

# 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



**February 9<sup>th</sup> – Fifth 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:** “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” – Johann Pachelbel

*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 #414 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8**

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup> **I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;  
before the gods I will | sing your praise.**

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

<sup>3</sup> **When I called, you | answered me;  
you increased my | strength within me.**

<sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup> **They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,  
that great is the glory | of the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup> The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,

perceiving the haughty | from afar.

**<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your  
right | hand shall save me.**

<sup>8</sup> You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of  
your hands.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



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

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11**

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

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

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

### **The 2025-26 Congregation Council members are:**

<i>Chris Johnson</i>	– <i>President</i>
<i>Laura Barlament</i>	– <i>Vice President</i>
<i>Kris Peterson</i>	– <i>Past President</i>
<i>Anne Clausen</i>	– <i>Council Secretary</i>
<i>Brian Caton</i>	– <i>At Large Member</i>
<i>Sara Hopkins</i>	– <i>At Large Member</i>
<i>Lise Kildegaard</i>	– <i>At Large Member</i>
<i>Karin Martin-Hiner</i>	– <i>At Large Member</i>
<i>Marilyn Rue</i>	– <i>At Large Member</i>

**Treasurer:** John Moeller

### **New members and second terms of standing committees are:**

<i>Christy Vrtis</i>	– <i>Education Committee</i>
<i>Catherine Hildebrandt</i>	– <i>Outreach &amp; Hospitality Committee</i>
<i>Jan Siefken</i>	– <i>Outreach &amp; Hospitality Committee</i>
<i>Tim Folkerts</i>	– <i>Worship &amp; Music Committee</i>
<i>Cynthia Ernst</i>	– <i>Nominating Committee</i>
<i>Bob Naslund</i>	– <i>Nominating Committee</i>
<i>Jim Buzza</i>	– <i>Mission Endowment Fund</i>
<i>Lindsay Erdman</i>	– <i>Mission Endowment Fund</i>
<i>Mic Martin</i>	– <i>Mission Endowment Fund</i>

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected? *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

People of God, will you support these, your leaders, and will you share in the ministry that Christ has given to the whole body of Christ? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

## **BLESSING OF CONGREGATION SERVANT LEADERS**

**\*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:** “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” – Dirck Sweelinck



**\*OFFERTORY SONG: ELW #525 "You Are Holy" (sung in canon, pulpit side first, then organ side)**



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



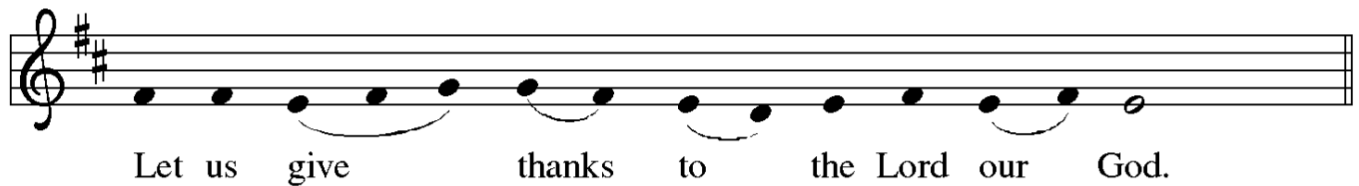
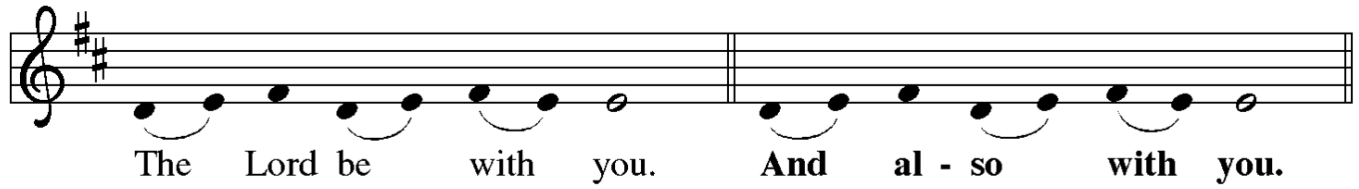
Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



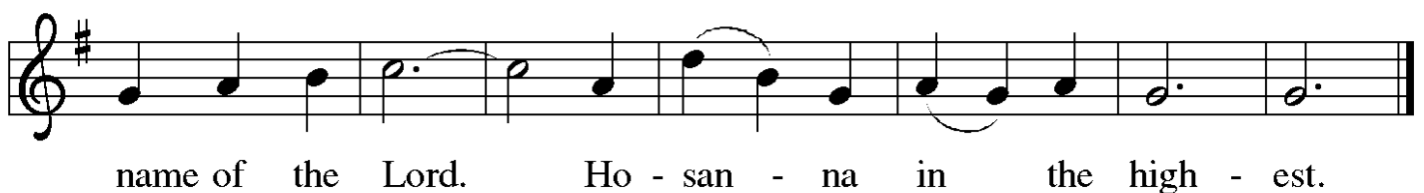
ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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

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



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



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

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

- *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.*

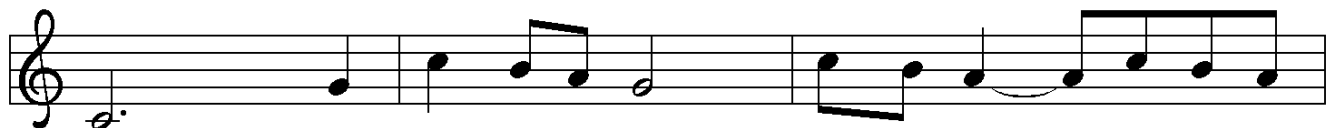
**COMMUNION SONG:**



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 #676 "Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y\_a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## ELW #664 "Heaven Is Singing for Joy"



*El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!*  
 1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



*por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.*  
 for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.  
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.  
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



*lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: ALEGRÍA, Pablo Sosa

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ELW #696 "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

# TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*BLESSING – SENDING SONG:** ELW #809 “Send Me, Lord”

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
(2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
(3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

*Repeat ad lib.* *End*

2 Lead me, Lord.  
3 Fill me, Lord.

mi - na, So - man - dla.  
Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

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Music: THUMA MINA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:** “Lord, I don’t feel no ways tired” – arr. Hailstork

*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; **CANTOR:** Karin Martin-Hiner; **USHERS:** Heather Cote, Dustin Cote; **GREETER:** Erik Berg; **READER:** Connie Buresh; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Tom Buresh; **AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN:** Carter Thompson; **FELLOWSHIP:** Connie and Tom Buresh, Kim and Mike Huinker, Diane Kruse.

**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.

**ADULT FORUM TODAY:** Please join us for an "Advocacy Basics Tutorial" today at 11 in the Gathering Space. Pastor Marion will share some tips on how to get your voice heard on issues that are important to you. These are challenging times and it's easy to feel overwhelmed. We need each other for support, and encouragement as we respond to legislative action and policies that threaten the well-being of vulnerable people.

**MISSION ASSISTANCE FUND DEPLETED:** Please consider donating to the fund, as the Mission Assistance Fund is completely depleted. The fund responds to requests from congregation members and the wider community, and is administered by our pastor and two members of the congregation. Donations can be made several ways: **by check**, made out to Good Shepherd with *Mission Assistance* in the memo line, placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office; **by cash or check**, placed in the Mission Assistance Fund basket on the **Fellowship serving table following worship**; or online at the Good Shepherd website's Giving Tab.

**EPIC/MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND ADULT FORUM: Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, Gathering Space:** Jeff Olinger, Thrivent Financial, will be at Good Shepherd to hold a discussion relating to future planning. The Forum is open to members and non-members and will be non-structured. The EPIC Scholarship/Mission Endowment Fund Committee is sponsoring the Forum as a part of the Stewardship for All Seasons concept that is used by the committee.

**NOTE FROM FACILITIES AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** Please be sure that all Sanctuary doors are closed when the space is not in use. The humidification for the organ is affected when the doors are left open.



## **GLOBAL REFUGE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR RECENTLY ARRIVED REFUGEES:**

Global Refuge (previously LIRS: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) received an order from the federal government on January 24 to stop serving nearly 6,000 newly arrived refugees under the organization's care, by freezing previously approved federal funding. The refugee families were **legally approved** to come through the official U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. Fleeing war, violence or persecution, they arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs and need initial assistance for housing, food, healthcare, finding work, and enrolling their children in school. Donations assure refugees sponsored through Global Refuge have access to the essential resources promised them. You can help by donating at [globalrefuge.org](http://globalrefuge.org).

**ELCA MARY & MARTHA RETREAT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, EWALU Stone Retreat Center, near Strawberry Point** – All ELCA women and their friends are welcome at this retreat at Camp EWALU's Stone Retreat Center, celebrating learners and doers like Mary and Martha! Sponsored by the NE IA Women of the ELCA Synod Board and Katie's Fund, the cost is \$35 if staying Friday night and Saturday (includes GF friendly Friday supper and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, as well as double-occupancy accommodations, including bedding and towels), or \$15 if attending the Saturday sessions only (includes GF friendly breakfast and lunch). On Saturday, **Pastor Susan & Norman Friedrich** (Good Shepherd members) will speak to us about the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) "Bridges of Hope." Registration is due Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. See **Bev Sheridan** for registration forms and carpool information.

**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 April 19<sup>th</sup>!). **Please leave them in the space between the Annex and Mower shed.** Removal of metal and roping from wreaths and greens is appreciated!

**ADULT FORUM FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>:** When we hear things that we don't expect or want—either in person or on the news—our bodies go into alarm mode. Our heart races, our palms sweat, and a host of other physical responses get triggered. And our mind goes into high gear, bringing many unwelcome (and unhelpful) thoughts. Grounding practices help us calm our bodies, which is good. But it also helps us stay connected to God, the One who is with us always. When our mind is racing, that often the last thing we think of. The Adult Forum on February 23<sup>rd</sup> is a chance to learn how to face this situation head on. “Prayer Practices to Ground Us in Stressful Times” is the topic and the presenter is Jane Jakoubek.

**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:**

- Bob Naslund
- Elizabeth Kaschins
- Mickey Slind
- Scott Barnes, *friend of Erik Berg*
- Marilyn Anderson
- Jon Wendling
- Helen Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- Stephanie Hoff
- Wanda Rueber
- Stacey Nalean-Carlson
- 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:**

- Sarah Wicks and family, upon the death of her grandfather Bob Fahrenkrug on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

- Martha Monson Lowe
- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*
- Pastor 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, February 9<sup>th</sup>: *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Purple Flock

Adult Forum: The Basics of Advocacy; 11:00 AM; Gathering Space

### **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>: *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany***

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Purple Flock

Adult Forum: EPIC Scholarship / Mission Endowment Fund; 11:00 AM; Gathering Space

### **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>: *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany***

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Purple Flock

Adult Forum: Prayer Practices to Ground us in Stressful Times; 11:00 AM; Gathering Space

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

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

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

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

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** This Statement was 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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