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



March 2nd – Transfiguration of our Lord

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

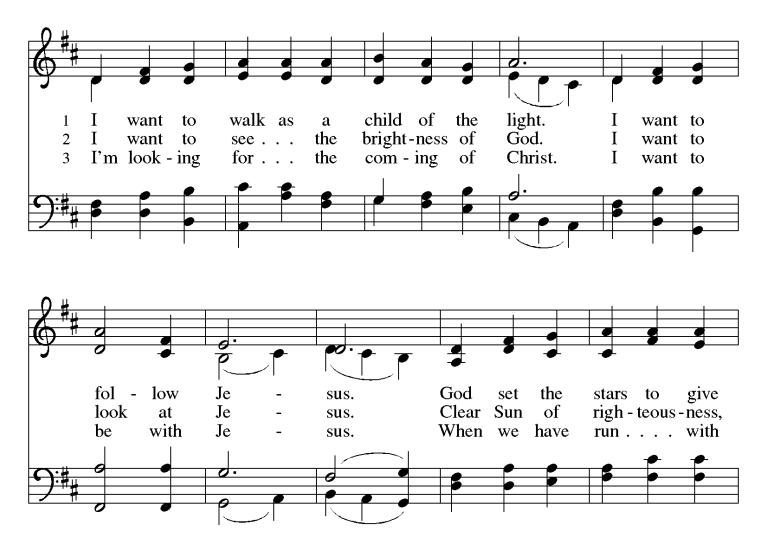
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GATHERING

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: "My Soul, Now Praise Thy Maker" – 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 #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (verses 1 and 2)



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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**.

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹ The Lord is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let [|] the earth shake.

- ² The Lord, [|] great in Zion,
 - is high a- | bove all peoples.
- ³ Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome; God is the ¹ Holy One.
- ⁴ O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- [|] tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous- [|] ness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- [|] fore God's footstool; God is the [|] Holy One.

⁶ Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your [|] name, O Lord,

they called upon you, and you | answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸ O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their [|] evil deeds.

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's [|] holy hill; for the Lord our God is the [|] Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



*GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

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

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling

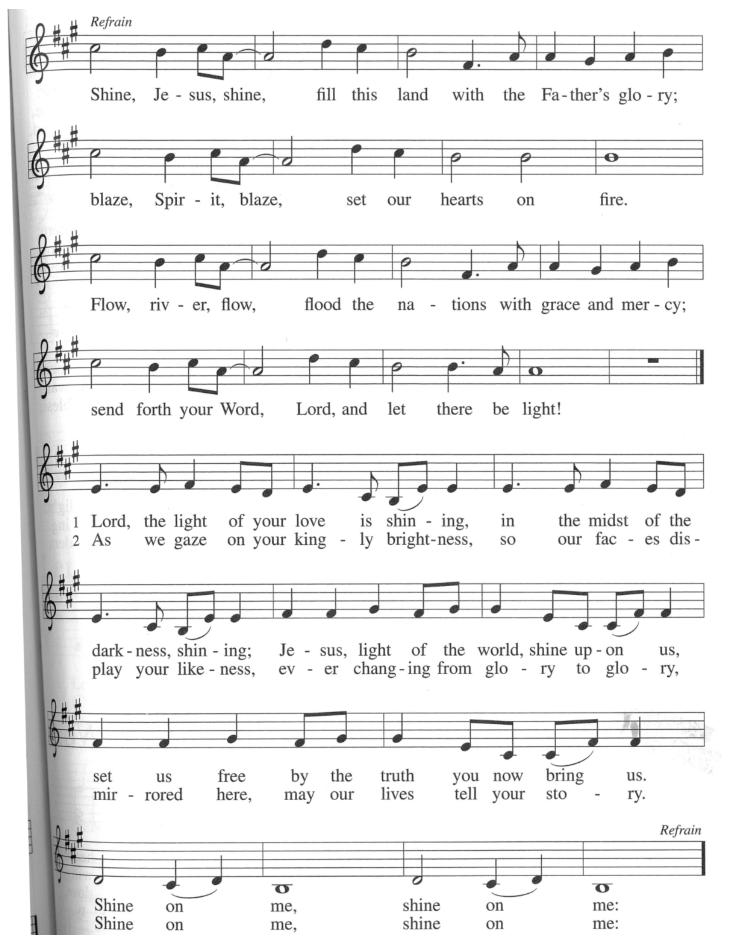
white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON – Pastor Susan Friedrich

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"



*APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: When indicated, respond: hear our prayer.

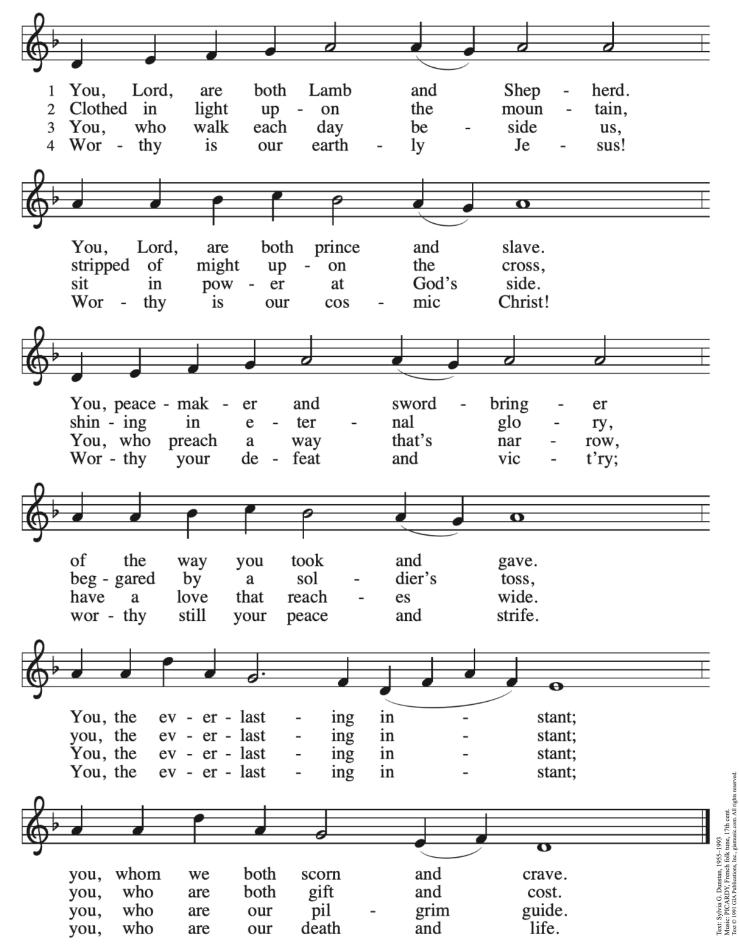
*PEACE OF CHRIST: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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 Taste and See" – Ralph Vaughan Williams

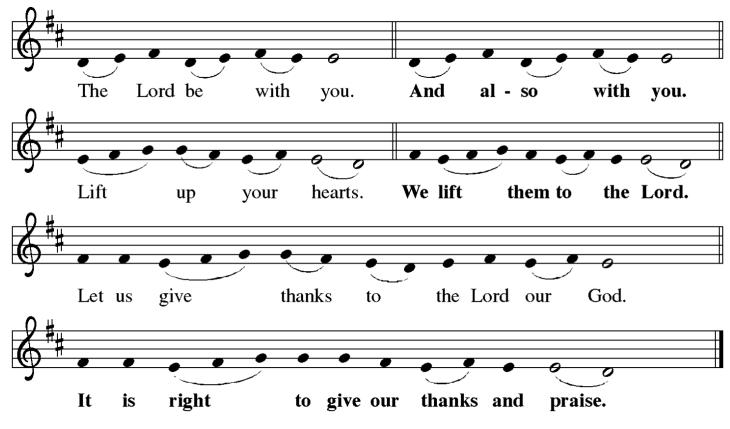
*OFFERTORY SONG: ACS #954 "You, Lord..." (verses 2 and 3)



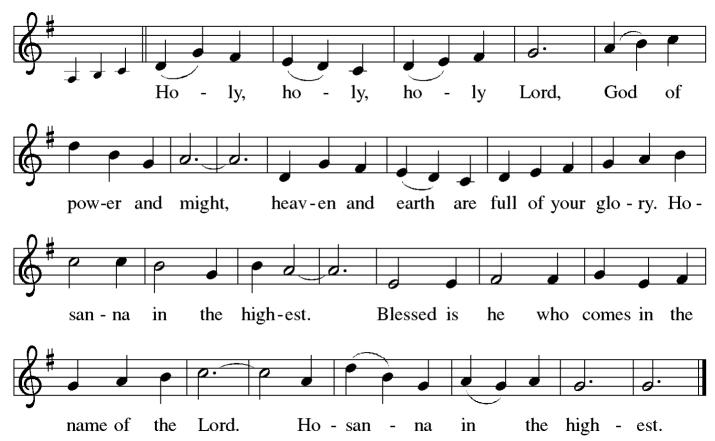
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*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:



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

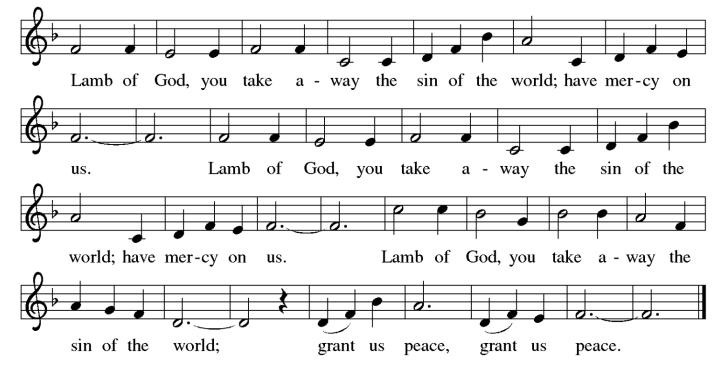


*WORDS OF INSTITUTION – THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: Our Father...

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.

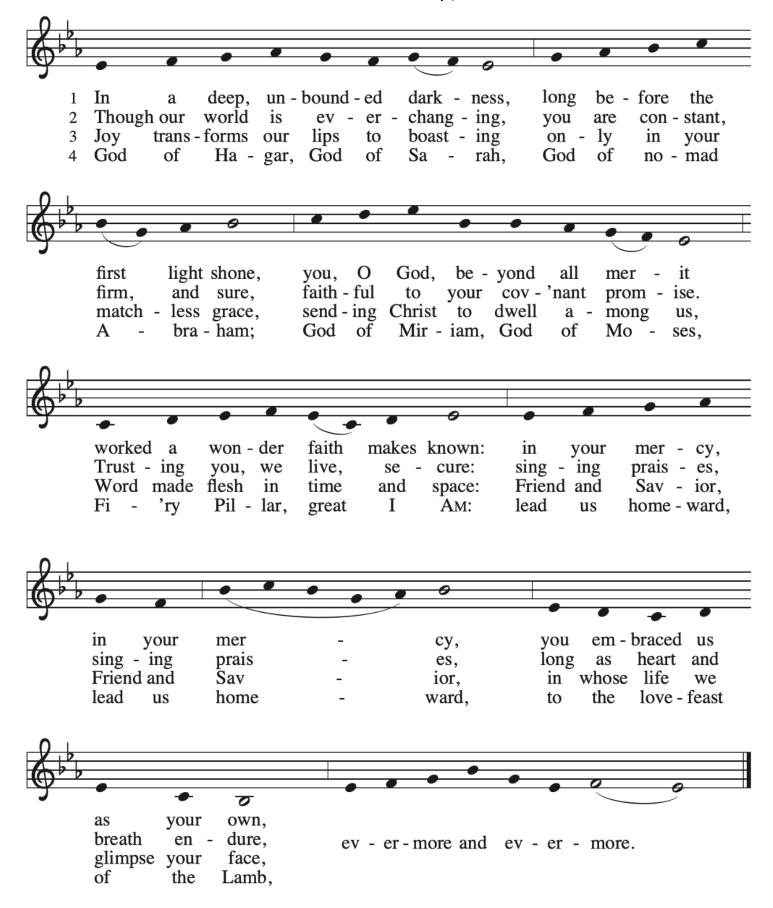
COMMUNION SONG: ELW #195 "Lamb of God"



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COMMUNION HYMNS: ACS #1093 "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"



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ELW #392 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Ø g g - lu - lu Al - le ia! Sing Je - sus; his the scep - ter, to Al - le or - phans are left in ia! Not 2 as we heav - en, here 3 Al - le - lu Bread ia! of on earth our 4 Al - le - lu ia! King e ter - nal, Lord nip - o om scep - ter, 5 Al - le - lu Je - sus; his ia! Sing to the Al - le - lu the tri - umph, his his the throne; ia! his the Al - le - lu near us; faith be sor - row now; ia! he is food, our stay; Al - le - lu ia! here the sin - ful flee to Mar - y, earth Al - le - lu your tent we own; ia! born of the throne; Al - le - lu ia! his the tri - umph, his the his 0 peace vic - to a - lone. ful ry Hark! The songs of ques - tions how. lieves, nor Though the cloud from sight re you from day to day. In - ter - ces SOT, friend of foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you vic - to a - lone. Hark! The ful songs of peace ry P 0 Zi - on thun - der like might - y flood: "Je а sus for ceived him when the ty days were o'er, shall our sin - ners, earth's re deem - er, hear our plea where the en - tered, robed in flesh, great high our priest, here on "Je Zi thun - der like might - y flood: sus on a out of ev - 'ry na tion has re - deemed us by his blood." prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? hearts for - get his all songs of the sin less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea. the eu - cha-ris - tic feast. earth both priest and vic tim in out of ev - 'ry na tion has re - deemed us by his blood." -

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TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING – SENDING SONG: ELW #318 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (verses 1 and 3)

Children join the pastor to carry out the Alleluia banner at this sending hymn.



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

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: Gigue - G. F. Handel

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: Pastor April Ulring Larson; PREACHING: Pastor Susan Friedrich; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Kemp; LECTOR/READER: Bethany Volz; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; ALTAR GUILD SERVERS: Elizabeth Kaschins, Jan Siefken; USHERS: Hayley Jackson, Richard Ylvisaker; GREETER: Germano Streese; AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN: Alex Bodnar; FELLOWSHIP: John Jefferson, Marion Pruitt-Jefferson, Hayley Jackson, Germano Streese, Jane Kemp.

THANK YOU TO PASTOR SUSAN FRIEDRICH FOR PROVIDING TODAY'S GOOD NEWS!

WELCOME ANISHKA VOGL, GOOD SHEPHERD MUSIC INTERN: Anishka Vogl, senior Luther College music major, is Good Shepherd's Music Intern this spring. She started last Sunday, February 23rd, and will assist Music Director **Brooke Joyce** with Sunday morning worship services and Wednesday evening Lenten services.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES: Wednesday, March 5th, 7:00 PM, Good Shepherd Sanctuary: All are encouraged to invite family and friends to join us for worship on this holy day. Pastor April will preside and preach. Assisting Minister is Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; Reader is Germano Streese; Ushers are John Jefferson and Wanda Deifelt.

PERSONAL ASH WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER: Wednesday, March 5th, 7:00-9:00 AM, Water Street Plaza next to Oneota Co-op: Stop by on your way to work, school, or errands and receive God's blessing and the Imposition of Ashes by Pastor April, Pastors Michael Wilker and David Severtson of First Lutheran, or Pastor Peter Kowitz of Decorah Lutheran.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES: All are welcome at Lenten Evening Prayer services at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on each of the five Wednesdays in Lent: March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9. Simple Soup Suppers follow each Wednesday Worship. **LENTEN RECITAL SERIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD:** This year's **2025 Lenten Recital Series** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church once again features a variety of music on three Wednesdays during Lent, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All recitals are <u>free</u> and open to the public. Come and spend your BYO lunch time here! The series kicks off on **March 12**, featuring students in the organ studio of **Alexander Meszler**, Luther College organist. On **March 19**, **Anishka Vogel**, Luther College senior music major and Good Shepherd Music Intern, will perform a solo violin recital. On **March 26**, enjoy meditative music featuring **Craig Hultgren**, cello and **Brooke Joyce**, piano and organ.

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL – GET ON THE BUS TO SUPPORT LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA: Join LSI and ELCA Lutherans from across the state for Lutheran Day on the Hill at the State Capitol in Des Moines on TUESDAY, MARCH 11, departing at 5:30 a.m. and returning at 6:00 p.m. The hope is to have 500 Lutherans come together! Our presence matters – every voice adds strength to our witness. After gathering at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, we will meet directly with state legislators at the Capitol. First Lutheran Church is organizing a caravan of vehicles from Winneshiek County. To ride with someone or to be a volunteer driver, sign up at <u>goodshepherddecorah.org/lutheran-day-rides</u>. For a program, to request a t-shirt, and to select a free meal menu option, register with LSI at <u>Isiowa.org/Idh</u>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday, March 7th, 1 PM, St. Benedict's Parish Hall – All are invited to this year's World Day of Prayer at St. Benedict's Catholic Church Parish Hall. The theme, created by World Day of Prayer Cook Islands, is "I Made You Wonderful", based on Psalm 139:14. The program invites all to know that each person was made with care and love of God. Too often, women and girls have been silenced and oppressed. The message that "we, as women and girls, are 'fearfully and wonderfully' made in the image of God, reinforces the World Day of Prayer's support for women who are expressing their faith and speaking about their lives in prayer and worship before God and in community." (WDP website) Ann Naslund and Bev Sheridan are on the planning committee.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, March 6th, 5:00 PM, Decorah Lutheran's Fellowship Hall, 309 Winnebago Street – Join your friends and neighbors for this <u>free</u> meal. All are welcome! This month, members of the Northern Lights Chorale are providing volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College. Gluten free options and carry outs are always available.

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:

- Lise Kildegaard
- Anne Clausen
- Bob Wilson
- Mickey Slind
- Bob Naslund
- Scott Barnes
- 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:

- Megan Buckingham and family, upon the death of her grandmother Babara Movall on Thursday, February 20th.
- Sarah Wicks and family, upon the death of her grandfather Bob Fahrenkrug on Saturday, December 21st.

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 or call (563) 382-3963.

Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, March 2nd: Transfiguration Sunday

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching: Pastor Susan Friedrich Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Pink Flock

Wednesday, March 5th: Ash Wednesday

Worship at 7:00 PM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Sunday, March 9th: First Sunday in Lent

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 Pink Flock

Wednesday, March 12th: Lenten Wednesday Worship

Worship at 5:30 PM; Sanctuary Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson Simple Soup Supper: 6:15 PM; Fellowship Hall; soups provided by the Orange Flock

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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