

# 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



**January 19<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**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)**

All Creation Sings – **ACS (purple book)**

Page numbers (P.) in front of the red hymnal, (#) in back of ELW/ACS  
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## GATHERING

**PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE:** Concerto in G Minor – G. P. Telemann (*played by Keegan Joyce*)

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

## WELCOME

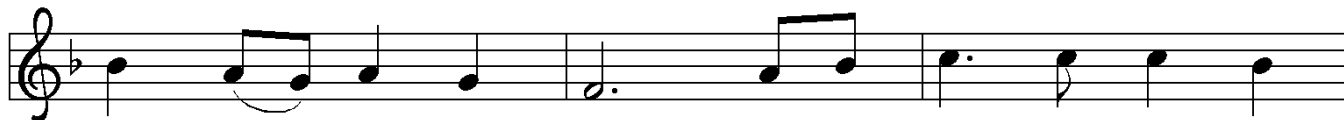
**GATHERING HYMN:** ELW #641 “All Are Welcome” (*verses 1 & 2*)



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

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vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

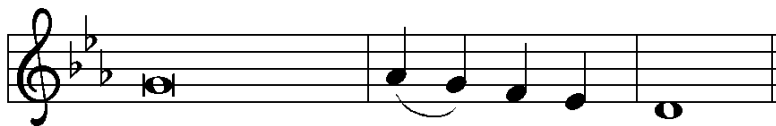


all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

**\*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.**

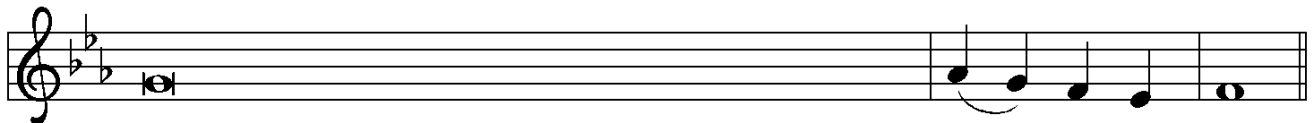
**\*KYRIE:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



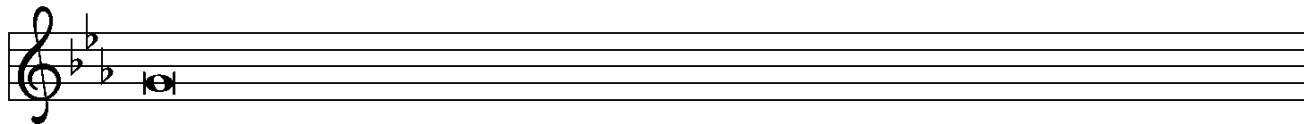
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



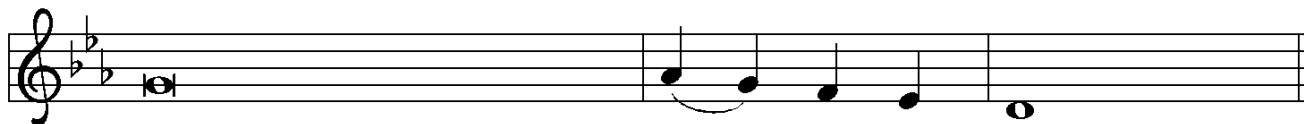
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



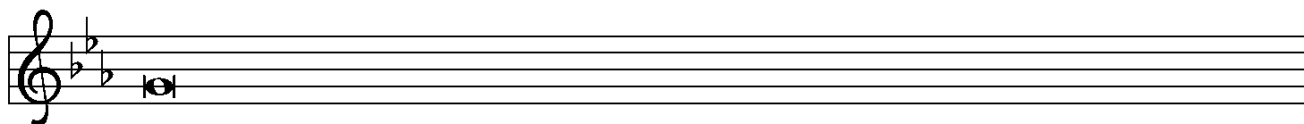
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



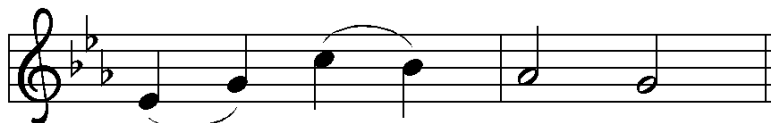
Lord, have mer - cy.



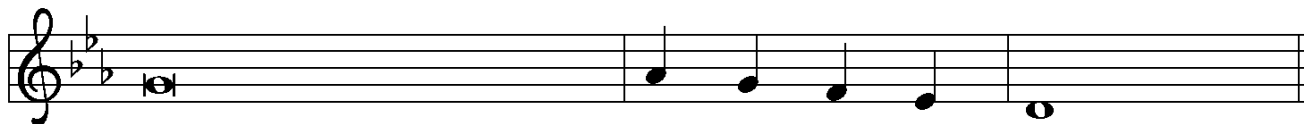
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST:**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



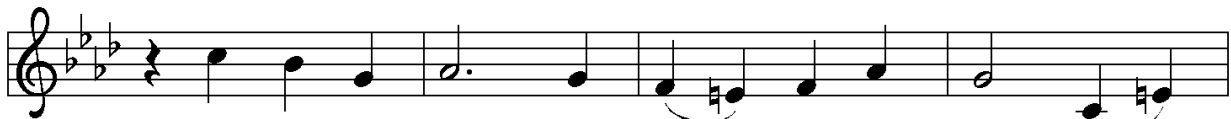
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 139** (written and sung by Benjamin Splichal Larson)

*Please meditate as we listen together:*

Lord, you search me out; you know me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

You discern my thoughts from afar; you trace my joys and my resting places; you know all my ways.

You encompass me, all around, and lay your own hand upon me.

If I climb to heaven, you are there.

If I make the grave my bed, still you are there.

If I climb to heaven above, you, God, are there.

If I make the grave my bed, still you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn and if I should dwell across the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me; your hand will lead me and hold me fast.

Even there your hand will lead me; your hand will lead me and hold me fast.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a similar rhythmic pattern, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below this staff.

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

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

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #312 Jesus Come! For We Invite You**



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *When indicated, respond: 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.*

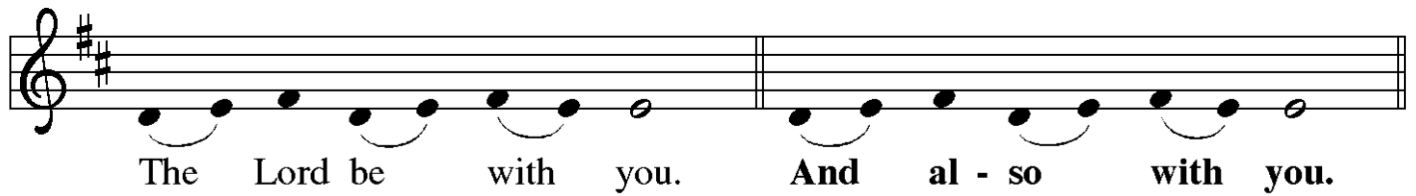
**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**\*OFFERTORY SONG:** ELW #641 "All Are Welcome" (verse 3, see previous page)

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

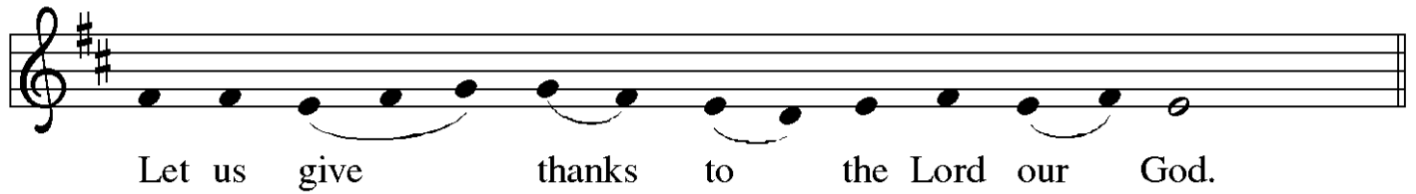
**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

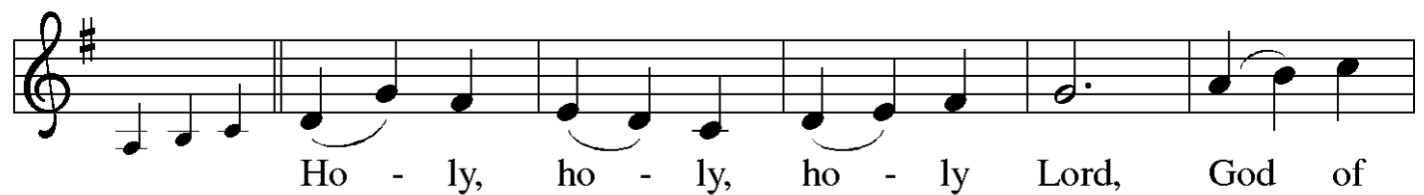


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



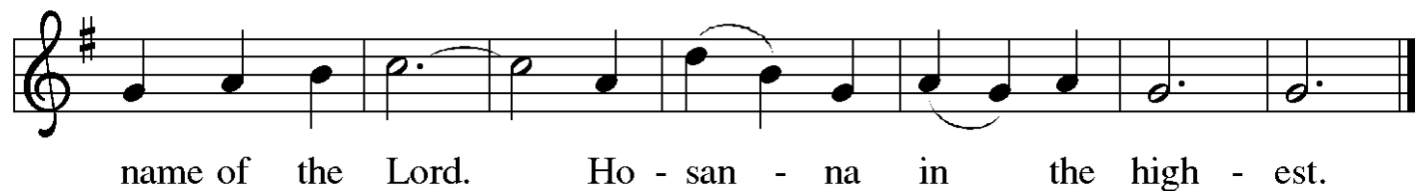
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *All are welcome at Christ's table.*

- *Worshippers are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail.*
- *Communion is served in the pews for those who wish to remain seated.*
- *If you prefer only a blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.*
- *Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.*
- *Egg-free wheat wafers are also available.*
- *Please place your wine and juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.*

**COMMUNION SONG:**



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.

**COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW #460 "Now the Silence"**



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



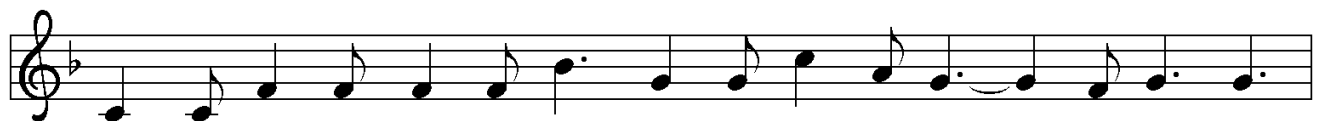
Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



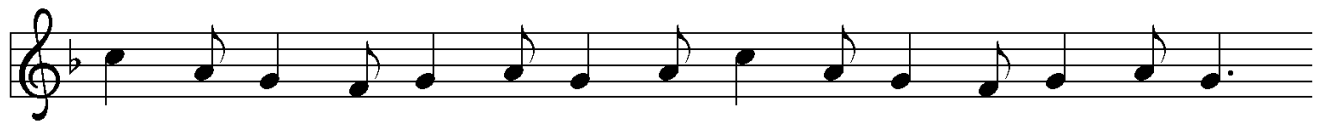
Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



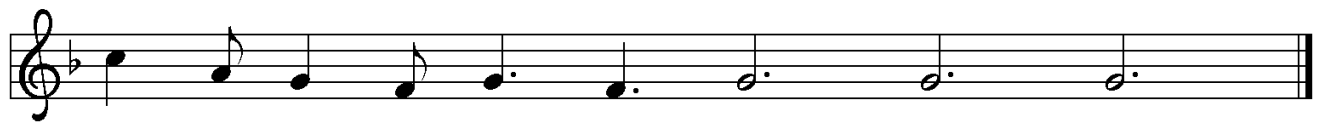
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

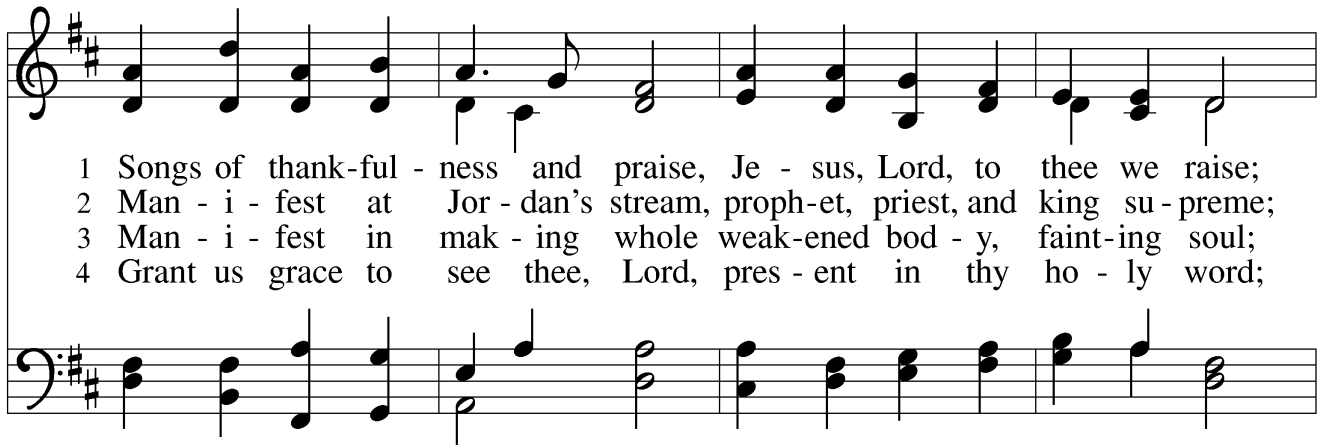


Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

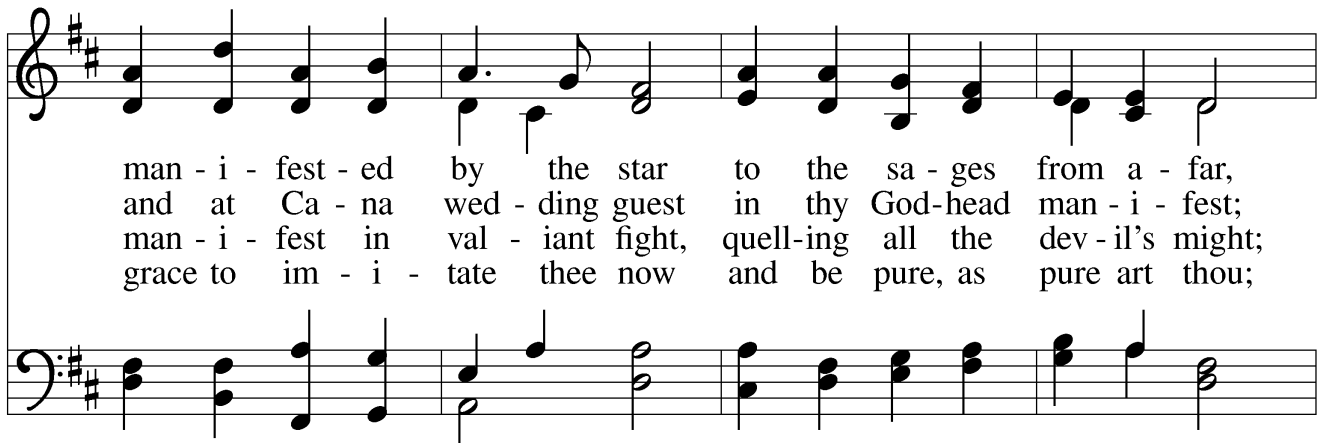
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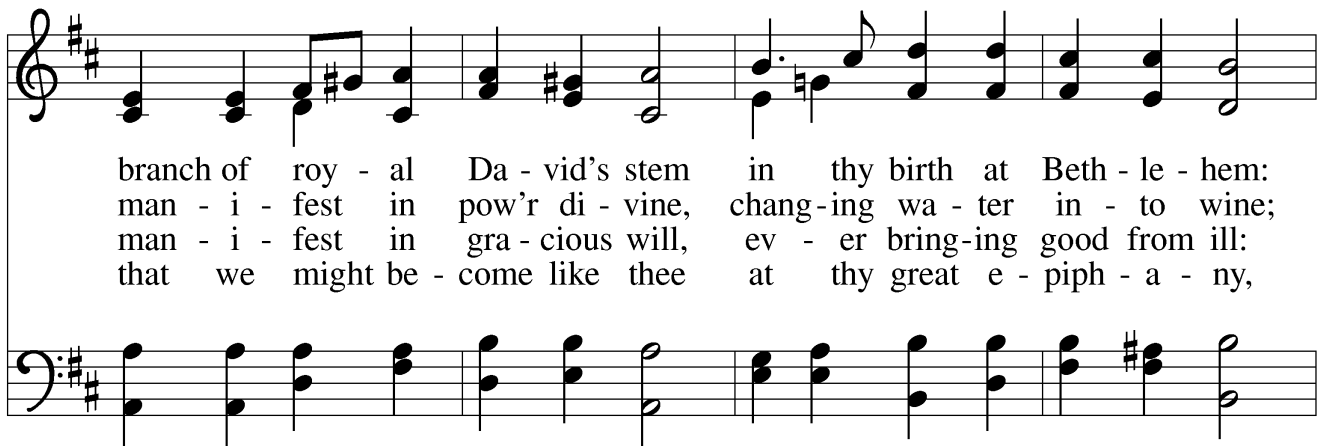
## ELW #310 "Songs of Thankfulness"



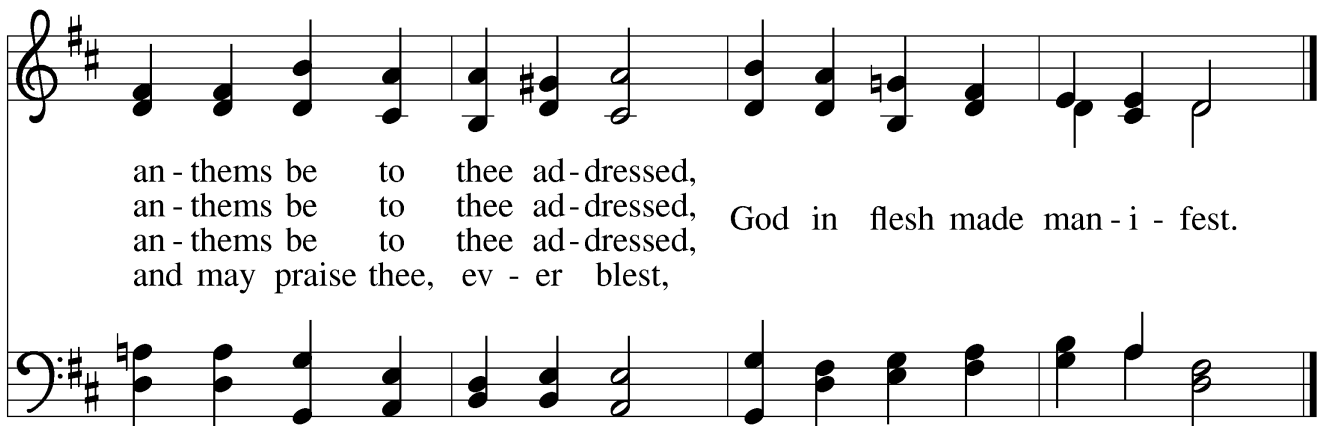
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

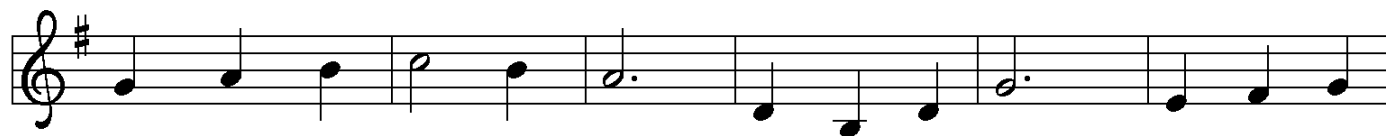


an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

## ELW #593 "Drawn to the Light"



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

### *Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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## TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*BLESSING – SENDING SONG:** ELW #641 "All Are Welcome" (verses 4 & 5, see previous page)

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:** “O Morning Star” – Dirck Sweelinck

*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:** Jim Biedermann, Brian Caton, Bob Larson; **GREETER:** Ann Naslund; **READER:** Jane Borelli; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Bob Naslund; **AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN:** Alex Bodnar; **FELLOWSHIP:** Carol Hasvold, Ann Naslund, Bev Sheridan, Bob Larson, Elizabeth Kaschins, Jane Borelli, Lyle Otte.

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

**EAT, PLAY, LOVE POTLUCK AND PLAYTIME TODAY:** Fellowship Hall; 4:30-6:30 PM. Come spend time with other Good Shepherd families this Sunday (and every **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! Bring a dish to pass, plates and eating utensils, and a favorite game. Reach out to **Allie Scott** (920-203-1352) or **Sonya Geenen** (309-912-8979) if you have any questions.

**ELCA NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING FREE VIRTUAL GATHERING THIS TUESDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>:** *Moving Together Toward Healing and Hope*, ELCA's **National Day of Racial Healing**, invites Lutherans nationwide to virtually connect and experience a journey of faith and growth through inspiring worship and presentations by distinguished Lutheran leaders of color. The full schedule of events can be found at [elca.org](http://elca.org). The presentation by the two authors and illustrator of the children's picture book *God's Holy Darkness* (Beaming Books, 2022), which is in the collection being developed for our renovated Nursery space, will be in the first group of the day's events. **Bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod Felix Malpica** (Luther '09), who presided at Kathryn Thompson's ordination, will give the sermon at the closing event.

## **DEADLINE FOR INTENTS TO PURCHASE SOLAR**

**COURTYARD CHAIRS FOR HOME USE:** Decorah store **Jubilee** is offering Good Shepherd members only the opportunity to purchase the same chairs for home use at the cost of \$250 each, the same price the church is receiving. The purchase(s) must be identical, with no variations, to the chairs on display in the Gathering Space. **If interested, contact Jim Fritz by January 24. Payment will be due in mid-February when the orders are placed.**



## **WELCA ANNUAL MEETING AND MID-WINTER BRUNCH:**

**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Fellowship Hall:** All are welcome to attend the WELCA Annual Meeting and Brunch. Come listen to guest speaker Luther College Associate Professor of History Dr. Anna Peterson's presentation "*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*". Funds from 2024 will also be dispersed. Contact **Bev Sheridan** with any funding requests. Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments. Please contact **Bev Sheridan** to volunteer.

## **OPENING FOR PART-TIME MINISTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR:**

A part-time Ministry & Communications Coordinator position is currently open, due to the resignation of **Erica Yaneff**. The Ministry & Communications Coordinator assists the Pastor and works collaboratively with the Good Shepherd staff, church committees, and congregation members to fulfill the everyday function of the Church, as well as needs that arise throughout the calendar year. The Coordinator serves as the go-to person for managing communications between committees and the congregation. The creation of publications (bulletins, monthly newsletters, social media posts, special event posters, etc.) also falls under this position. For a complete job description and application form, go to [goodshepherddecorah.org/ministry-communications-coordinator](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/ministry-communications-coordinator).

## **DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION OPEN:**

Good Shepherd seeks a leader for the part-time position of Director of Children and Youth Ministry, working with ages Pre-K through High School. The Director serves the wider mission of the congregation, creating, coordinating, and directly participating with children and youth in programs of learning, service, and faith formation along with the Pastor and the Education and Youth Committee. Applicants should have knowledge of the Lutheran faith; experience with children and youth activities and programs is desired. Contact the church office at **(563) 382-3963**.



**RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND WINTER GREENS AT GOOD SHEPHERD:**

Old Christmas trees and winter greens are being collected for use for the Easter Vigil bonfire (this year March 30th!). **Please leave them in the space between the Annex and Mower shed.** Removal of metal and roping from wreaths and greens is appreciated!

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

- Scott Barnes, *friend of Erik Berg*
- Marilyn Anderson
- Jon Wendling
- Helen Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- Stephanie Hoff
- Wanda Rueber
- Stacey Nalean-Carlson
- Mickey Slind
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ulring
- Phillip Swanson, *son of Ted & Joann Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson*
- Harland Nelson
- Dennis Martin, *Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law*
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

## **Those who grieve:**

- Liz Fritz and family, upon the memorial service for her mother Janet Gall on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Sarah Wicks and family, upon the death of her grandfather Bob Fahrenkrug on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 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>.

## **Those serving the needs of others:**

- Martha Monson Lowe
- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*
- Kathryn Thompson as she serves higher education students through LuMin in La Crosse

To have a prayer request added to or removed from the Prayer List, please email Tristan at [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org) or call (563) 382-3963.

## **Good Shepherd Worship Schedule**

### **Today, Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: *Second Sunday after Epiphany***

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion;  
Preaching/Presiding: Pastor April Uring Larson  
Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Blue Flock  
No Sunday School today

### **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>: *Third Sunday after Epiphany***

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion;  
Preaching/Presiding: Pastor April Uring Larson  
Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Blue Flock  
Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade, 3rd - 6th Grade, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
grade

### **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion  
Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Uring Larson  
Congregation Annual Meeting: 11:00 AM; Fellowship Hall

**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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