

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 6th – 20th 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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congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: Allegretto – Béla Bartók

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 #526 “God Is Here!” vs. 1 & 2



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

***GREETING – KYRIE:**

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

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer -
 - 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.

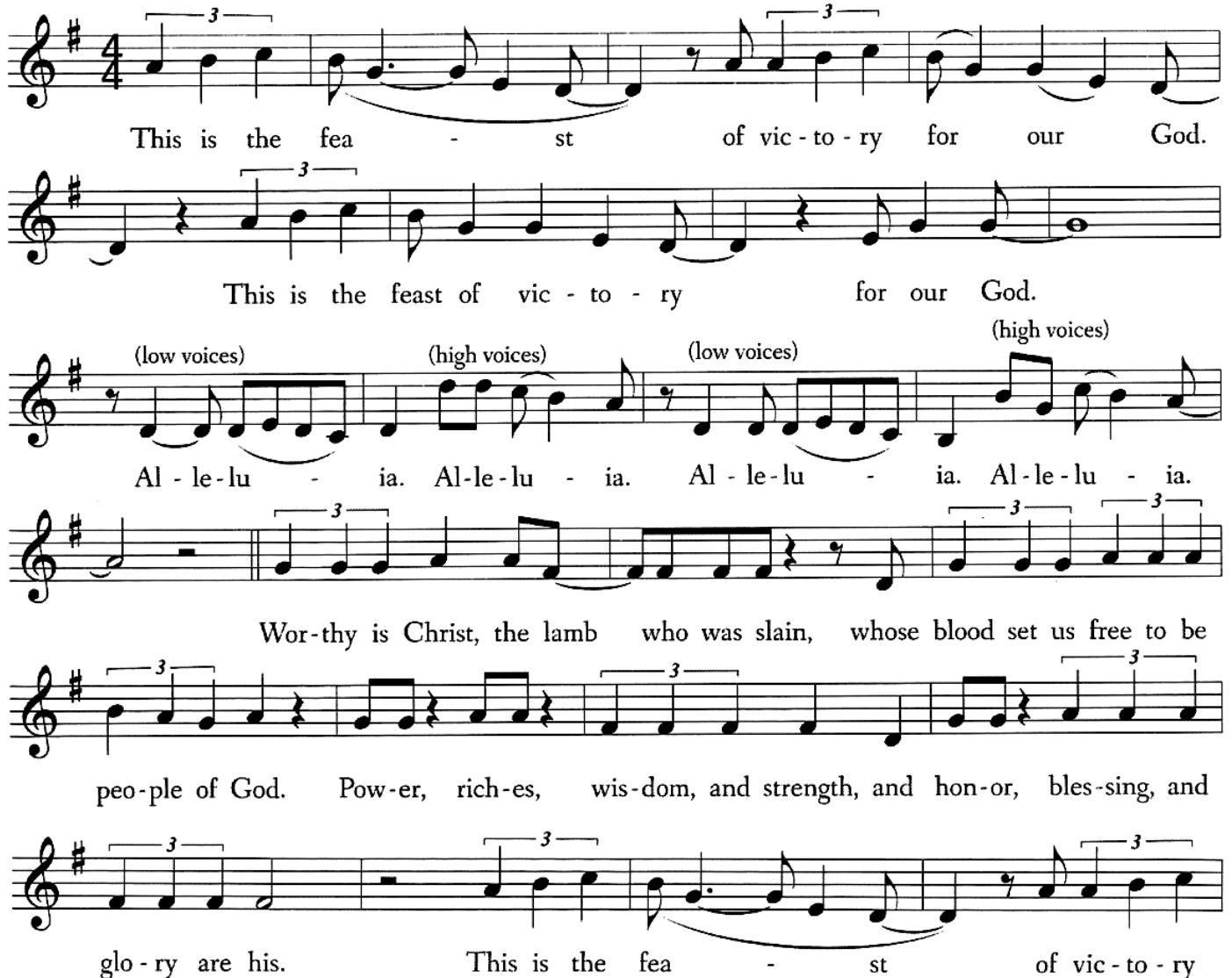
ALL:



A - men. A - - - - - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a rest for one measure, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. A long slur covers the final four measures, with the marking 'rit.' above it. The lyrics 'A - men. A - - - - - men.' are written below the staff.

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

The hymn is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and dynamic markings for voice parts: '(low voices)' and '(high voices)'. The lyrics are written below the staff.



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: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

PSALM 8

¹O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of
in- | fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and
avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

**90 | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise 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!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff contains three measures of music, each with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' written below it. The second staff contains three more measures of music, also with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' written below it. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, with some notes held over from one measure to the next. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

*GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:2-16

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW #526 “God Is Here!” vs. 3 & 4 (see first page of bulletin)

***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: “Njoktje” – Frode Fjellheim

***OFFERTORY SONG:**



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.

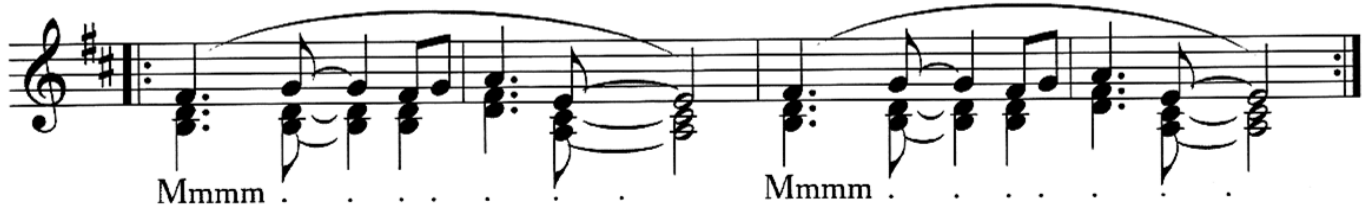
***OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... Amen.

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

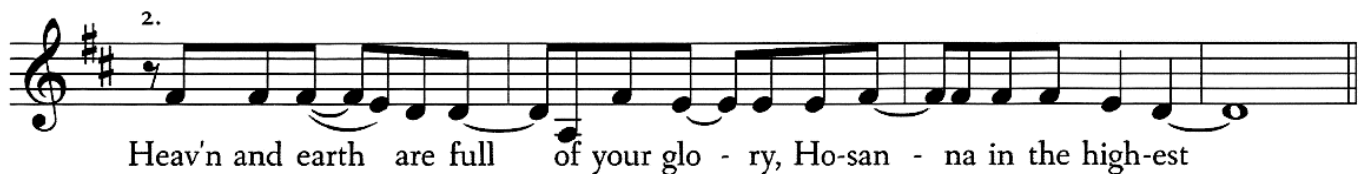
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



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



***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:



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 #470 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -
 in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

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you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

ELW #644 "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"

1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to

knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one

vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
 duers. All things must end; love will a - bide.
 see: then we will see love face to face.
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

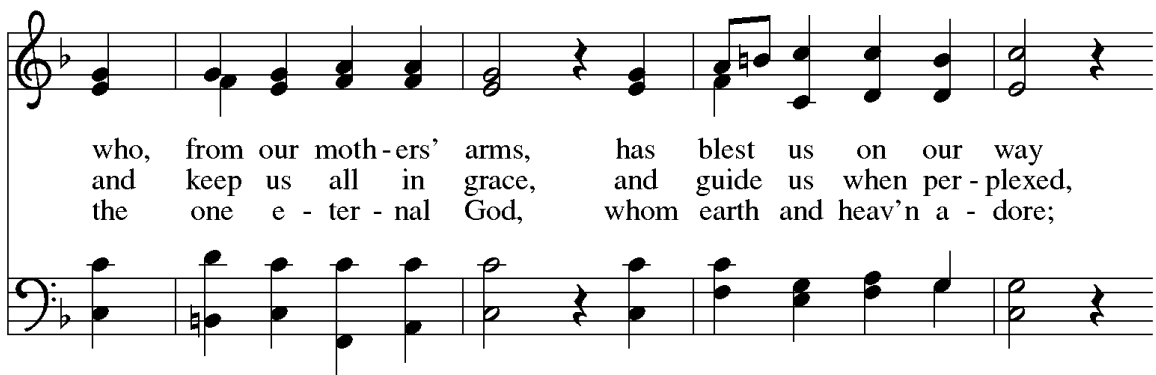
*BLESSING – SENDING SONG: ELW #840 “Now Thank We All Our God”



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Music Down in My Soul” – arr. Moses Hogan

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: Dan Bellrichard, Brian Solberg; READER: Harland Nelson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Dan Raney; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; FELLOWSHIP: Liza Bellrichard, Jeri Laursen, Jutta Anderson, and Sara Hopkins.

Special thanks to the singers in Aurora (Adrianna Tam, conductor) for their music this morning! Thanks also to student conductor Katherine Lawson and staff accompanist Camille Balleza.

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

ADULT FORUM TODAY—CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GROUP: DECORAH MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

All are invited to hear a presentation by the Climate Change Action Group (CCAG), an after-school group of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from Decorah Middle School. This student activist group advised by 6th grade science teacher Scott Boylen, gives a platform and structure for student voices. This adult forum will be about their project to educate about the new school building, and the student voices calling for a more sustainable, net-zero energy use school, along with additional outdoor play areas and large windows for natural lighting. CCAG is working to educate students at Decorah Middle School and elementary schools about climate change and its impact in our region, in Iowa, and beyond. The group’s teacher/advisor is Scott Boylen, 6th grade science teacher. Good Shepherd member Jim Fritz will facilitate.

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.

DECORAH PRIDE WEEK: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13: Check out all the events happening during Pride Week in Decorah, including a talk on the history of LGBTQIA+ Pride movements, an author talk and book signing, Trivia Night, drag show, Pride Yoga, Pride Parade, Party in the Park, queerPOPERA, dance party, after party, and 5K Rainbow Fun Run. For more information, go to decorahpride.org.

FAITHFUL & FABULOUS DECORAH PRIDE COMMUNITY WORSHIP: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 6:00-6:45 p.m., Water Street Plaza, next to Oneota Co-op. Join friends and neighbors to celebrate Decorah Pride and God's love for all people, especially the LGBTQIA+ community and family members. Sponsored by Decorah area LGBTQIA+ affirming and Reconciling in Christ congregations, including Good Shepherd, First Lutheran, Decorah UCC, Luther College Ministries, and First United Methodist of Decorah.

DECORAH PRIDE FESTIVAL PARADE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2:30 p.m., Decorah Bank and Trust Employee Parking Lot, Riverside Avenue. Good Shepherd members and friends of all ages are invited to walk in this year's Pride Parade behind our Reconciling in Christ Banner. Handheld flags will be available. The parade begins at 3:00 p.m. at the east end of Water Street, with groups asked to assemble at 2:30 p.m. in the parking lot on Riverside Avenue, just off Water Street.

- If you would like to help carry the Good Shepherd RIC Banner, please let staff member Erica know so she can arrange to get the banner to you.

ADULT FORUM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13: 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. All are encouraged to read the message prior to the forum. Copies can be made upon request to the Church Office or downloaded at goodshepherddecorah.org/elca-climate-crisis .

LAST DAY TO DONATE SUPPLIES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE

KITS is NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 13: 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.

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 Iowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, Vice President of the ELCA. To register or learn more, go to: <https://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-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:

- Mickey Slind
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ullring
- 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, 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

Adult Forum: Climate Change Action Group: Decorah Middle School

Presentation

Special Music: Aurora Choir from Luther College; Sunday School Youth

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

Sunday, October 20: 22nd 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

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 at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.



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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)

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