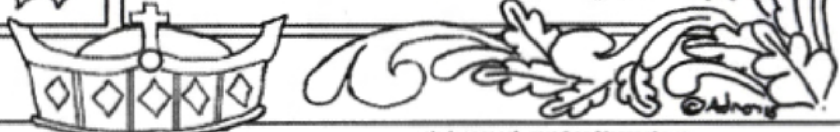


AND THE WORD
BECAME FLESH
AND DWELT
AMONG US,
AND WE HAVE
SEEN HIS GLORY,
GLORY AS OF
THE ONLY SON
FROM THE
FATHER,
FULL OF GRACE
AND TRUTH.

JOHN 1:14



Second Sunday of Christmas
January 5th, 2025

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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*** WORSHIP NOTES ***

- ✧ *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- ✧ *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- ✧ ***All baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.***
- ✧ *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- ✧ *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

We Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

**C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.**

**We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.**

**We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.**

Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace.

Turn us from our ways to your ways.

Grant us the grace to begin again.

**Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

✠ forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“The First Noel”

ELW 300

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate Insert

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

We sit

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (*sung or spoken responsively*)

Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

A: All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.

Repeat Alleluia verse.

P: The holy gospel according to...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Hymn of the Day “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW 270

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 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

Celebrate Insert

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing God's peace)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We Sit

OFFERING

We stand

OFFERING HYMN

ELW #186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning,
you have called forth life, in which you take delight.

The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.

Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,

that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation
from day to day. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

The image shows a musical score for 'Sanctus & Benedictus' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat: this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

COMMUNION

P: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

(Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center of the tray)

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



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 Hymn “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” ELW 490

We stand

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

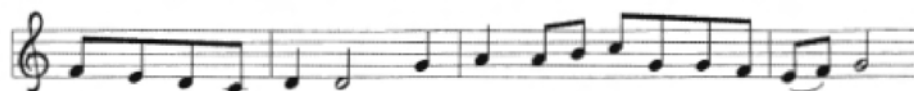
C: **Amen.**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

C: Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

We sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING

P: The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace, illumine your path,
and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

ELW 302

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given by Sally Allen to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sara Poovey.

Lector: Christine Thompson

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Supply Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller

Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Zoom: Felicia Brandt

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was opened on Monday, December 16, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. till noon. Twenty - two people came and sixty - six were provided with food. Due to everyone's generosity of donating fleece throws all of the people who received one were very grateful and thankful for this Christmas surprise. Their smiles were like Christmas presents to us who were working at the Food Pantry that day.

My most deepest heart-felt thanks to Felicia Brandt, Sally Allen, Cheryl Stouffer, and Wylene Hinkle for their outstanding help at the Food Pantry that day. For me being at the Food Pantry when it is opened has been a humbling experience. It has been a blessing to shop for, stock the shelves, fill the Blessing Box, and work on Food Pantry Mondays.

A great big thank you to each of you for your continuous support, donations, and especially your prayers for the Food Pantry. Working together, God has allowed us to touch many hearts.

In His Loving Service, Chris Thompson

NEWS from DEBORAH CIRCLE

Our December meeting, Saturday, December 14, was a special Potluck Christmas Lunch at the beautiful home of Sally Allen. Thank you so much, Sally, for being such a wonderful hostess for this event.

Our next meeting will be, Friday, January 17, 2025, when Felicia Brandt will be leading the discussion of chapter 1 of "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Phillip Yancey.

We invite all the ladies of The Good Shepherd, friends of the Church, and their friends to attend this meeting. Please join us for devotions, prayers, discussion, and fellowship on Friday, January 17.

In His Wonderous Love, Chris Thompson

Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2025 still has openings for several Sundays. If you would like to donate for a set of Sundays please check the chart. The Sundays are divided into 2 or 3 Sundays as indicated on the chart. The cost for any set of Sundays is \$65. The same flowers are used from the first Sunday in a set to the last, so there are no additional costs. If you have any questions, please contact Wylene Hinkle at 423-586-0641. Thank you!

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, January 5	Second Sunday of Christmas 10:00 am Worship Service 2—4 pm Baby Shower, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Tuesday, January 7	6:00 pm American Legion
Thursday, January 9	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, January 12	Baptism of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service
Friday, January 17	10:00 am Deborah Circle, <i>narthex</i>
Sunday, January 19	Second Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, January 20	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Sunday, January 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, February 2	Presentation of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday, February 4	6:00 pm American Legion
Sunday, February 9	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, February 12	4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner
Thursday, February 13	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, February 16	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, February 17	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Friday, February 21	10:00 am Deborah Circle, <i>narthex</i>



We Remember in Prayer



Members - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Ric Van Horn
Cody Nelson
Robert French

Family & Friends - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Family and Friends of Nancy Ellenburg, Aunt of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*

Roger Hayes, friend of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*

Jeff Wever, son of Judy Skorski

Troy Werner, son of Steve and Cindy Werner

From the Community - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Melissa Houston
Hope Williams
George Ruth
James Ruth
Pamela Thacker
Jacelyn Latimer
Donna Earl
Jennifer Earl
Debbie Lang
Patricia Duty
Lester Brown
Kari Seiber
Rhonda Costyn
Dorothy Ruble
Frank Bush
Jeannie Shults
Karina Vicente
Jayce Mantique
Cheryl Dugger

Military Serving our Country - *Protection, comfort, & strength*

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother

Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew

Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member

Vision Statement

We are a congregation that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person -
questions, complexities and all.

Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name
for the life of the world God's people.

Mission Statement

By the grace of God, the Good Shepherd, we are called to serve Christ joyfully by sharing the Gospel, being faithful stewards of God's gifts, and by loving and celebrating all God's people.