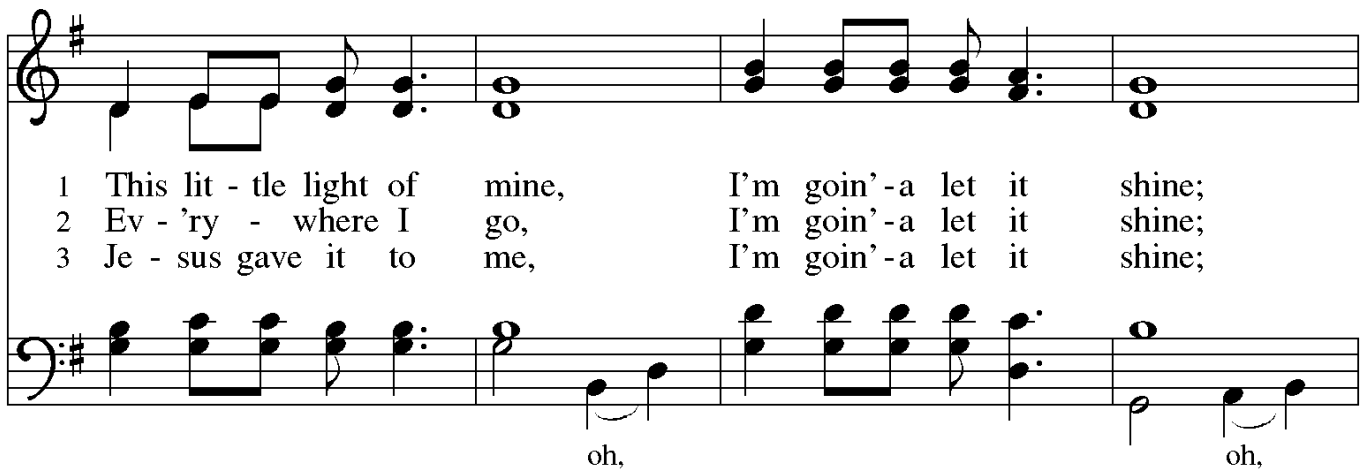
GATHERING

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Traditional

In the New Orleans jazz funeral tradition, “Just A Closer Walk With Thee” is often performed as a slow dirge by dozens of brass players and marching percussionists as the casket of the deceased is taken from the church to the cemetery. After the burial, the musicians and the family lead a street parade with upbeat celebratory music. The procession is followed by the “second line”, which includes mourners and anyone else who joins in to dance and move along with the assembly.

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #677 “This Little Light of Mine”



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

***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.**

***KYRIE:**

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son

Christ - - e E - le i - son.

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son

Christ - - e E - le i - son.



***GLORY TO GOD:**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let Us Pray... Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

PSALM 54: sing once through refrain

Refrain





¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is good.

⁷**For you have rescued me from | every trouble,**
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

Psalm refrain sung by all

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will

flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. - Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le -

lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

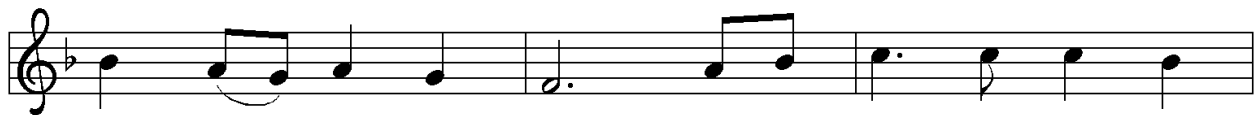
*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #641 "All Are Welcome"



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

***APOSTLE'S CREED:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Con Alma" by Dizzy Gillespie

Dizzy Gillespie's "Con Alma" is a composition that first appeared on Dizzy's 1954 album Afro. "Con Alma" is a Spanish phrase which means "with soul". The music is notable for its frequent changes in key center while maintaining a singable melody. It also features Dizzy's ongoing fascination with the intersection of jazz harmony and melody with Afro-Caribbean rhythms.

***OFFERTORY SONG:** "He's Got the Whole World"

- 1. He's got the whole world in his hands. (Sing three times) He's got the whole world in his hands.*
- 2. She's got the wind and the rain in her hands...She's got the whole world in her hands.*
- 3. They've got the little tiny baby in their hands. . . They've got the whole world in their hands.*

4. *God's got you and me, brother, in God's hands. . . God's got the whole world in God's hands.*
5. *He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . He's got the whole world in his hands.*
6. *She's got everybody here in her hands. . . She's got the whole world in her hands.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING—THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your he - arts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give th - anks to the Lord our God.

It is___ right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord. (sing 2x)

God of pow'r and might Oh heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est ho - ly Lord. (sing 2x)

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the
name, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est ho - ly Lord. (sing 2x)

***LORD'S PRAYER:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you.*

- *Worshippers are welcome to kneel or stand at the Altar Rail*
- *Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.*
- *Egg-free wheat wafers are also available*
- *If you prefer only a blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.*
- *Place wine/juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God, Ailabouni arr.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin
of the world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

2.

us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the
world. Grant us peace. Oh grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW #483 "Here Is Bread"

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.

In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG: ELW #843 "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"**

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “This Little Light of Mine” by Harry Dixon Loes

The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!

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

Pastor April Ulring Larson; JAZZ MUSICIANS: Jon Ailabouni, trumpet & worship music leader; Nick Zielinski, drums; Ellie Hoehne, vocalist; Michael Van Meter, bass; Brooke Joyce, piano; USHERS: Ed Epperly, Liz Fritz; GREETER: Rebecca Hanna; READER: Jim Fritz; ASSISTING MINISTER: Marv Slind; FELLOWSHIP: Tim and Melanie Folkerts, Marilyn and Al Anderson, Marv Slind, and Jim and Liz Fritz.

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

TODAY’S ADULT FORUM—INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: Come

hear Luther College Professor of History and Good Shepherd member Brian Caton talk about his personal experience of growing up in an area where Christian Nationalism was developing, then join in a conversation led by Good Shepherd member Lyle Otte on Christian Nationalism. This is the first of three Adult Forums based on the ELCA study guide *We Are Christians Against Christian Nationalism*. Copies of the study guide can be printed upon request to the Church Office, will be available at the forum, or can be downloaded at goodshepherddecorah.org/elca-christian-nationalism

PICNIC THANK YOU: From the Outreach and Hospitality Committee: *Our hearts are filled with gratitude after the Welcome Friends and Neighbors Community Picnic here at Good Shepherd. It was a joy to connect with people new and familiar, and gather outside (in the wasp-free shade!) and inside to enjoy the bounty set before us by our community. Thank you to all involved and to all who were able to join this year! It is amazing to see the ways the community comes together to make sure all feel welcomed and full at the end of the night. Approximately 175 people attended the Picnic!*

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEGAN BUCKINGHAM AND BRIAN HIESTER: Welcome to the world, Benjamin Robert Hiester Buckingham, born Friday, September 13, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces. All are doing well!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHRYN THOMPSON AND SARA HANSSEN:

Welcome to the world, Arthur Glen Thompson, born September 1, weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces. He joins big sister Greta and all are doing well!

MEALTRAIN TO WELCOME BABY: Congratulations to Megan Buckingham and Brian Hiester on the birth of their infant son Benjamin! Their Good Shepherd Church family and friends are excited for the opportunity to share meals with them in this time of celebration and growth as a family of three. The sign-up is accessible on the Church Website under "Sign-Ups".

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE AND SCHOOL

KITS: For a list of supplies needed, go to page 6 of the August newsletter. For baby care kits, we could especially use cloth diapers, soap (4 oz bars), receiving blankets, and infant sleepers. 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.

ASSEMBLE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - All are welcome to come and help assemble LWR school kits this evening, prior to the *Gather* Bible study at 7:00 p.m. According to **Bev Sheridan**, there are enough supplies to make **80 school kits!**

EAT, PLAY, LOVE: We're trying something new in this new season! Come spend some time with other Good Shepherd families on the **third Sunday of each month** for a potluck and some playtime. There's no agenda or program - just time for fun and connection with other families of Good Shepherd. Bring a dish to pass (and if you can't, there's always more than enough to go around) and join us at Phelps Park on **September 22 any time after 4:30 p.m.** If you have any questions, reach out to Allie Scott (**920-203-1352**) or Sonya Geenen (**309-912-8979**).

SEPTEMBER GATHER BIBLE STUDY: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - All are welcome! **Ann Naslund** will lead the Bible study and provide refreshments. Contact **Bev Sheridan** if you need a copy of the *Gather* Bible study.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR APRIL: Weekly Bible Study has moved to **Tuesdays, 9:15–10:30 am** in the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall. Pastor April leads this study and discussion of the weekly Sunday scripture readings.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MILLARD NELSON: The memorial service for Millard Nelson will be at **West Clermont Lutheran Church** on **Saturday, September 28th** at 11:30 am. Visitation will also be at the church in Clermont on Friday, September 27th from 5 to 7, and on Saturday the 28th beginning at 10:00am.

ADULT FORUM NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: ADULT FORUM: GRACE-FILLED CONVERSATIONS ON DIFFICULT TOPICS: Come join others interested in learning about ways to engage in difficult conversations at this second Adult Forum on Christian Nationalism. Good Shepherd member Jane Jakoubek will draw on resources from the ELCA study guide *We Are Christians Against Christian Nationalism* and share other skills that promote grace-filled conversations. Copies of the study guide can be printed upon request to the Church Office, will be available at the forum, or can be downloaded at goodshepherddecorah.org/elca-christian-nationalism

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS:

Sunday, September 29th, we will commemorate the September 30th National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools. Congregation members are invited to wear orange to show support for our Indigenous siblings. More than 34,000 children were taken from their families and tribal communities and forced to adopt the language, clothing, customs and life-styles of the white American settlers. The trauma that these children and their descendants experienced continues to this day. For more information, see the Truth and Healing pages on the ELCA website.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM Monday-Friday

Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Wednesday-Thursday

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:

- Scott Ulring
- Phillip Swanson, son of Ted & Joann Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson
- Renee Scheuerlein, daughter of Bonnie Flora and sister of Melanie Folkerts
- Harland Nelson
- Bob Fahrenkrug, grandfather of Sarah Wicks
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson
- Stephanie Hoff

Those who grieve:

- Norma Refsal and family, upon the death of her husband Harley Refsal on Sunday, September 8th.
- Laurie Biedermann, Linda Martin, and all the family of Millard Nelson upon his death on Saturday, September 7th.
- Denise and Matt Tapscott and family, upon the death of Denise's mother Evelyn Ford on August 25th.
- Jeff and Cindy Ernst and family, upon the death of Jeff's mother Darlene on August 19th.
- Charilyn Hover and family, upon the death of her husband Ed Hover on July 11th.

Those serving the needs of others through the Church:

- 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, September 22: *18th Sunday after Pentecost;* *Jazz Service*

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

Adult Forum: Christian Nationalism; 11:00 am; Gathering Space

Eat, Play, Love Potluck and Playtime: 4:30 pm; Phelps Park

Sunday, September 29: *19th 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

Adult Forum: Christian Nationalism; 11:00 am; Gathering Space

Sunday, October 6: *20th 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; Orange 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)

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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