

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 ...

Psalms 100:3



October 27th, Affirmation of Baptism Sunday – Reformation Sunday, Jazz Worship

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.

Today in worship we center the sounds and stories of Black American music. 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW** (red book), All Creation Sings-**ACS** (purple book)
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: “Water From An Ancient Well” – Abdullah Ibrahim

Abdullah Ibrahim (b. 1934), formerly known as Dollar Brand, is a South African pianist and composer. Ibrahim is considered the leading figure in the subgenre of Cape jazz. In 1959, along with musicians such as Hugh Masekela, Ibrahim formed the mixed-race group The Jazz Epistles. The apartheid government of South Africa was suspicious of jazz groups and targeted them during the increase in state repression following the Sharpeville massacre. As a result, in 1962 the Jazz Epistles disbanded and Ibrahim moved to New York City, where he remained in exile until the 1990s. “Water From An Ancient Well” is from a 1984 album of Ibrahim’s by the same name.

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL 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;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 oh,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 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.**

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN: ELW #456 "Baptized in Water"**

During the Gathering Hymn, as a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly will be sprinkled with water during the singing by our confirmands.

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

***ELW #504: A Mighty Fortress is Our God**



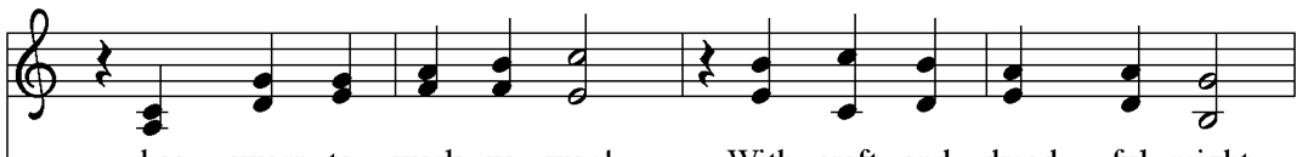
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 12/8. The melody is written on a five-line staff with various note values and rests. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia Al - le -' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'lu ia Al - le - lu - ia.'. The third staff continues with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line.

***GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36**

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON *The Confirmands share their Confirmation verses with the younger kids*

Logan Nalean-Carlson: *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* - Romans 8:38-39

Adeline Bollinger: *"When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek with all your heart."* - Jeremiah 29: 13

Weston Cote: *"For we walk by faith, not by sight"* - 2nd Corinthians 5:7

Poppy Bellrichard: *"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."* - Isaiah 41:10

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #445 "Wash O God Our Sons & Daughters"**



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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During the last refrain of the hymn, Confirmands, parents, and sponsors come forward and stand in front of the altar facing the congregation.

Poppy Aminata Bellrichard; parents: Dan Bellrichard and Liza Hicken; baptismal sponsors: Jason Skarin and Brita Nelson.

Logan Charles Nalean-Carlson: Parents Doug and Stacey Nalean-Carlson; baptismal sponsors: Sharlene Bohr and Jenny Maybock

Adeline Iris Bollinger; parents Mike Bollinger and Katie Prochaska; baptismal sponsors: Dan and Liza Bellrichard

Weston Zhong Qing Cote; parents Heather and Dustin Cote; baptismal sponsors: Matthew & Michelle Crile

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Confirmands are presented by a parent or sponsor. As they are presented, the confirmands step forward.

I present Weston Zhong Qing who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

I present Poppy Aminata who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

I present Logan Charles who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

I present Adeline Iris who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray...**Amen.**

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to rise in body or spirit and profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

Weston, Adeline, Logan, and Poppy, you have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each Confirmand responds individually, one after another:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these people in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Confirmands move to the altar rail to kneel. Parents and sponsors go behind them at the rail to be able to lay hands on the heads of the kneeling Confirmands.

Let us pray...

The blessing is repeated for each person. The parents and sponsors lay hands on the head of the person as the blessing spoken.

Stir up in... the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

***ACCLAMATION**

Let us rise and rejoice with these siblings in Christ, offering the blessing spoken at the end of baptisms at Good Shepherd: **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 of God. When we see you begin to wonder if this name is really yours, we promise to remind you: You are indeed God's beloved child.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Prayer response is: God of new life, hear our prayer.*

***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.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Offertory" – Mary Lou Williams

Mary Lou Williams (1910-1981) is one of the great pianists, composers, and arrangers in the history of jazz. Williams wrote and arranged for such bandleaders as Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman, and she was friend, mentor, and teacher to Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Tadd Dameron, Dizzy Gillespie, and many others. Through the 1960s she wrote extensive liturgical and sacred music including Mary Lou's Mass. "Offertory" is a work that she played both in worship, recital, and jazz festival settings.

***OFFERTORY SONG: ELW #453 "Baptized and Set Free"**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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 Music: BUNYAN, Gaelic lines are byronal version
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray... Amen**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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 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)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

***LORD'S PRAYER:** 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 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
us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the
world. Grant us peace. Oh grant us peace.

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

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

ELW #814 "Take Oh Take Me As I Am"

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take Oh Take Me As I Am". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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SENDING

TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND PRAYERS: *James 5:14-16:* 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.

*BLESSING

***SENDING SONG: ELW #459 "Wade in the Water"**

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader

wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: "Wade in the Water" – Negro Spiritual

A spiritual is a type of religious folk song sung by enslaved Africans and their descendants which proliferated in number and usage from in the 1770s-1860s. The form has its roots in the clandestine and informal gatherings of enslaved Africans in "praise houses" and outdoor meetings called "brush arbor meetings," "bush meetings,"

or "camp meetings" in the eighteenth century. The lyrics to "Wade in the Water" were first published in 1901 in New Jubilee Songs as Sung by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

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: USHERS: Cheuang Kavan and Dan Bellrichard; **READER:** Lulu & Poppy Bellrichard; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Cindy Bellrichard; **FELLOWSHIP:** Marie Freerking, Jim and Kathy Buzza, Jutta Anderson, Liza Hicken, Sarah Olson, Liz Rog, and Sue Blom; **CANTOR:** Ellie Hoehne; **DRUMS:** Jim Knutson; **BASS:** Michael Van Meter; **TRUMPET:** Jon Ailabouni; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Pastor April Ulring Larson

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

Special Cake in celebration of Confirmands! Today during Fellowship Hour we are grateful to have a wonderful cake made by Melanie Folkerts in celebration of our confirmands: thank you Melanie!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY: Sunday School for Pre-K–2nd Grade and 3rd–6th Grade are happening today following worship! Helpers are requested on Sundays to be a positive presence with each age group.

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. Thank you for everything you do in faith and ministry. **NEXT SUNDAY**, November 3rd, we will collect statements of intent during worship.

THE GREEN FLOCK WILL GATHER TODAY after worship in the back of the Fellowship Hall. We will begin signing up to help with church services and Fellowship Time during the month of **December**.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD: You are invited to bring photos and/or mementos of saints you're remembering for a display. We will also celebrate Stewardship Appeal Statements of Intent presented by Good Shepherd members during the service. FYI: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday at 2:00 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD IS HIRING: Good Shepherd is actively seeking to fill 2 positions: Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator and Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator. They are both part-time positions that can be filled by one or more people. Full position descriptions and instructions for applying are posted on our website under "Connect", on Decorah Now, and in paper form from the Gathering Space at Good Shepherd. Please share these positions with anyone you think may be a good fit, and continue to pray for the future persons to hold these positions.

STOCK THE KIDS SPACE BOOKSHELF: The Education Committee has been working on purchasing furniture, toys, creative items, and supplies for our updated nursery. We have a book registry available at Dragonfly Books if you would like to purchase a book for this new space. You can visit Dragonfly, call, or even access the registry and purchase online at goodshepherddecorah.org/nursery-book-registry For more information, contact Melissa Bills, chair of the Education Committee at melissabills@gmail.com. Books can be dropped off in the Labeled Box in the Gathering Space. If you want to donate a book in honor/memory of someone/something, please let Erica or Tristan know. Thank you!

TRANSPLANT SURGERY SCHEDULED FOR RECIPIENT STEPHANIE HOFF AND DONOR PASTOR STACEY NALEAN-CARLSON: Please keep members Stephanie Hoff and Pastor Stacey Nalean-Carlson in your prayers, as they are scheduled to undergo kidney transplant surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. We rejoice in this miracle of a living kidney donor match for Stephanie, with Pastor Stacey donating a kidney 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. **Note: Watch for MealTrain announcements for Stephanie and Pastor Stacey following the surgeries.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LOAD LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS :A few STRONG individuals are needed to help load LWR School and Baby Care kits into vehicles on **Friday, November 1st**, so the kits can be taken to Olson Explosives, Inc. on Saturday, November 2. Kits will be delivered to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul, along with LWR kits and donations from area churches. Packing boxes are also needed. Please contact Bev Sheridan or Gail Judisch if you can help.

NEW LIGHTING PROJECT COMPLETED: The lighting project for Good Shepherd's front yard is now complete, part of the Stewardship Committee's mini campaign earlier this spring/summer. Note the nighttime photo on our website's new slider. The campaign raised funds for 4 projects: new front yard lighting, nursery remodeling, office safe, and GSB's *Stewardship for All Seasons* training for the Congregation Council, Stewardship Committee, and Flock Shepherds, to help plan for stewardship efforts in the next few years.

LECTURE REGARDING LUTHERAN BOARDING SCHOOLS: on November 7th, at 7:00 PM in the Pulpit Rock Brewery Event Room, Dr. Anna Peterson will present “**The Business of Baskets: Weaving Economic Ties Between the Bethany Indian Mission, Ho-Chunk Families, and Lutheran Ladies' Aides in the Mid-Twentieth Century Midwest**”. Dr. Anna Peterson's presentation will explore the ways Ho-Chunk women and their families negotiated the effects the Bethany Indian Mission had on their lives and took advantage of the opportunities it presented through the making and selling of black ash basketry. While Bethany missionaries often saw this work as unnecessarily burdensome and outside of the scope of their call, the basket weavers and their families put pressure on the Mission to act as a conduit between the basket makers and basket buyers. In this way, they used the Mission and its contacts to ensure ancestral basket weaving survived in the face of great adversity.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON AND TALK WITH PROFESSOR CARYN RISWOLD: All are welcome **Sunday, November 10, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** at a Community Luncheon with Dr. Caryn Riswold, Professor of Religion/McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission at Wartburg College since 2018. She will discuss her recent publication, *ReEngaging ELCA Social Teaching on Abortion*, Augsburg Fortress Press, 2024. More information about the luncheon will be available soon.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: *Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM Tuesday-Thursday*
 Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Wednesday-Thursday
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:

- William Kurth
- 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 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.

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: office@goodshepherddecorah.org

Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, October 27th: *Reformation Sunday; Affirmation of Baptism*

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

Sunday, November 3rd: *All Saints Sunday*

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion;
Presiding/Preaching: Pr. April Ullring Larson
Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Yellow Flock
Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 6th Grade

Sunday, November 10th: *25th 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; Yellow 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 framed and posted in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall, 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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