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 ...



November 10th - 25th 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, pRepresentation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-ELW (red book)

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

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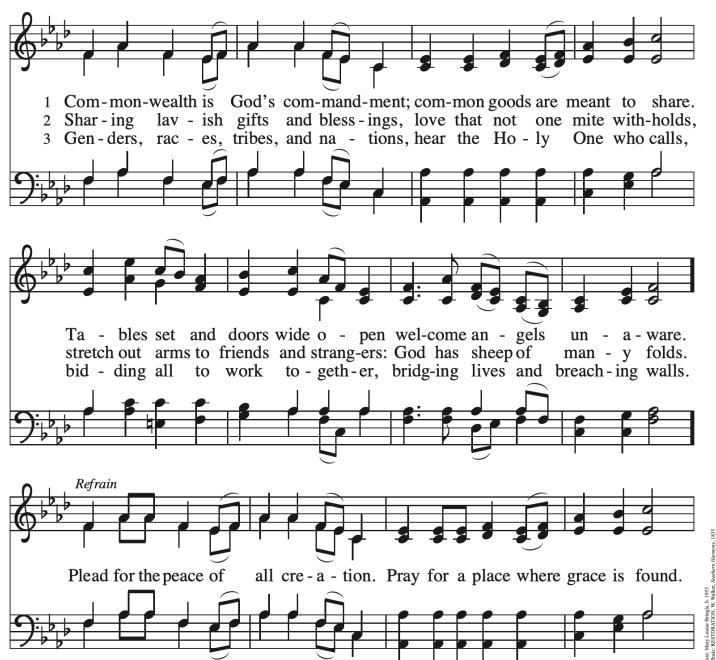
GATHERING

PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: "Prayer" - Jean Langlais

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: ACS #1036 "Commonwealth is God's Commandment"

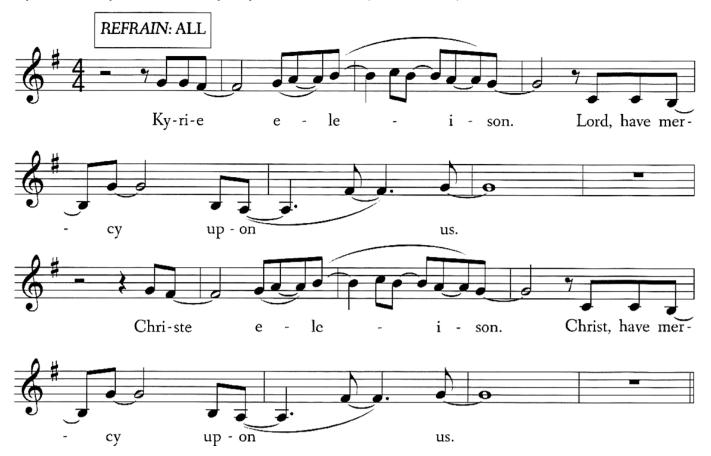




*GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all. And also with you.

KYRIE:

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



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

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

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

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



HYMN OF PRAISE:





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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed

you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

PSALM 146

- ¹ Hal- | lelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!
- ² I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³ Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that [|] is in them; who keeps promis- [|] es forever;
- 7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to $^{\parallel}$ those who hunger. The Lord sets the $^{\parallel}$ captive free.
- ⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

the Lord | loves the righteous.

- ⁹ The Lord cares | for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ The Lord shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



*GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:38-44

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

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

 41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their

abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

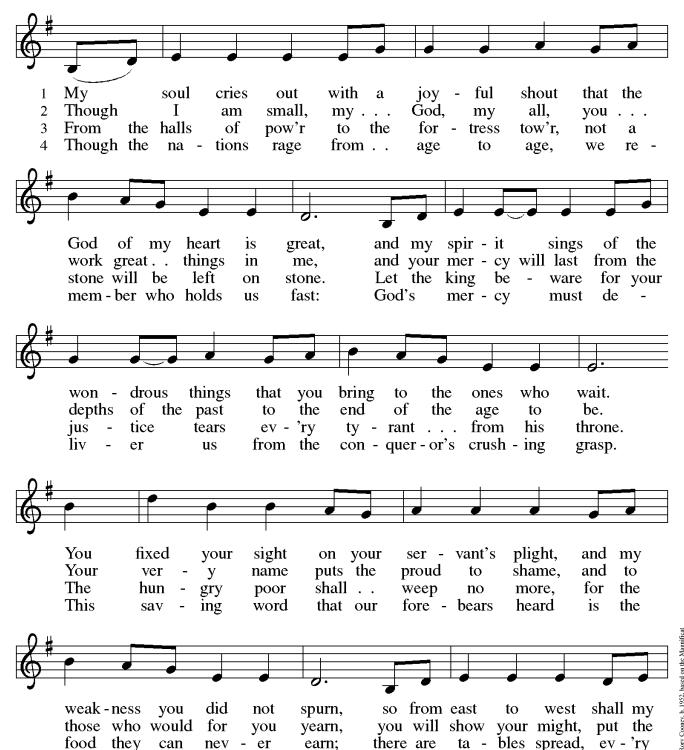
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #723 "Canticle of the Turning" (vs. 1 & 2)



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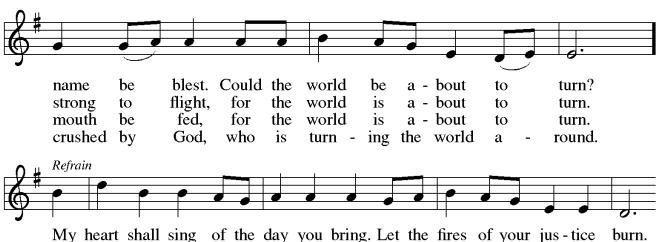
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Why heart shall shig of the day you offlig. Let the lifes of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends: God of compassion, hear our prayer.

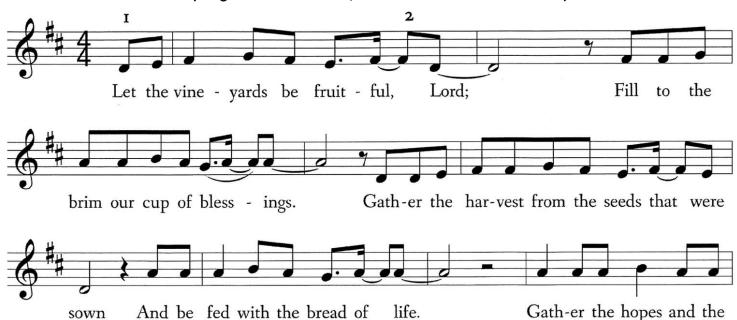
*PEACE OF CHRIST: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

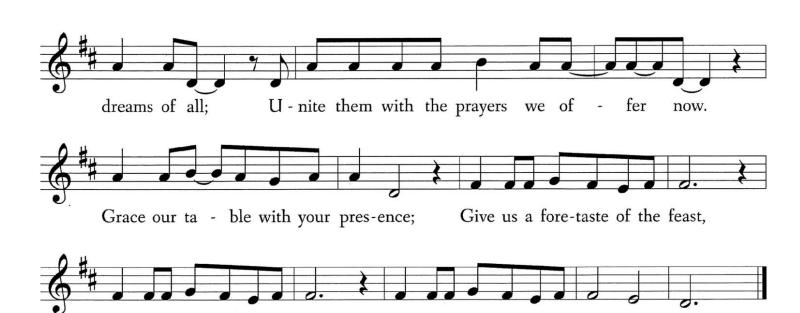
We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Prayer for Peace" - David Cherwien

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





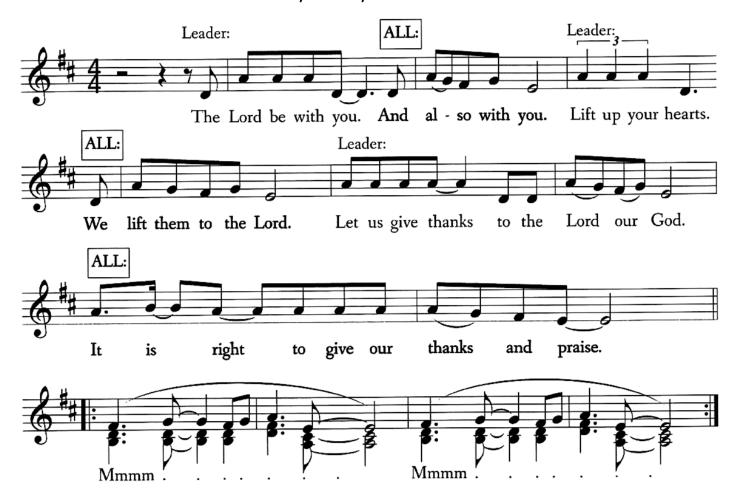
Give us a fore-taste of the feast to

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

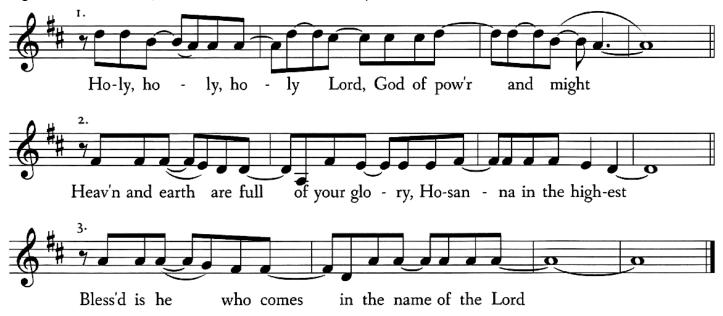
Give us a fore-taste of the feast,

*GREAT THANKSGIVING - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:



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

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



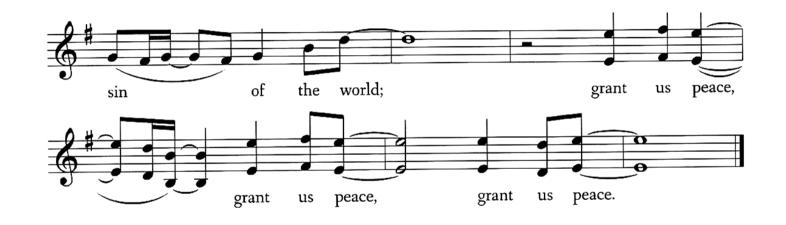
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION - THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: Our Father...

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 SONG:





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ELW #721 "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"



ELW #439 "Soon and Very Soon" 1 Soon and ver - y soon more cry - in' 2 No there, goin' to see the King, we are more dy - in' 3 No there, 4 Soon and ver - y soon soon and ver - y soon more cry - in' there, no goin' to see the King, we are dy - in' there, no more soon and ver - y soon soon and ver - y soon more cry - in' there, no goin' to see the King. we are more dy - in' there, no



hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!





TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hal-le - lu - jah,

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING - SENDING SONG: ELW #723 "Canticle of the Turning" (vs. 3 & 4)

(see Hymn of the Day for music)

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

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God" - Johann Pachelbel

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 Marion Pruitt Jefferson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; USHERS: Dave Judisch, Jason Martin-Hiner; GREETER: Sharon Drew; READER: Jonathon Struve; ASSISTING MINISTER: Karin Martin-Hiner; CANTOR: Nicholas Shaneyfelt; AUDIO/VIDEO: Carter Thompson; FELLOWSHIP: Gail Judisch, Mic and Linda Martin, Jonathon Struve, Miky Hiner, and Sharon Drew.

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY: Classes will resume next Sunday, November 17, and **one Sunday School Assistant** is needed for the Pre-K - 2nd Grade class and **one** for the 3rd-6th Grade class. **One Helper** is also needed for the 7-12th Grade Youth Group to assist **Pastor Judd Larson**.

TODAY, 12 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL: DISTINGUISHED LUTHERAN SCHOLAR DR. CARYN RISWOLD DISCUSSING HER BOOK AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE: Dr.

Caryn Riswold 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 lowa Abortion Access Fund.

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!

STATEMENTS OF INTENT STILL WELCOME FOR 2025 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: If you haven't yet turned in your Statement of Intent for the 2025 Stewardship Appeal, Many Voices, One Song: Love, Renewal, and Generosity, no worries! There's still time! You can complete a Statement of Intent online at **goodshepherddecorah.org/intent**, submit the Statement of Intent that was mailed to you to the church office or mail it, pick up a Statement of Intent at church and turn it in, or drop it in the mail. Additional information about the 2025 Stewardship Appeal is on our website under the NEWS Tab.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 3:00 p.m., Aase Haugen Senior Services - BINGO PROVIDED BY GOOD SHEPHERD: Important Note: A COVID outbreak was announced by Aase Haugen on November 5. Erica will inform volunteers about how to proceed. Two volunteers are needed to help with Bingo from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. at Aase Haugen Senior Services. Please arrive by 3:00 p.m. A volunteer is also needed to get Bingo prizes for 18-25 players. If you can help, contact Erica in the Good Shepherd office at erica@goodshepherddecorah.org or sign up on the poster 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, help with set up, food serving, coffee making, and clean up. 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!

EAT, PLAY, LOVE POTLUCK AND PLAYTIME - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 4:30 p.m. and on, Fellowship Hall - Come spend time with other Good Shepherd families on the third Sunday of each month for a potluck and playtime. There's no agenda or program—just time for fun and connection with other families of Good Shepherd! On November 17, bring a dish to pass (and if you can't, there's always more than enough to go around!) and meet at the Fellowship Hall anytime after 4:30 p.m. Reach out to **Allie Scott (920-203-1352)** or **Sonya Geenen (309-912-8979)** if you have any questions.

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

Erica: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Monday

The office will be closed Fridays through the end of November.

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 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 25^{th} .
- Jeff and Cindy Ernst and family, upon the death of Jeff's mother Darlene on August 19th.

Those serving the needs of others:

- · Martha Monson Lowe and sister as they serve the people of Gaza
- 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, 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

Reproductive Justice Luncheon: 12:00-1:30 pm; Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 17th: 26th 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; Yellow Flock Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade, 3rd - 6th Grade, 7th-12th

grade

Saturday, November 23th: Ordination of Kathryn Thompson

Worship at 2:30 pm; Sanctuary

Preaching: Rev. Amy Zalk Larson; Presiding: Bishop Felix Malpica; Music: Jon Ailabouni

All are invited to wear any (and every) color of the rainbow. Clergy and all children invited to process.

Soup/Coffee/Treats to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 24th: 27th 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; Yellow Flock Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade, 3rd - 6th Grade, 7th-12th

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WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther College Students! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship — follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE!

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.



We trust in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

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