

# 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



**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – All Saints Sunday**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**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:** “Bell Ringing” – Edvard Grieg

*The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.*

### WELCOME

#### \*REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,  
from Abraham and Sarah, to Peter and Mary Magdalene:

**For their witness we give you thanks, O God.**

We remember the prophets and pastors,  
servants and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**For their example we give you thanks, O God.**

We remember all our loved ones who rest now in you:  
those who have gone before us, those who died too soon.

**For their love we give you thanks, O God.**

We remember before you the names of the saints of this congregation who have  
died this year knowing that they are with your heart forever:

Mary Beth Jones

Claude Hayes

Jane Suntken

Maurice Edward “Ed” Hover

Janet Gall

Harley Refsal

We give you thanks for their lives.

We each remember before you, in our hearts, all the saints most dear to us...  
(silence)

We give you thanks for their lives.

**Comfort us in our grief and strengthen our faith.**

**Hold us in your promise that we will be reunited at the feast that never ends.**

We lift to you the names of those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ, knowing  
that they belong to you as children of the kingdom, and trusting that when you call  
us children of God, that is what we are:

Holly Elizabeth Hurst

**Uphold them in faith, and nurture your whole church by the power of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks ... we pray. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW #422 "For All the Saints" (vs. 3 & 5 sung by cantor)**



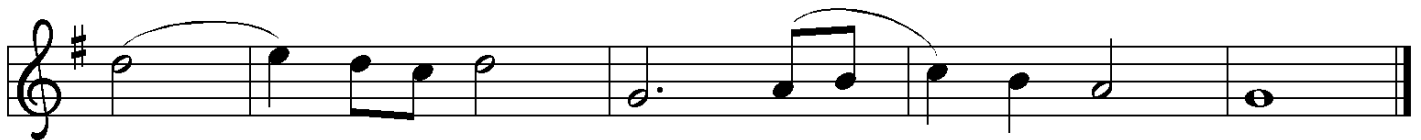
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on next page*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*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.

**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.

(low voices) (high voices) (low voices) (high voices)

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

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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

- 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- 7 And he will destroy on this mountain  
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
 8 he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
 for the Lord has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day,  
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
 This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

## **PSALM 24**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all | that is in it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> **For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas  
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain | of the Lord,  
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

<sup>4</sup> **Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall receive blessing | from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

<sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>8</sup> **Who is this | King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, might- | y in battle!**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>10</sup> **Who is this | King of glory?  
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the | King of glory.**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things



new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



**\*GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44**

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

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

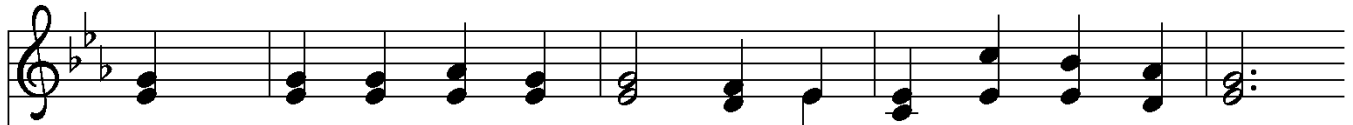
<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #654 "The Church's One Foundation"**



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



**\*APOSTLE'S CREED:**

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

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

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

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

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends: Merciful God, hear our prayer.*

**OUR PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS FOR FINANCIAL GIVING IN 2025**

*Take time to write your intention or pray and reflect, then bring your statement of intent up to the altar. You may also place it in the offering basket later.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC: "Earthen Vessel" – Benjamin Splichal Larson

Ev-ery thing I have was giv-en to me. Ev-ery-thing I love was a gift to me. Ev-ery-thing I know was giv-en to me. Ev-ery-thing I am was giv-en to me. All my fam-i-ly was a gift to me. me. through the love of my Cre-a-tor. I am loved; you're my Cre-a-tor. For you are my on-ly Lord and you are my al-might-y God and I am your earth-en ves-sel to spread your light in-to this world.

Text: Benjamin Splichal Larson, 1984-2010  
Music: Benjamin Splichal Larson, adapt.  
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### \*LITANY:

Creator of all,

**we give you thanks for your abundant blessings.**

You are a strong rock, our sure foundation.

**You are generous beyond measure.**

You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—  
and asked us to use them to care for your world.

**With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

**We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity.**

**We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours.**

**We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

We ask your blessing on this, your church,  
as we seek to gather and share your abundance.

**Bless these gifts, our investment in your future,  
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

**\*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

**\*OFFERTORY SONG:** *(sing once in unison, then in canon as directed)*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord; Fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ings. Gath-er the har-vest from the seeds that were  
sown And be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the  
dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.  
Grace our ta - ble with your pres-ence; Give us a fore-taste of the feast,  
Give us a fore-taste of the feast, Give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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

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

Leader: ALL: Leader: <sup>3</sup>

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:  
*(sing once in unison, then in canon as directed)*

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 #628 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?  
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!  
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;  
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!



Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.  
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version  
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## ELW #630 "In Heaven Above"

1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:  
 2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!  
 3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,  
 4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,

how bound - less there the bless - ed - ness! No tongue its great - ness tells.  
 The splen - dor of the noon - day sun grows pale be - fore its light.  
 for noth - ing there can fade or die; life's full - ness round is spread,  
 which mor - tal ear has nev - er heard, nor mor - tal vi - sion shared,

There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -  
 The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose  
 and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -  
 which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal

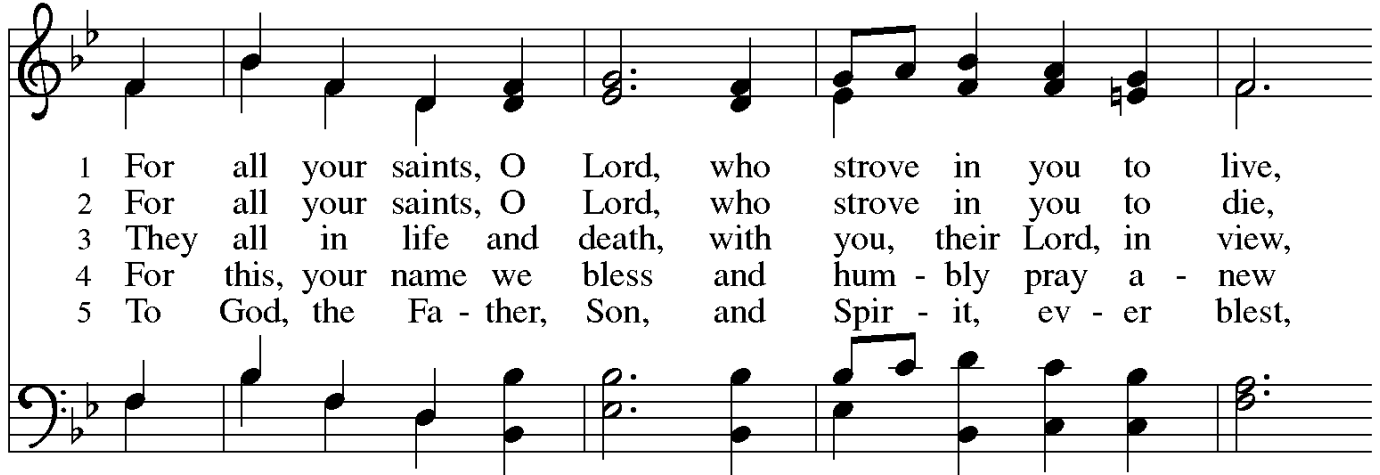
liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!  
 mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

# TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

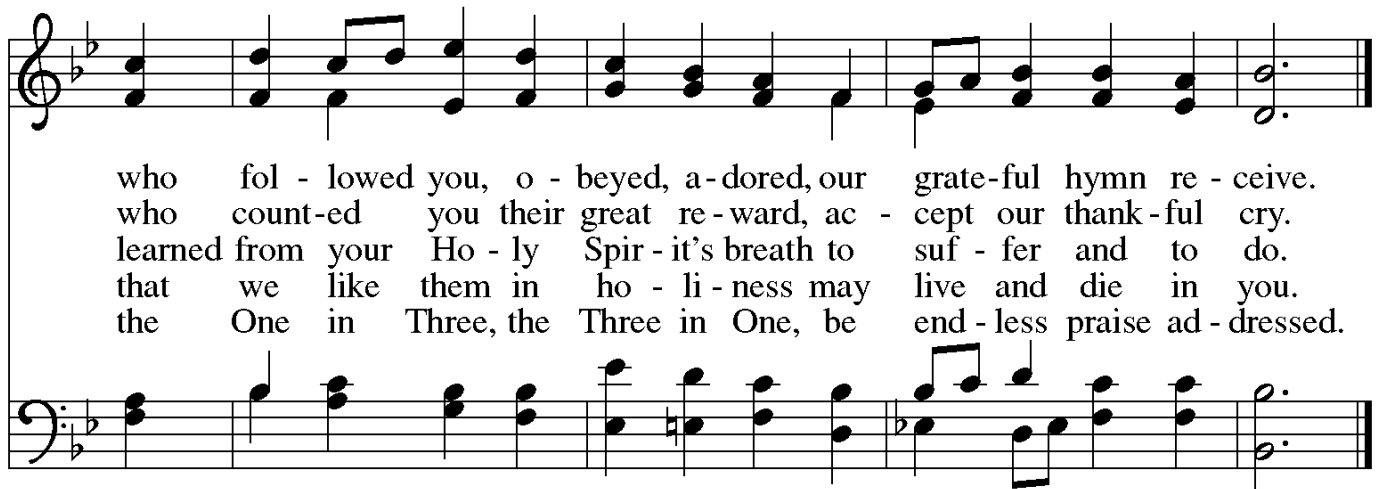
## SENDING

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*BLESSING – SENDING SONG:** ELW #427 “For All Your Saints, O Lord”



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,  
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,  
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,  
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new  
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.  
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:** “Music for All Saints” – Charles Tourmemire

*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: Christy Tomlinson, Jason Martin-Hiner; READER: Karin Martin-Hiner; ASSISTING MINISTER: Allie Scott; CANTOR: Melanie Folkerts; FELLOWSHIP: Sharon Drew, Marilyn Rue, Beth Bodensteiner, Christy Tomlinson, Mic Martin, Doris Barnaal.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE NATION: MONDAY, 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Sanctuary:** Holding our nation in prayer is a way for us to join together with others around the globe, to help us remember and call on God's presence in all things. Everyone is welcome to pray silently in any way meaningful. Handouts with prayers and information about prayers for our nation in the *Lutheran Book of Worship* will be available. You are welcome to come whenever you are able between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and it's not necessary, but you are invited to indicate when you might come by using the Sign-Ups Tab on our website.

**ELECTION DAY COMMUNION: TUESDAY, Nov.5, Noon, Center for Faith and Life Recital Hall, Luther College:** College Ministries invites campus and community members to attend this brief worship service that includes prayer, scripture, and communion as we remember our connection to one another in the body of Christ. While this is a worship service in the Christian tradition, all who desire to be present in this spiritual space are welcome to attend.

**ADULT LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY:** The weekly bible study with Pastor April will take place in the Sanctuary on Tuesday from 9:15-10:30 due to Good Shepherd being a polling location.

**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](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/nursery-book-registry) For more information, contact Melissa Bills, chair of the Education Committee at [melissabills@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL LECTURE: Nov. 7, at 7:00pm, in the Pulpit Rock Brewery event room:** 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 by Dr. Anna Peterson. 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.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL FOR NOVEMBER: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m., Decorah Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall:** Please join your friends and neighbors for this **free** meal in Decorah Lutheran's Fellowship Hall, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome! This month, salads and desserts are provided by The Landing Market, and volunteers from Luther College Nordic Choir will serve the meal. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College. Gluten free options and carry outs are always available.

**DISTINGUISHED LUTHERAN SCHOLAR DR. CARYN RISWOLD DISCUSSING HER BOOK AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE:** Dr. Caryn Riswold, Professor of Religion and McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission at Wartburg College since 2018, will discuss her recent publication, *ReEngaging ELCA Social Teaching on Abortion*, Augsburg Fortress Press, 2024. It is a helpful tool for talking about women's reproductive health and abortion in the context of our Lutheran faith, and for fostering thoughtful dialogue within faith communities while emphasizing the Lutheran call to compassionate community engagement. The Community Luncheon is hosted and provided by Good Shepherd. Donations to the free-will offering will go to the Iowa Abortion Access Fund. Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson is helping to organize this event. **Volunteers are needed to provide crock pots of soup, bread, and a veggie tray for approximately 30 people. Additional help setting up, serving, and cleaning up is also needed. Volunteer at the link at our website's SIGN-UPS Tab and in the Gathering Space.**

**ORDINATION INVITATION AND MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** All are invited to the Ordination of Reverend Kathryn Thompson and Baptism of Arthur Glen Thompson at Good Shepherd on Saturday, November 23 at 2:30 with a meal following.

We are seeking volunteers to help on Saturday November 23. Volunteers are needed to donate crock pots of soup, as Kathryn & Sara have requested a good, old fashioned Good Shepherd Soup 'supper' as the celebratory meal - this is a tradition that meant so much to them in their time at Good Shepherd. We need some soups that are vegetarian, or gluten free, or dairy free. Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, food serving, coffee making, and clean up on Saturday November 23. You may sign up on the sign up link on the GS website, or physical sign up sheets on the table in the Gathering Space. Thank you for sharing our Good Shepherd support and blessing with Kathryn & Sara & their family!

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

- Wanda Rueber
- 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 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **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](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org)*

# **Good Shepherd Worship Schedule**

**Today, Sunday, November 3rd: *All Saints Sunday, Stewardship Sunday***

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; Yellow Flock

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

**Sunday, November 10th: *25<sup>th</sup> 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 at [goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement](https://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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