## 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 ...



March 9th - First Sunday in Lent

## 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 \*

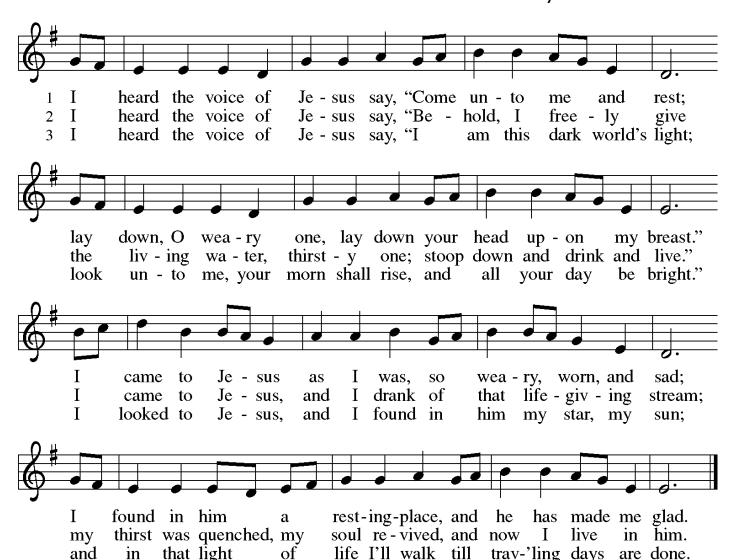
#### **GATHERING**

#### PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE

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 #611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion

you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.

We oppress others,

even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives** 

and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide

to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- <sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High, who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- <sup>2</sup> you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold, my God in whom I | put my trust."
- <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the | LORD your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,
- 10 no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
- 11 For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.

- 12 Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
- 13 You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- 14 I will deliver those who | cling to me;
   I will uphold them, because they | know my name.
- <sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- <sup>16</sup> With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.

### **SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

8b "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

#### \*GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS #923 "As Your Spirit in the Desert"



Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Music: ROSEVILLE, Michael D. Costello, b. 1979 Text © 2012 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress Music © 2015 Augsburg Fortress

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#### \*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:** "Libera Me" – Brooke Joyce

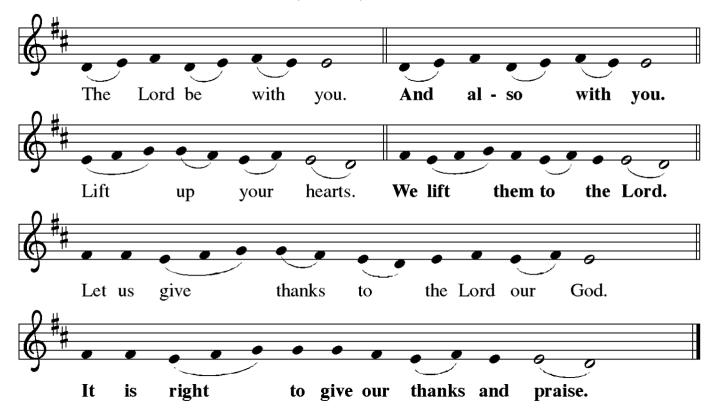
# \*OFFERTORY SONG: ELW #811 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



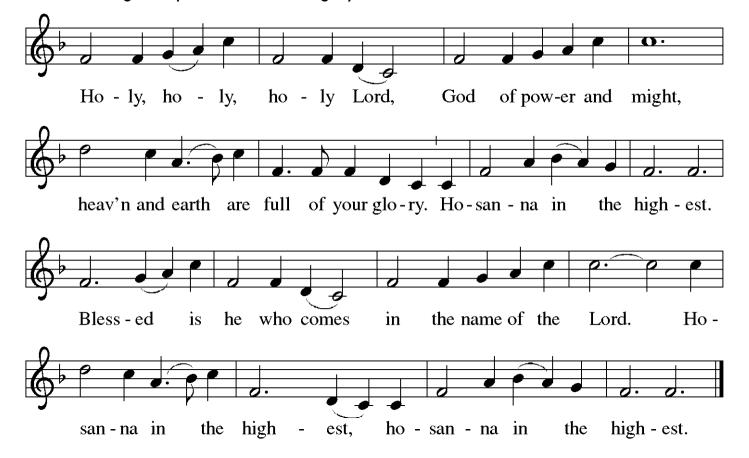
Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt. Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

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

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:



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

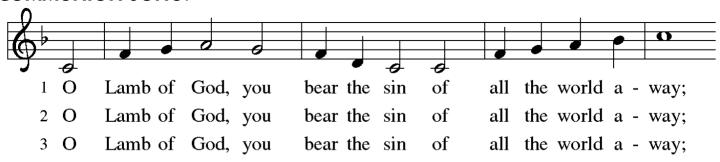


### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION - THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: Our Father...

### 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:**





you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### ACS #969 "Welcome Table" **COMMUNION HYMNS:** a-goin'-a I'm the wel-come ble, eat at ta I'm a-goin'-a milk . . . and 2 feast on hon ey, wade 'cross Jor I'm a-goin'-a riv er, I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days. a-goin'-a feast on milk...and hon-ey, some of these days. I'm I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days. I'm a-goin'-a the wel-come ble, eat at ta I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon ey, I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor riv dan's er, ±0 $\mathbf{o}$ the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days. I'm goin' - a eat at hon-ey, some of these days. on milk . . . and I'm goin' - a feast wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days. I'm goin' - a

Text: African American spiritual Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953 Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortres.

#### ACS #962 "In This Feast of Love"



Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio Text and music © 2017, 2020 Jarkko Maukonen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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### TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### **SENDING**

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING - SENDING SONG: ACS #1034 "When It Seems the Day Will End"



Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980 Music: HUMBLE WALK, Justin Rimbo Text and music © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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\*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. Thanks be to God.

### PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: Concerto - Alexander Glazunov

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: PREACHING AND PRESIDING: Pastor April Ulring Larson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; VIOLINIST: Anishka Vogl; ASSISTING MINISTER: Martin Klammer; LECTOR/READER: Germano Streese; USHERS: Pam and Ray Torresdal; GREETER: Germano Streese; AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN: Alex Bodnar; FELLOWSHIP: Wanda Deifelt, Germano Streese, Cheri Lane, Dianne Burke, Jane Kemp.

**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.

Preaching at each Wednesday Worship:

March 12: Rev. Dr. Wanda Deifelt, Luther College Professor of Religion; Brazilian Lutheran pastor

March 19: Dr. David Scott, Ph.D., Director of Mission Theology and Strategic Planning at the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church

March 25: Rev. Melissa Bills, Luther College Pastor and Director of Campus Ministries

April 2: Dr. Martin Klammer, Luther College Professor of English;

April 9: Rev. Dr. Rolf Svanoe, retired ELCA pastor

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16, FOLLOWING WORSHIP - SPECIAL CONGREGATION

**MEETING:** The purpose of this meeting is to hear a presentation from the Good Shepherd Call Committee, recommending that we as a congregation extend a call to **Pastor Kristen L. Larsen-Schmidt**, and then vote on that recommendation and a compensation package.

**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.

YOUTH LENTEN PROJECT SUPPORTS LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA: This year's Lenten Project, sponsored by Good Shepherd youth, will raise funds for Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). The goal is \$5,000. Because of the recent targeting of Lutheran aid organizations nationally and within Iowa, students felt it was important to remind the congregation of the important work being done each day by LSI across Iowa. A Lutheran Services of Iowa fact and offering prayer, written by students during Sunday School time throughout Lent, will be presented by youth each Wednesday and Sunday during Lent. Donations for LSI can be placed in a special art piece, created by our younger Sunday School students, at the altar during the Offertory Wednesdays and Sundays through Palm Sunday. If you'd like to write a check, make it to Good Shepherd with Youth Lenten Project on the memo line.

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 goodshepherddecorah.org/lutheran-day-rides. For a program, to request a t-shirt, and to select a free meal menu option, register with LSI at Isiowa.org/Idh

# 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
- Amanda Schwoegler
- Anne Clausen
- Bob Wilson
- Mickey Slind
- 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:

- Glendalu Wuest and family, upon the death of her husband Dick Wuest on Monday, March  $3^{\rm rd}$ .
- Megan Buckingham and family, upon the death of her grandmother Barbara Movall on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</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 or call (563) 382-3963.

# **Good Shepherd Worship Schedule**

# Today, 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 Preaching: Rev. Dr. Wanda Deifelt

Simple Soup Supper: 6:15 PM; Fellowship Hall; soups provided by the Orange

**Flock** 

## Sunday, March 16th: Second Sunday in Lent

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

Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Preaching: Bishop Kevin Jones

All Congregation Meeting: 11:00 AM; Sanctuary

## Wednesday, March 19th: Lenten Wednesday Worship

Worship at 5:30 PM; Sanctuary

Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Preaching: Dr. David Scott

Simple Soup Supper: 6:15 PM; Fellowship Hall; soups provided by the Yellow

Flock

## Sunday, March 23rd: Third 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 25th: Lenten Wednesday Worship

Worship at 5:30 PM; Sanctuary

Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Preaching: Rev. Melissa Bills

Simple Soup Supper: 6:15 PM; Fellowship Hall; soups provided by the Green

**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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