# **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



October 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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)

Page numbers (P.) in front of the blue booklets, (#) in back of ELW congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

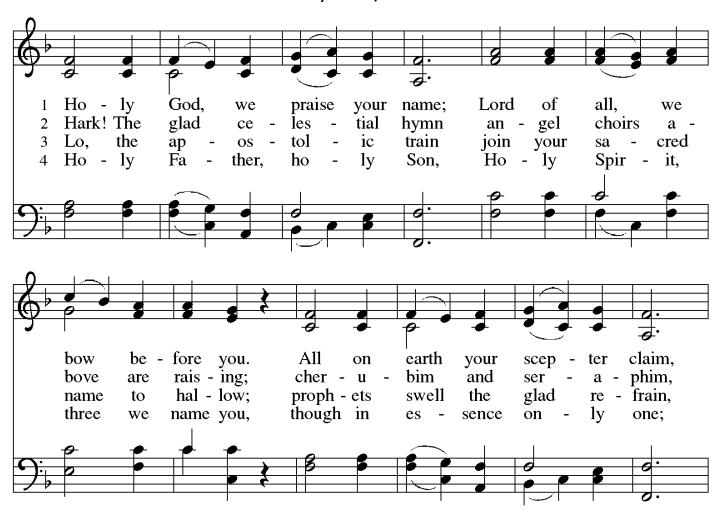
#### **GATHERING**

PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: "Autumn", mvt. I - Antonio Vivaldi

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 #414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

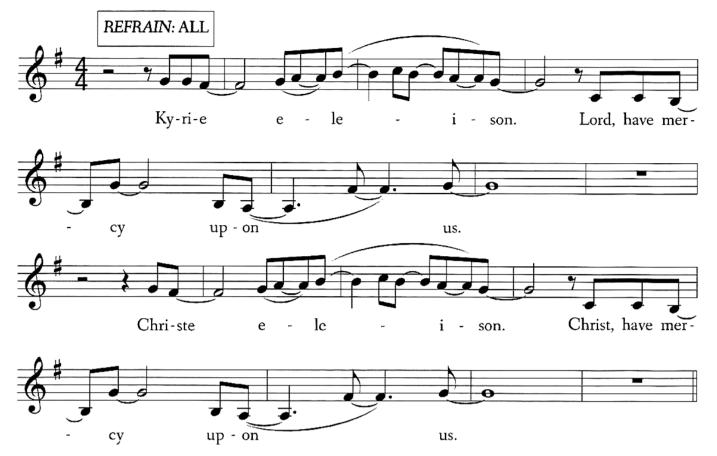


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#### \*GREETING - KYRIE:

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. (to Refrain)



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.



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE:**







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

#### FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,

just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

#### **PSALM 90:12-17**

- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- | ber our days that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup>Return, O Lord; how long | will you tarry? Be gracious | to your servants.
- 14Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.
- <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.
- <sup>16</sup>Show your ser- | vants your works, and your splendor | to their children.
- <sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



#### \*GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31

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

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** 

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #678 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"



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#### \*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:

God of Creation... hear our prayer.
God of all... hear our prayer.
Sovereign God... hear our prayer.
God of the Nations... hear our prayer.
God of life... hear our prayer.
Eternal God... 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**

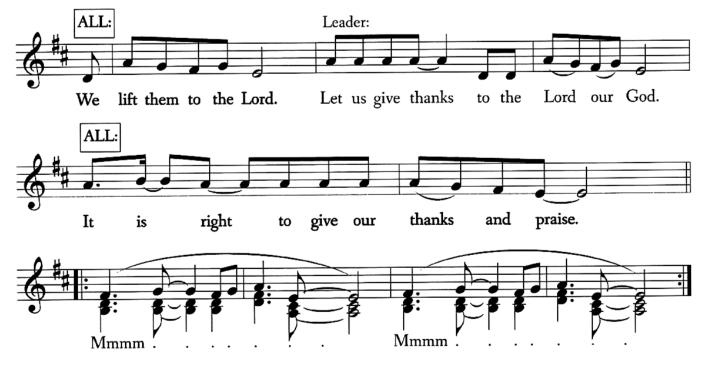
OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Lord, You Search and Know My Heart" - arr. Mark Sedio

\*OFFERTORY SONG: Create in me a clean heart ...



- \*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... Amen.
- \*GREAT THANKSGIVING HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:





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



# \*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:**

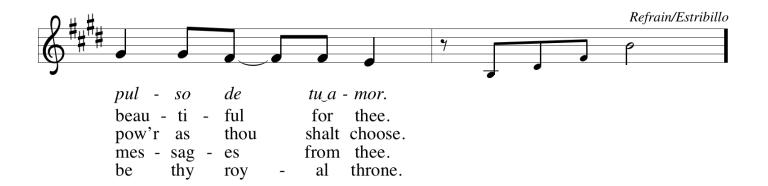


### ELW #583 "Take My Life, That I May Be"



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## ELW #479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"



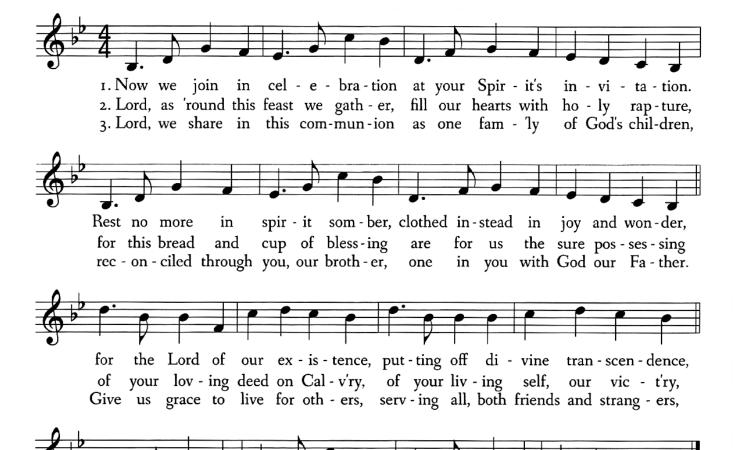
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# \*BLESSING - SENDING SONG: Now We Join in Celebration (vs. 1 & 3)



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

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#### PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Autumn", mvt. III - Antonio Vivaldi

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:

Reverend Dr. Jim Martin-Schramm; CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pr. Melissa Bills; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; USHERS: Russ Freerking, Brian Solberg; READER: Brad Hanson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Stephanie Hoff; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; FELLOWSHIP: Sarah Olson, Sue Blom, Jutta Anderson, Jim and Kathy Buzza, and Marie Freerking.

Thanks to student conductor Katherine Lawson for working with the choir this morning!

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

**UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE:** We have been receiving Rostered Minister Profiles from prospective pastors. Thank you to everyone in the congregation who has encouraged pastors you know to consider serving Good Shepherd, and to all who have passed names of prospective pastors to the synod office. We are scheduling first interviews over Zoom, and have heard from the synod that we can expect more candidates in the near future. We are excited to talk to candidates, and continue to be committed to finding the right fit for our congregation.

ADULT FORUM TODAY- ELCA SOCIAL MESSAGE ON EARTH'S CLIMATE CRISIS: Reverend Dr. Jim Martin-Schramm, author of this ELCA Social Message, will preside and preach at worship and lead the Adult Forum. The Social Message was unanimously passed on behalf of the ELCA by the ELCA Church Council on April 20, 2023.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:** Sunday School for Pre-K—2nd Grade and 3rd—6th Grade will resume next Sunday, October 20.

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!

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:** The Stewardship Committee announces this year's theme: *Many Voices, One Song: Love, Renewal, and Generosity.* The Campaign gives us a special opportunity to give thanks for God's abundant grace and support of Good Shepherd at this critical time. Over the next three weeks, watch for information during worship services, in the newsletter, and watch your mail for your campaign invitation. Thank you for everything you do in faith and ministry.

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM SELECTS ANTI-RACISM BOOK AS A RESOURCE FOR CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS Wait - Is This Racist? A Guide to Becoming an Anti-racist Church, by Kerry Connelly, et al, 2022, will be our guide as we read, discuss, and reflect on how to respond to the pledge in our Racial Justice Statement: To be certain that we are welcoming to all in all that we do. Books have been provided to all committees. Copies are available in the Church Library for borrowing and can be purchased for \$10.00 from **Tristan** in the Church Office.

**NEW EXTERIOR LIGHTING PROGRESS REPORT: From Jim Fritz -** We are over halfway to completion on the lighting to the front of the church. One of the light poles was mis-shipped/backordered, so we're waiting for it to arrive to complete the project. This will probably be sometime late this month or early November. The lights and the Good Shepherd sign will all be on a digital timer that turns things off and on basically at the same time as the parking lot lights.

KEEGAN JOYCE WILL BE SELLING POPCORN DURING FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY: Proceeds support the work of his scouting troop.

**Pantry, 110 Railroad Street -** Join friends and neighbors <u>today</u> for Decorah Food Pantry's annual Food Walk, to build awareness of local hunger. All ages are welcome to walk the route up Washington Street to Water Street, then on Water Street to Mechanic Street and back to the Food Pantry. Register at the walk by making a non-perishable food donation or monetary donation to the Decorah Food Pantry.

**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, the Decorah Fareway store, or First Lutheran Church during office hours. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Decorah Community Food Pantry, Box 26, Decorah, or online at <u>decorahpantry.org/give</u>. Your support of this effort will help young families in need!

LAST DAY TO DONATE SUPPLIES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE KITS is TODAY: Donations of new and gently used items, especially cloth diapers, soap (4 ounce bars), receiving blankets (maximum size 50 square inches), and infant sleepers, can be made through today. A donation box is in the Gathering Space. Baby Care Kits will be assembled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to help with this fun activity! Questions? Contact Gail Judisch at 563-380-7276.

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IS TOMORROW:** Indigenous Peoples' Day is tomorrow, Monday the  $14^{th}$ , and is a day to celebrate the important gifts our Indigenous siblings bring to our church and society. It's also a day to reflect and learn more about the Tribal nations and increase our understanding of the colonizing impacts on and the experiences of Indigenous people in the past. Learn more through the ELCA's "Truth & Healing Movement"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7:00 p.m., WORLD FOOD DAY ZOOM WEBINAR: Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger! This special online event will be hosted by the Reverend Amy Current, Bishop of the Southeastern lowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, Vice President of the ELCA. To register or learn more, go to: community.elca.org/world-food-day-2024

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.,** Gathering Space - All are welcome! Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. Yarn and patterns are available. Please bring any completed shawls to be blessed. Questions? Contact Jeri Laursen.

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Tristan: 9 AM - 12 PM Monday-Thursday

Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Monday-Tuesday

The office will be closed Fridays for the next few weeks.

# 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:**

- Stacey Nalean-Carlson
- 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 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Laurie Biedermann, Linda Martin, and all the family of Millard Nelson upon his death on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Denise and Matt Tapscott and family, upon the death of Denise's mother Evelyn Ford on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Jeff and Cindy Ernst and family, upon the death of Jeff's mother Darlene on August 19th.

# 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 will be ordained here at Good Shepherd in November

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Tristan/Erica at: <a href="mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org">office@goodshepherddecorah.org</a>

# **Good Shepherd Worship Schedule**

# **Today, 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; Orange Flock

NO Sunday School this week

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

Gathering Space; Rev. Dr. Jim Martin-Schramm

# Sunday, October 20: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 6th Grade

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

# **Sunday, October 27:** Reformation Sunday – Affirmation of Baptism

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion; Affirmation of Baptism Presiding/Preaching: Pr. April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Orange Flock Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 6th Grade

**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 <a href="mailto:goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement">goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement</a> or by scanning the code.



**We acknowledge** that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the loway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers. (2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery)

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