

# 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 ...

Psalms 100:3

## LARGE PRINT EDITION



### Good Friday Worship – Jazz Worship

**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.***

## Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

*As you enter the Sanctuary, you are invited to make the transition from “getting here” to “being here”. Take a moment to silence phones. You may use these moments of quiet time to listen to the Prelude as you prepare to come fully into the presence of God and our community of faith.*

### Worship Books are in the Pews

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - red book*

*All Creation Sings (ACS) - purple book*

Page numbers (p.) in front of the books; hymn numbers (#) in back of books.

Congregational responses are in **bold**. An \* indicates a time to rise in body or spirit.

*Tonight in worship, we center Negro spirituals singing “Were You There”, “There Is A Balm In Gilead”, “They Crucified My Lord”, and “I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”. Sung by enslaved Africans and their descendants, the spirituals took the Biblical stories that enslavers used to justify slavery and recast those Biblical messages as a subversive tool of communal protest and survival. This form of Black American music, and the forms that followed, represent an undeniable expression of humanity and, as James Cone stresses, the “personhood” of Black people. As we consider the paradox of the cross as both a symbol of terror and liberation, we also immerse ourselves in the paradox of Black American music with its simultaneous expressions of lament for injustice and joy as a means of resistance.*

### GATHER IN SILENCE

**\*PROCESSION OF THE CROSS:** *The assembly turns and faces the cross as it is processed into the sanctuary. The sung dialogue is repeated three times as the cross is processed.*

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of | the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us | worship him.**

## OPENING REFLECTION

On February 6, 2022, at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Good Shepherd unanimously approved a Racial Justice Statement that includes these words. We join together in reaffirming them tonight:

- **We are in need of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy.**
- **We confess by what we have done and left undone that we have perpetuated systems of racial injustice and violence.**
- **We publicly declare that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships.**

*See the full statement on the back of the bulletin.*

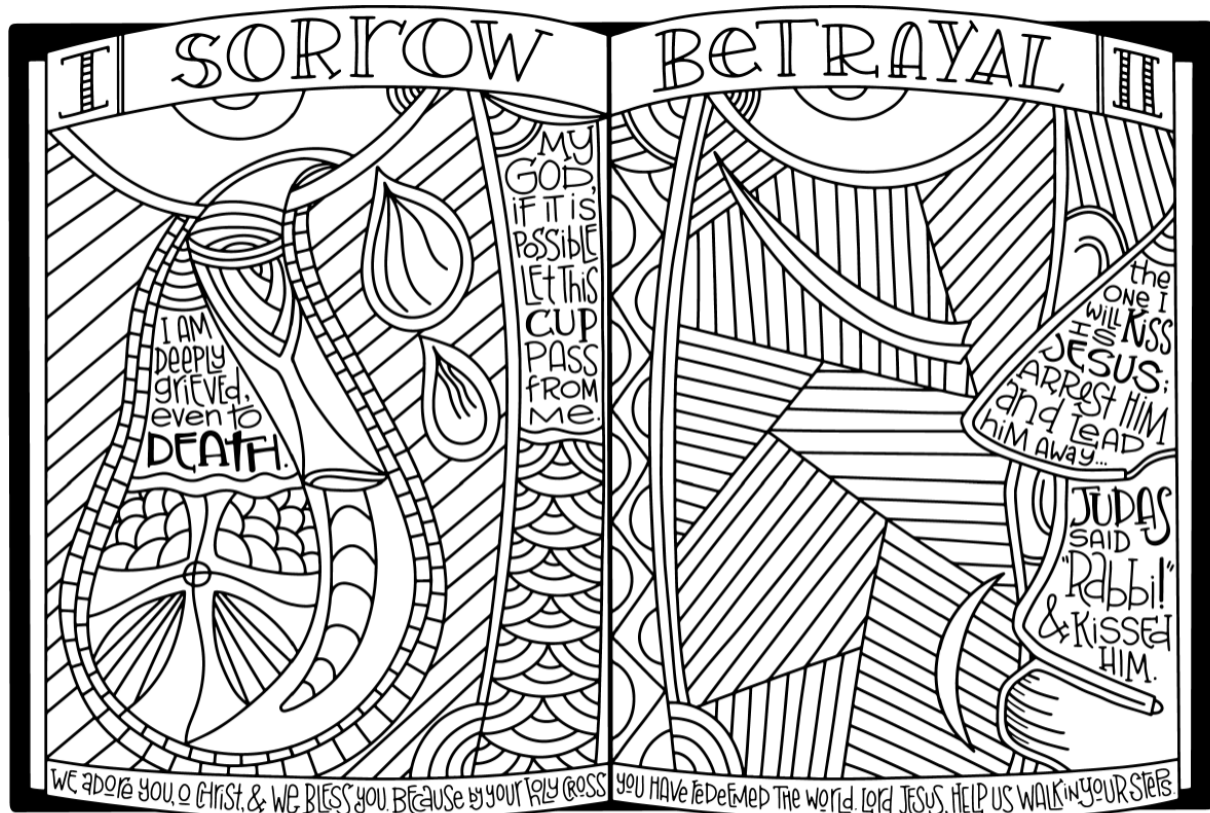
Theologian James Cone has given the church a powerful tool for facing racism and white supremacy with his work entitled *The Cross and The Lynching Tree*. We listen to his wisdom. Acts 10:39 *“They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.”*

**\*HYMN:** ELW #768 Lead Me, Guide Me – *Cantor will sing verses, congregation joins in on the refrain*

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together... **O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through the cross. Be near to us now as we reflect upon Christ’s suffering. Rouse us to action for those who live with violence, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Grant us grace to follow in the way of the cross and to live your justice and mercy in our lives through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



### STATION I: SORROW

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-41

### STATION II: BETRAYAL

Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested: Mark 14:43-46

### STATION 1: SORROW – JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Matthew 25:36-41

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: ELW 614 There is a Balm in Gilead (**verse 1**)

### STATION 2: BETRAYAL – JESUS, BETRAYED BY JUDAS, IS ARRESTED

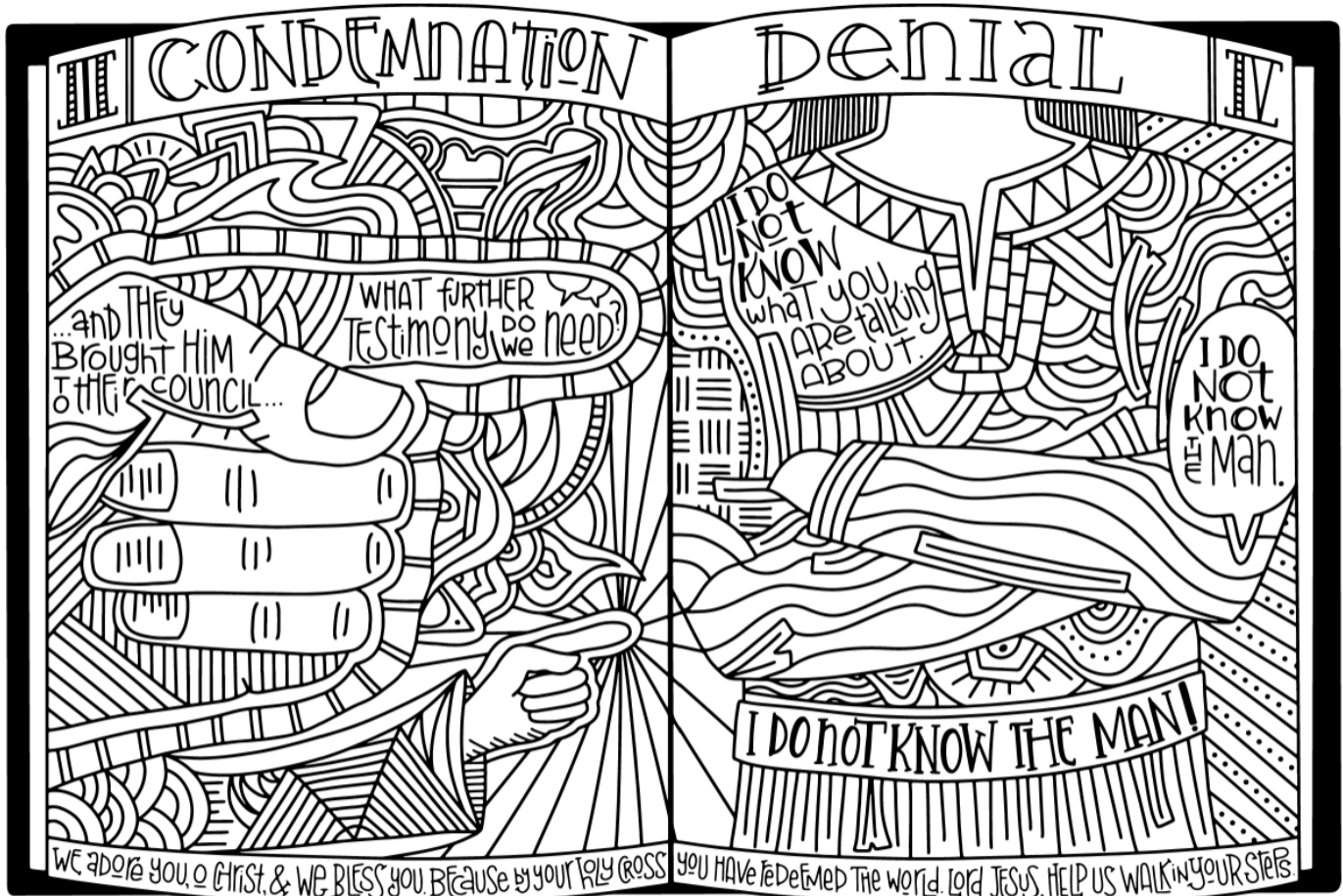
PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Mark 14: 43-46

PRAYER: Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSES: Quote from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone;

\*Hymn: ELW #353 "Were You There" (**verse 1**)



### STATION III: CONDEMNATION

Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin: Luke 22:66-71

### STATION IV: DENIAL

Jesus is Denied by Peter: Matthew 26:69-75

## STATION 3: CONDEMNATION – JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE SANHEDRIN

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 22: 66-71

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone

## STATION 4: DENIAL – JESUS IS DENIED BY PETER

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Matthew 26: 69-75

Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: What Wondrous Love Is This, *Instrumental*



STATION V: JUDGMENT  
Jesus is Judged by Pilate: Mark 15: 1-5, 15

STATION VI: CROWNING  
Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns: John 19: 1-3

### STATION 5: JUDGMENT – JESUS IS JUDGED BY PILATE

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Mark 15: 1-5, 15

PRAYER: Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees. Lord. **Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

\*RESPONSE: Hymn: ELW #350 "They Crucified My Lord" (**verses 1 and 2**)

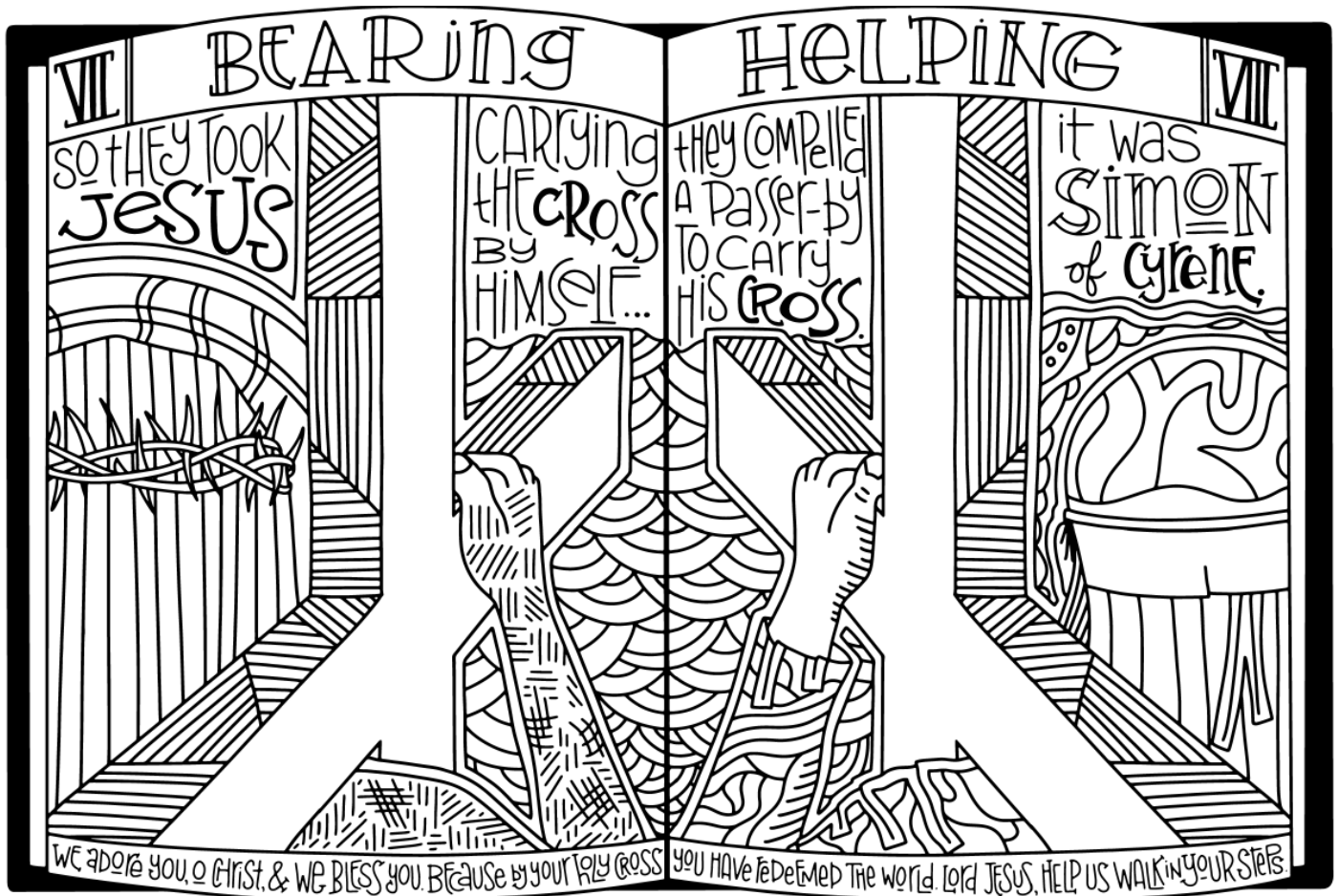
### STATION 6: CROWNING – JESUS IS SCOURGED AND CROWNED WITH THORNS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: John 19: 1-3

PRAYER: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone



STATION VII: BEARING  
Jesus Bears the Cross: John 19:6, 15-17

STATION VIII: HELPING  
Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross: Mark 15:21

### STATION 7: BEARING – JESUS BEARS THE CROSS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: John 19: 6, 15-17

PRAYER: Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

\*RESPONSE: Hymn: ELW #335 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (**verses 1 and 2**)

### STATION 8: HELPING – JESUS IS HELPED BY SIMON THE CYRENIAN TO CARRY THE CROSS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Mark 15: 21

PRAYER: Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSES: Quote from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone;  
Hymn: ELW #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (**verse 1**)



#### STATION IX: BLESSING

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem: Luke 23:27-31

#### STATION X: CRUCIFIXION

Jesus is Crucified: Luke 23:33-34

### STATION 9: BLESSING – JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 23: 27-31

PRAYER: Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from Ella Baker

### STATION 10: CRUCIFIXION – JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

READING: Luke 23: 33-34

PRAYER: Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

\*RESPONSE: Hymn: ELW #353 “Were You There” (verses 2 and 3)





#### STATION XI: PROMISE

Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief: Luke 23:39-43

#### STATION XII: CARE

Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciples: John 19:25-27

### STATION 11: PROMISE – JESUS PROMISES HIS KINGDOM TO THE GOOD THIEF

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 23: 39-43

PRAYER: Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone

### STATION 12: CARE – JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS MOTHER AND THE DISCIPLE

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: John 19: 25-27

PRAYER: Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone



### STATION XIII: DARKNESS

Jesus Dies on the Cross: Luke 23:44-46

### STATION XIV: BURIAL

Jesus is Placed in the Tomb: Matthew 27:57-60

## STATION 13: DARKNESS – JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 23: 44-46

### SILENCE

PRAYER: Lord, grant us trust in you. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSES: Were You There, *Instrumental*;

Quote from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone

## STATION 14: BURIAL – JESUS IS PLACED IN THE TOMB

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Matthew 27: 57-60

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

\*RESPONSE: Hymn: ELW #353 "Were You There" (*verses 4 and 5*)

### SILENCE

**THE BIDDING PRAYER:** *Each bid (invitation to prayer) is followed by silence for worshippers to offer their own silent intercessions. Each time of silent intercession concludes with the words, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Gathered in one... **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence for prayer and meditation. Please leave any offering at the door.*

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:** PRESIDERS: Pastor April Ulring Larson; READERS: Melanie Folkerts, Midge Kjome, Jeff Krambeer, Edith Searles; JAZZ MUSICIANS: Brooke Joyce, Andy Last, Anishka Vogl, Andi Beckendorf, Erik Berg; USHERS: Ed & Joyce Epperly.

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**Easter Vigil, April 19:** *A Service of Fire, Scripture, Water & Holy Communion*  
**Worship** at 7:00 pm; Bonfire outside and progressing to the Sanctuary  
Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

**Easter Sunday, March 31:** *The Resurrection of Our Lord*  
**Worship** at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion  
Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

# Good Shepherd Racial Justice Statement

**We proclaim** that God has created the diversity of humankind in God's image and we are all equal and beloved children of God. Racism and white supremacy are evils that estrange us from one another, from God, and from the fullness of our humanity. (*Genesis 1:27a*)

**We are in need** of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy. (*Romans 3:23*)

**We confess** by what we have done and left undone that we have perpetuated systems of racial injustice and violence. (*Micah 6:8*)

**We acknowledge** that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the Ioway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers. (2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery)

**We lament** that the white Church in the United States, through its dominant place in our country's culture and history, has actively constructed, justified, and sustained systems of racial injustice and violence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has marginalized Lutheran Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and communities and perpetuated a patriarchal, monocultural and racially segregated status quo. (*From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019*)

**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*)

**We commit** to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (*Galatians 5:22*)

**We publicly declare** that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships. (*Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6*)