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 17th – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH. God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.

In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use. Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-ELW (red book) Behold, I Make All Things New Liturgy (blue booklet) Page numbers (P.) in front of the blue booklets, (#) in back of ELW congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: Processional – Michael Praetorius

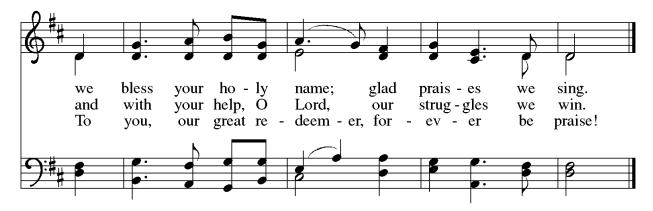
The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 870 "We Praise You, O God"



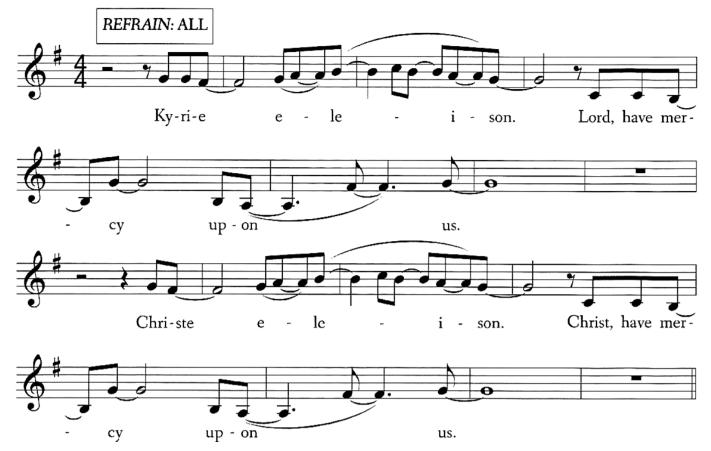
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*GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all. And also with you.

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.









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

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

PSALM 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref-[|] uge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good a-[|] bove all other."
- ² All my delight is in the godly that are [|] in the land, upon those who are noble a- [|] mong the people.
- ³ But those who run after | other gods shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- ⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods, never take their names up- | on my lips.
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup; it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night | after night.
- ⁸ I have set the Lord al- [|] ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall [|] not be shaken.
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- [|] it rejoices; my body also shall [|] rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me | to the grave, nor let your holy one | see the pit.
- ¹¹ You will show me the | path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- $^{\mid}$ evermore.

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

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

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be

thrown down."

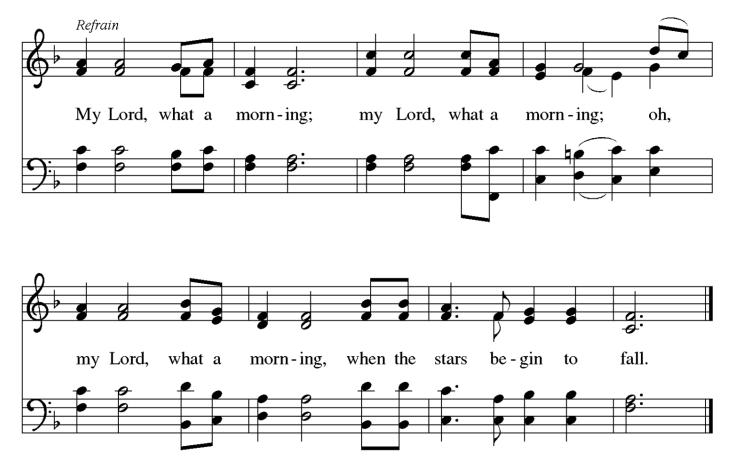
³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

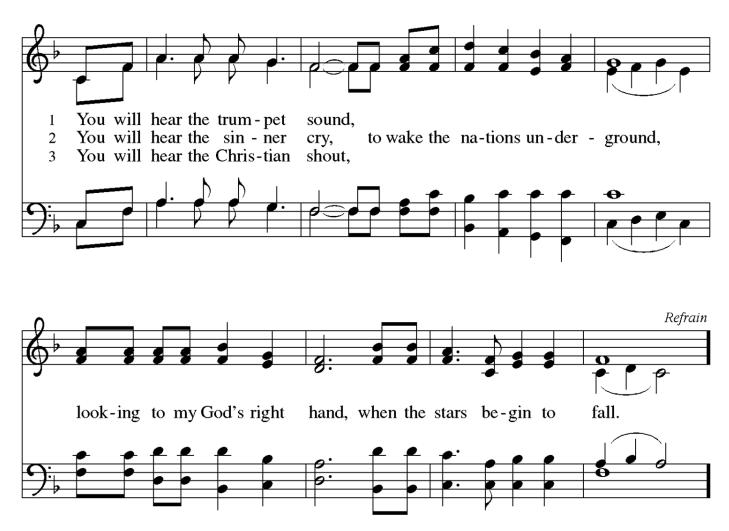
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #438 "My Lord, What a Morning" (vs. 1 & 3)





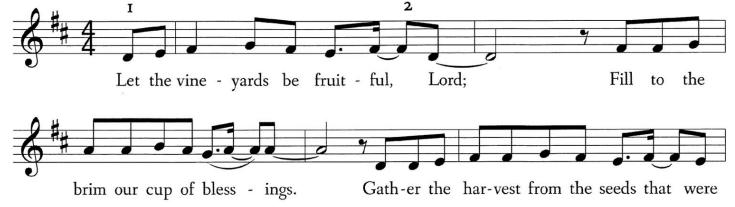
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends: God of compassion, hear our prayer.

***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: Gavotte – Michael Praetorius

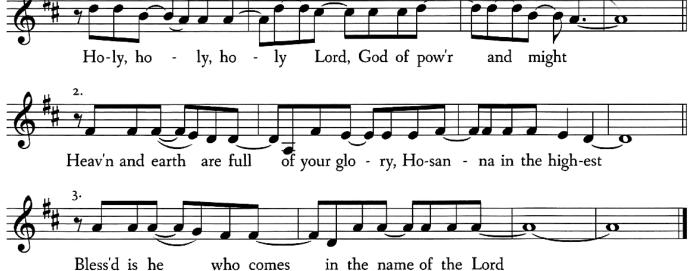
*OFFERTORY SONG: (sing in canon, font side followed by pulpit side)





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:

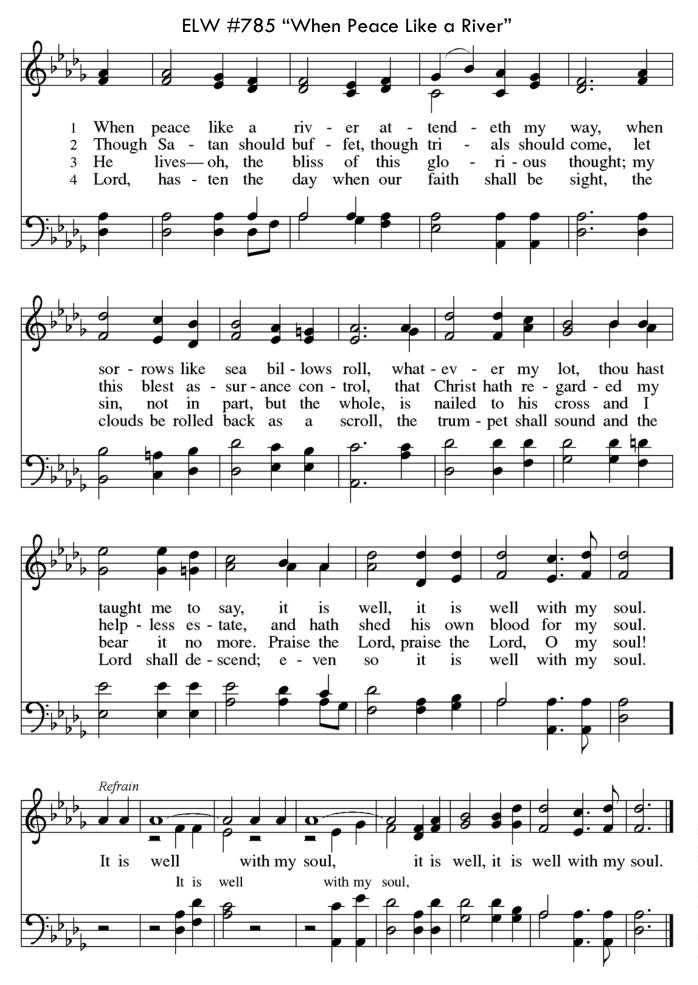




Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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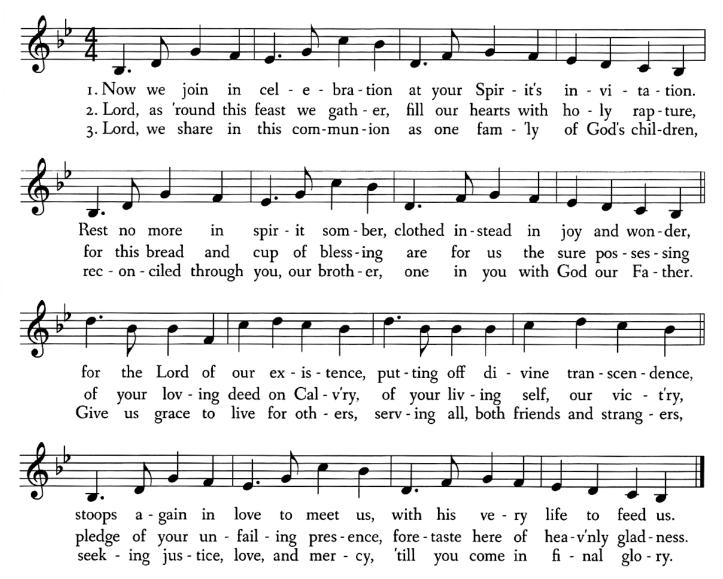
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Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING – SENDING SONG**



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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: Recessional – Michael Praetorius

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: Dave Judisch, Christy Tomlinson; GREETER: Jim Ulring; READER: Mic Martin; ASSISTING MINISTER: Linda Martin; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; FELLOWSHIP: Gail Judisch, Linda Martin, Doris Barnaal, Christy Tomlinson, Nancy Ulring, Sharon Drew.

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

• The call committee is continuing with interviews, and has spoken to two candidates so far. Receiving candidate names and materials is proceeding slowly. We understand additional candidates are interested, but are working with the synod's approach that strives to ensure that each candidate, particularly candidates who are underrepresented in the ministry, are fully considered. We take that seriously, and are striving to ensure we do just that. We are also working to keep the process moving as fluidly and quickly as we are able. We are grateful for your patience, and especially want to thank Pastor April, Pastor Marion, our Council, and all who are serving us during this interim period.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING THIS WEEK: PreK-2nd Grade, 3rd-6th grade, and 7-12th grade all will meet this week!

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 <u>goodshepherddecorah.org/nursery-book-registry</u> 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; or 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.

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: Today at 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.

NOVEMBER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING: Wednesday, November 20 – 1-3:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Please bring any completed shawls to be blessed. All are welcome! Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. Yarn and patterns are available. Questions? Contact Jeri Laursen.

INFORMATION FROM STEPHANIE HOFF: Stephanie here. This is just a note to say that I'm feeling so much better, especially because I learned yesterday that the kidney is "waking up", as the surgeon said it would. It's just taken a little longer to happen. Thank you to Pastor April and the congregation for the loving support and prayers. Stephanie is at one of Mayo's Gift of Life Transplant Houses. For now, she prefers to be contacted by email or text messages, rather than calls as she is often out at appointments. Her email address and cell phone number are in Good Shepherd's directory.

SCOUTS PANCAKE SUPPER: Keegan Joyce's BSA Troop 66 is hosting a pancake supper tonight at the Sabin Family Table restaurant. Serving pancakes, eggs and sausage from 5-7 pm. Freewill donation supports the troop and their service projects. All are welcome!

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM Monday-Thursday Erica: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Tuesday The office will be closed this Friday.

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

<u>Those who grieve:</u>

- 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:

- Martha Monson Lowe
- 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: <u>office@goodshepherddecorah.org</u>

Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

Today, 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 grade

Christmas Program Rehearsals Begin!

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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