

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 29th – 19th 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-ELW (red book)

Behold, I Make All Things New Liturgy (blue booklet)

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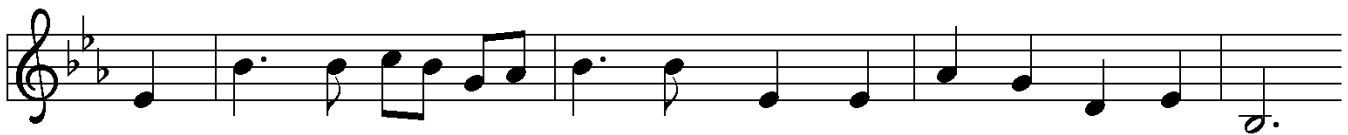
GATHERING

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: Sonata I – Johann Störl

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 #580 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

***GREETING – KYRIE:**

REFRAIN: ALL



- cy up - on us.

Chri-ste e - le - i - son. Christ, have mer-

- cy up - on us.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. (to Refrain)

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. (to Refrain)

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. (to Refrain)

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ALL:

A - men. A - - - - - men. *rit.*

HYMN OF PRAISE:

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

(low voices) (high voices) (low voices) (high voices)
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Wor-thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bles-sing, and



glo-ry are his. This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry



for our God. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and, join in the hymn of all cre -



a - tion. Bles-sing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev -



- er, A-men. This is the fea - st of vic-to-ry for our God.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. For the



lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign, Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the fea - st of vic-to-ry for our God. This is the
 feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu -
 ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that

was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

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

PSALM 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | jice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in
your sight,
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one

another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



***GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:38-50**

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

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

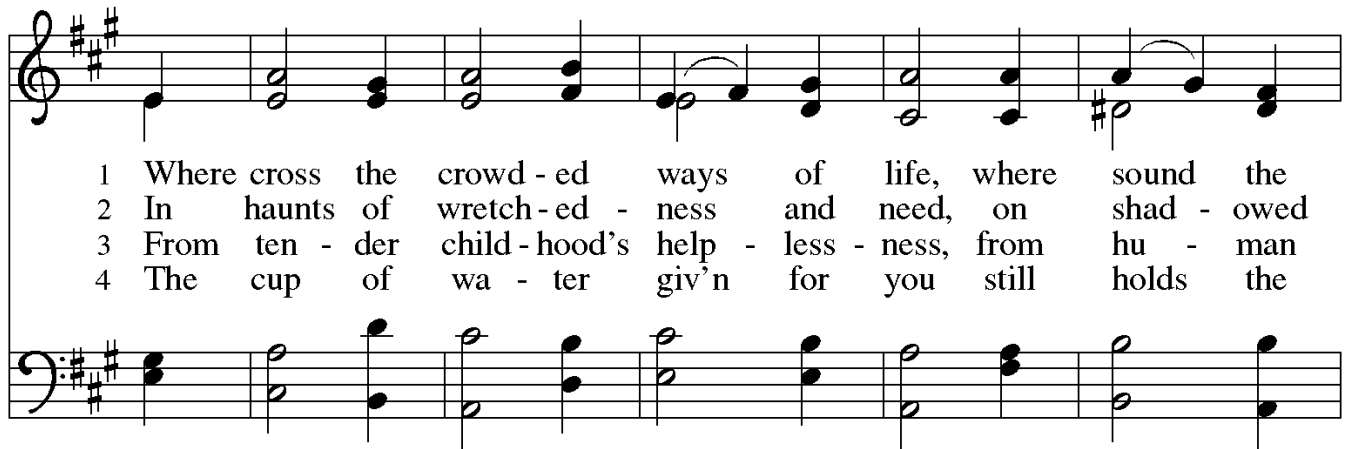
⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

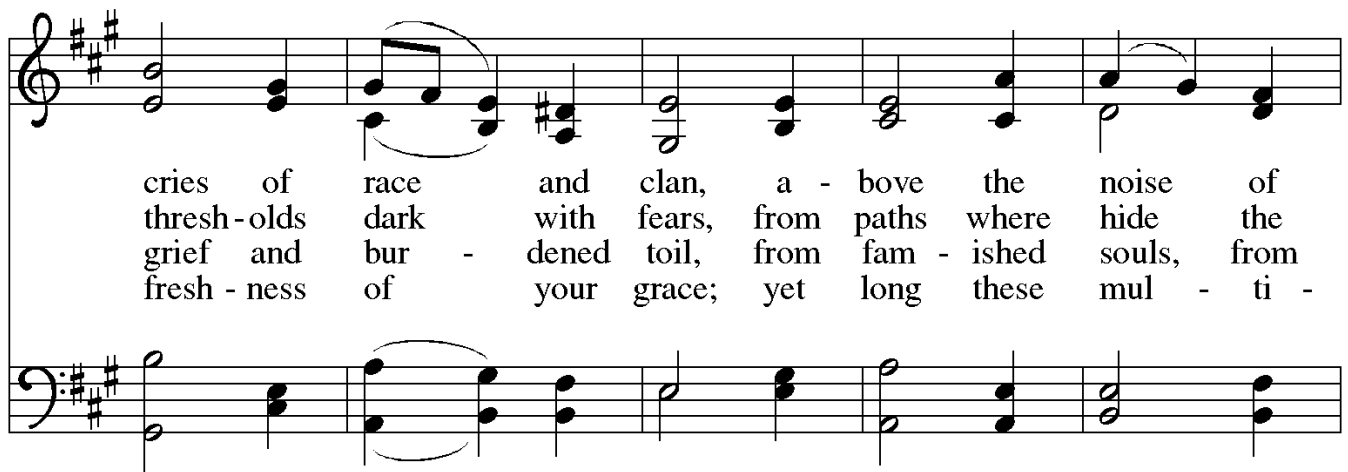
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

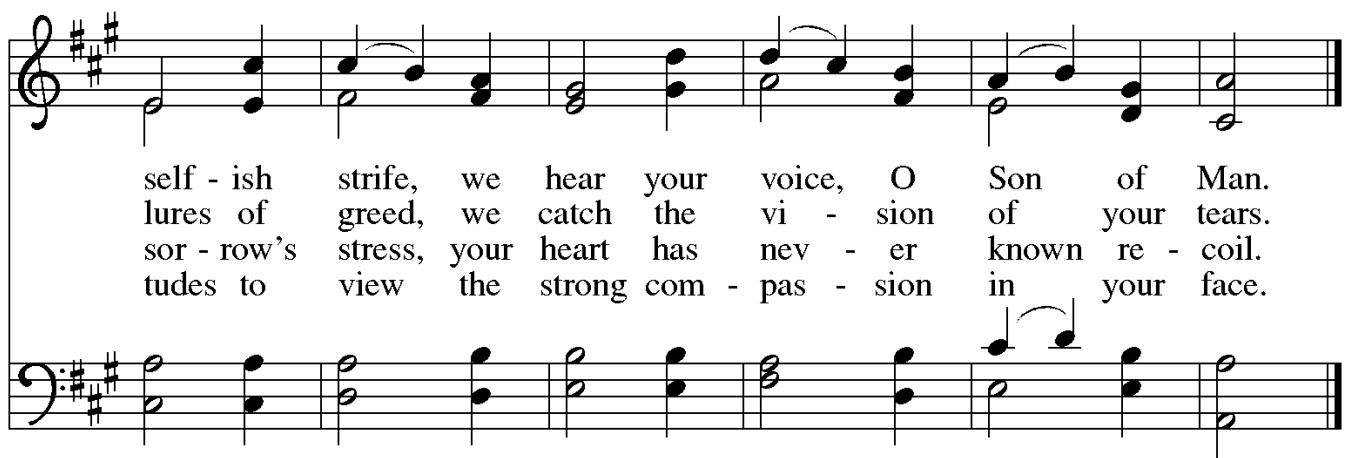
*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #719 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

BLESSING OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

When you were baptized...As you begin or continue in this journey, we want you to hear promises from the congregation.

The world will call you many things. The world will try to rename you. Today we echo the voice of the Triune God. Today we call you beloved child.

When we see you begin to wonder if this name is really yours, we promise to remind you: you are indeed a child of God.

As you prepare to publicly affirm your faith, we promise to pray for you, to serve with you, to learn with you and from you. Amen.

***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:** Prayer response is: *God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

***PEACE OF CHRIST:** 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.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Sonata II – Johann Störl

***OFFERTORY SONG:**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart O God,
and put a new and right spir - it with-in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence,
And do not take your ho - ly spir - it from me.
Re-turn to me the joy of your sal - va - tion.
Sus-tain a new and will - ing spir it with in me.
Cre-ate in me a clean heart O God,
and put a new and right spir - it with-in me.

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



Leader: ALL: Leader: 3
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **Leader:**

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Mmmm Mmmm

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

1.

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

2.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high-est

3.

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION – THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: Our Father...**


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 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,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW #800 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

ELW #607 "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
 2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING – SENDING SONG:



1. Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at your Spir - it'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 - mun - ion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



Rest 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 - ses - sing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of our 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 ve - ry life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of hea - v'nly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy, 'till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Trumpet Tune” – Henry Purcell

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; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **USHERS:** Lise Kildegaard, Sonya Geenen; **GREETERS:** Holly & Shelley Hurst; **READER:** Midge Kjome; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Kris Peterson; **CANTOR:** Jonathon Struve; **FELLOWSHIP:** Dave Peterson, Marilyn and Al Anderson, Luther Snow and Lise Kildegaard

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

ADULT FORUM TODAY: 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: Today we 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.

ADULT LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays, Gathering Space from 9:15-10:30 am. Pastor April leads the weekly Bible Study. Please note the day, time, and location! All are welcome to these sessions which focus on the scriptures for the coming Sunday.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, October 3, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m., Decorah Lutheran Fellowship Hall - Please join your friends and neighbors for this free meal at Decorah Lutheran, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome! This month, members from St. Benedict Catholic Parish are providing volunteers, salads, and desserts, with the main course provided by Sodexo of Luther College. Gluten free options and carry outs are always available.

WELCA UPPER IOWA RIVER CLUSTER FALL GATHERING: Saturday, October 5, 8:30 a.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lime Springs - All are welcome at the Fall Gathering at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lime Springs. Coffee is at 8:30 a.m.; the program begins at 9:00 a.m. The program will be provided by Guardians of Northeast Iowa, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides guardianship, conservatorship, and payee services for adults who are unable to make their own important life decisions. Meet at Good Shepherd at 7:30 a.m. to carpool to Lime Springs.

DONOR MATCH FOUND FOR STEPHANIE HOFF! We rejoice in the miracle of a living kidney donor match for Stephanie Hoff! As announced last Sunday, Pastor Stacey Nalean-Carlson will be a kidney donor, matched to an individual whose living kidney donor is a match for Stephanie. The donation involves these four individuals, with transplants scheduled at the same time on October 30 at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Please keep Stephanie and Pastor Stacey in your prayers!

COMMUNITY-WIDE DIAPER DRIVE: The Decorah Community Food Pantry is sponsoring a diaper drive from **October 1-15**. In-kind donations of diapers, unopened wipes and ointment can be dropped off at the Food Pantry, 110 Railroad Street, weekdays between 9 am and 4 pm. Other collection sites are the Decorah Fareway store and First Lutheran Church during office hours. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Decorah Community Food Pantry, Box 26, Decorah, or online at decorahpantry.org/give. Food Pantry clients are given one package of diapers each month, but it has been a long time since the Pantry has had any in stock. Your support of this effort will help young families in need. Thank you.

HELPERS FOR HARLEY REFSAL MEMORIAL SERVICE: We are requesting a team to help prepare the kitchen for the catered luncheon, help ushering, and help serving and cleaning up after the luncheon at Harley Refsal's memorial service at Good Shepherd on Friday, October 11th. The Sign-Up can be found online under "Sign-Ups" or in the Gathering Space. Please reach out to Erica in the Church Office with any questions or for more information.

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:

- Mickey Slind
- LaVerne Ramsey
- 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

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; Red Flock

Sunday, October 13: *21st Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Presiding/Preaching: Rev. Dr. Jim Martin-Schramm

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

Adult Forum: ELCA Social Message, "Earth's Climate Crisis"; 11:00 am;

Gathering Space; Rev. Dr. Jim Martin-Schramm

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)

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