

## **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

January 12, 2025

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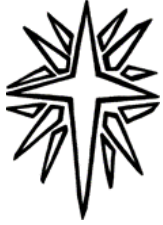
## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our “Friendship Register” providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

**NURSERY** The nursery is open for parents to take their small children during worship service. The space is available but not staffed. Parents are invited to take their children to play. For your convenience a TV is provided to watch a live stream of the worship service. Please make yourself at home and pick up toys before leaving. For your safety, the Education Building is locked. Please see an usher to open the door if you do not have a key.

**FOR THOSE CHILDREN REMAINING IN THE SANCTUARY,** Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE.**

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord’s presence is complete in either element alone. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents.

**A PRAYER BOX** is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR** in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com).

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**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY** collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY,** especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God’s blessings.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is [pastor@gslc.com](mailto:pastor@gslc.com).

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

*As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.*

**PRELUDE**

***WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS***

**LASKY**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** *Congregation stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation turns to face the cross in procession,  
reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.*

**GATHERING HYMN 445**

***WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS***



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.  
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.  
 5. Man - y for the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,  
 Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Long - ing for hope, man - y to de - spair.  
 man - y for the hearts that yearn to be long.  
 Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 Your word a lone ser - vants has to one an - save us,  
 Let us be - vants to one an - oth - er,  
 light for the world to see.  
 Make us of your liv - ing voice.  
 signs of your king - dom come.  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
 Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

**FIRST READING** *Congregation sits.*

**ISAIAH 43:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup> LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- <sup>1</sup> ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>1</sup> due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>1</sup> ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup> glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>1</sup> mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a pow- <sup>1</sup> erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a <sup>1</sup> voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the <sup>1</sup> cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- <sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup> like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup> young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
bursts forth in <sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD <sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- <sup>1</sup> ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>1</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are <sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned a- <sup>1</sup> bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength <sup>1</sup> to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- <sup>1</sup> ings of peace.

## SECOND READING

## ACTS 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Congregation stands.*

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

Let your heart re - joice in the Lord. Let your word pro-claim his deeds.

Let your voice sing out to the world that our God has come to save.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first line of the 'Al-le-lu-ia' refrain. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the first line of the prayer. The fourth staff contains the second line of the prayer. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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**GOSPEL**

**LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**



**HYMN OF THE DAY 304** *Congregation stands.*

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet  
as urgent as a flame,  
as urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";  
you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,  
God's holy will to do,  
God's holy will to do.

**CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED**

- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart,  
to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.

**HOLY BAPTISM**

**Presentation**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present the candidate:*

I present Shelby Arabella Nabors for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Response:* We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* We do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Shelby in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* We do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Shelby and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Baptism**

Shelby Arabella Nabors, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.  
The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Shelby with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Shelby, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **Welcome**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Congregation kneels or sits.*

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news. We especially pray for Shelby in her new life in Christ. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery, especially all whom we name at this time. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

✙ MEAL ✙

**OFFERING** *Congregation sits.*

**ANTHEM**

**COME TO THE WATER**

**FOLEY/HASSELER**

**OFFERING SONG** *Congregation stands.*

How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es -  
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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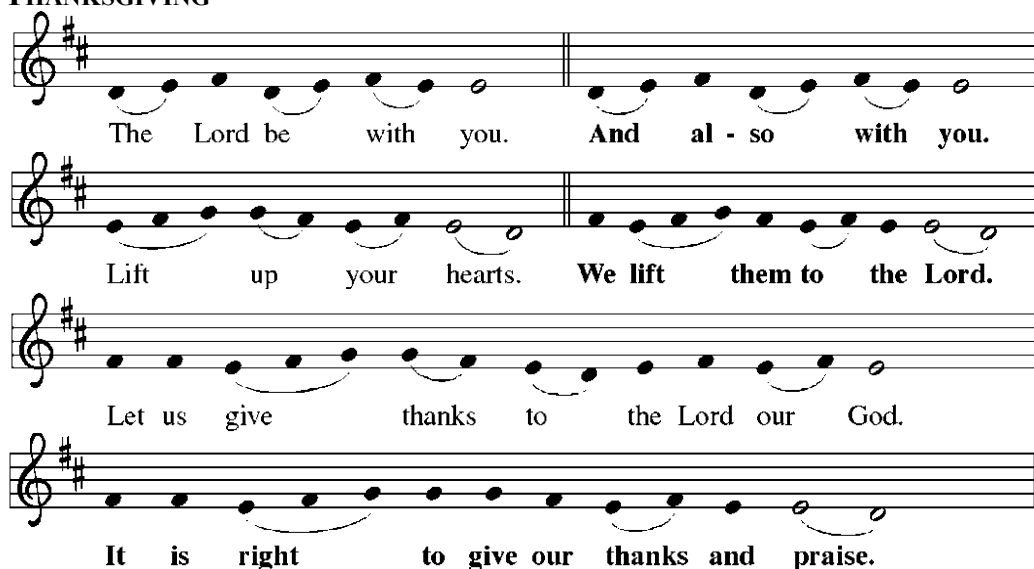
**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

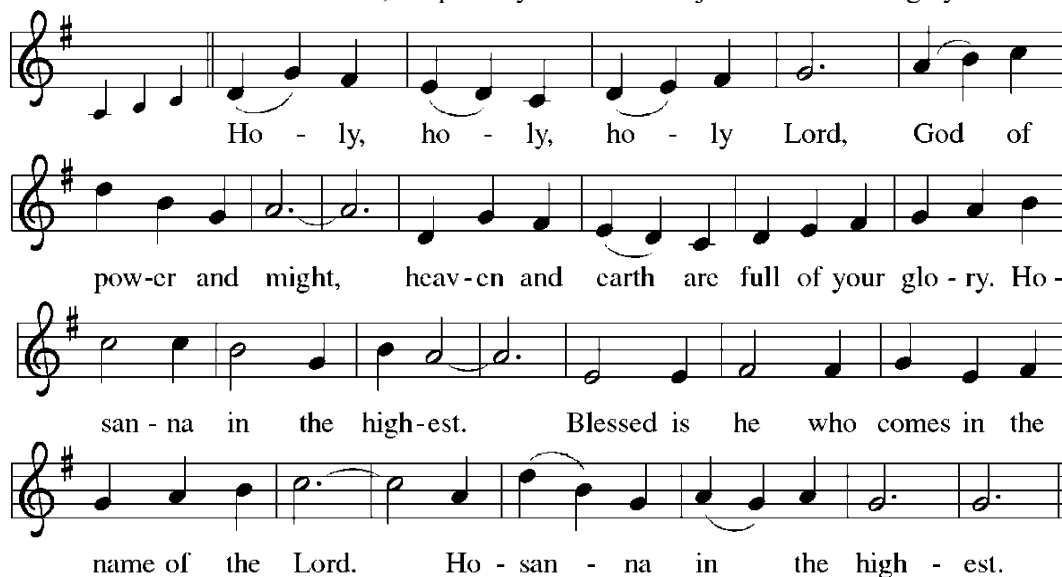
God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done\_\_\_ on earth as it is in heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us as we for-give  
oth-ers; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,\_\_\_ but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil.\_\_\_\_ For the king - dom and the pow - er and the glo - ry are  
yours for - ev - er. A - men.\_\_\_\_\_

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION *Congregation sits.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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 SOLO

*BAPTIZED WE LIVE*

JOHNSON

COMMUNION HYMN 451

*WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS*

## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS *Congregation stands.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

## BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



*The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross  
as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

**SENDING HYMN 453**

***BAPTIZED AND SET FREE***

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|---|--|
| 1 We are people created,<br>chosen by God.<br>Then we're washed, ever gently,<br>in mercy and love.<br>Sin has power no more.<br>Jesus opened the door<br>to a fountain bringing healing,<br>and wholeness and more.            | 3 We are nourished by water,<br>all living things,<br>and by life that the Spirit<br>abundantly brings.<br>As we journey toward home,<br>may your presence be known:<br>precious river, ever-flowing,<br>now carry us home.            |
| 2 We are fed and we're nourished,<br>filled and refreshed.<br>Then our hunger returns and<br>again we are blessed.<br>For whatever the need,<br>God is greater indeed:<br>endless ocean, always deeper<br>than all of our need. | 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,<br>we join the song.<br>All are welcome! We gather<br>to sing loud and strong.<br>Not enslaved, but set free!<br>From now on, all will be<br>one in Jesus, one in water,<br>baptized and set free! |

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus Christ is born.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED***

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**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living** – Lena Duncan

**Harmony** – Billie Jones

**The Heritage at Lowman** – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werd

**Merrill Gardens** – Mary Clare McAbee

**The Palmettos** – Sara Loyd

**Rice Estate** – Grace Boozer

**Wellmore of Lexington** – Dot Correll

**Wellmore of Daniel Island** – Barbara Sutton

**At their homes** – Gwen Barnes, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Justine Parker

## JANUARY 5, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 89 Sunday School: 33

**\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,325**

**\*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$8,330**

### OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Food Pantry	\$50	January Social Ministry Monthly Focus – Woodyard Fund	\$500
Capital Improvement Fund	\$30	Offering Envelope Collection	\$90
Noisy Offering – City of Columbia Animal Shelter	\$530	VANCO – Processing fee	\$13

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Greg Sox on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday today, in honor of Earline Suydam, and in memory of Betty Park.

**THE ALTAR ROSE** is given by Jamie and Suzanne Sanders to the Glory of God and in honor of Dick Sanders on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 14.

**THE NARTHEX FLOWERS** are given by Charlie Sigel to the Glory of God and in memory of Geoffrey Sigel's 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**HOLY BAPTISM** - We welcome today our newest member, Shelby Arabella Nabors, by baptism. Shelby Nabors is the daughter of Anna Lawson and John Nabors. Her sponsors are Jackson Nabors, Bruce and Becky Shealy.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Next Sunday (1/19/2025) is Food Pantry Sunday and the pantry needs **peanut butter** (14oz), **canned soup** (chicken noodle, vegetable, tomato), **dry cereal** (corn flakes, raisin bran, cheerios, shredded wheat) and **canned fruit** (pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail.)

**SIGN UP TO OFFER FLOWERS FOR 2025** — Altar Flowers are \$85, Altar Rose is \$10, and Narthex Flowers are \$55. The sign-up chart for offering flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up for the dates you want to offer flowers in 2025. You will receive an email from the Parish Administrator about a week prior to the date to ask about the wording for the bulletin.

**STILL NEED ANNUAL REPORTS** – There are still committee chairpersons, presidents, and treasurers of organizations that have not turned in their information to the church office. The 2024 Annual Report is a vital document that helps with historical information in the life of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Please turn in your report to the church office at parishadmin@gscl.com.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** – Packets from the month's council meeting are available on the table under the bulletin board in the Narthex. This packet consists of the current committee minutes/reports and approved prior month's council meeting minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY** bulletins are due by 12 noon each Wednesday. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gscl.com.

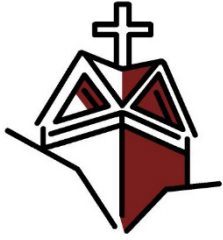
**PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR** – on the web page at [www.gscl.com](http://www.gscl.com) for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

<b>USHERS</b>	Wade Wingard, Rod Kent, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson
<b>CANTOR</b>	Bailey Bostic
<b>LECTOR</b>	Suzanne Sanders
<b>COMMUNION ASST</b>	Suzanne Sanders
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Ferlauto
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Lucas Ferlauto
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Janet Lockhart, Elaine Zornow, Donna Haigh
<b>TABULATORS</b>	David Lucas, Mike Sanchez
<b>CC PERSON OF MONTH</b>	Deb Whitlow

### **THIS WEEK AT GSLC**

January 12	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor) 10:45-11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112) 10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) 10:45-11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113) 11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)
January 13	6:00 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conference Room)
January 14	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room) 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting (Conference Room) 5:00 p.m. Social Ministry meeting (Conference Room)
January 15	8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
January 16	5:30 p.m. Dorcas Group meeting (FAB) 6:30 p.m. Tamar Group meeting (off-site)
January 19	<b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor) 10:45-11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112) 10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) 10:45-11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113) 11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115) 6:30 p.m. Council meeting (Conference Room)

# **2025 CONGREGATION COUNCIL**



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Communication  
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Finance  
Gifts  
Learning  
Parish Life  
Property  
Social Ministry  
Worship Life  
Youth & Children

## **TERM ENDS**

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