



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5



The Christian church sets aside a special Sunday to commemorate the martyrs and saints of every time and place who are a part of the "great cloud of witnesses" mentioned in Hebrews 12.

During Good Shepherd's Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on November 5 we will remember with love and gratitude the congregation members who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Each will have an ornament engraved with his or her name. After the service, the ornaments will be given to the family members of those commemorated.

On this year's All Saints Sunday, we will commemorate these Good Shepherd members and all the saints during worship:

- Larry Long** (11/24/2022)
- Dot Gibert** (2/10/2023)
- Rachel Pedersen** (3/15/2023)
- Bill Jordan** (3/20/2023)
- Gene Upright** (8/10/2023)
- Herman McQuage** (10/24/2023)

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



The last few years have been challenging. As I reflect back on our four years together so far as pastor and people, I think this word “challenge” applies in several ways. First, I had the challenge of beginning a new call. New names and faces to learn, a new congregational culture to absorb, and so on. You all had the challenge of getting to know a new pastor, as well. Just four short months into our time together, the challenge of Covid hit. That challenge has certainly dominated much of our life together up to this point. This year has been refreshing in that the challenges we are facing currently are mainly intellectual in nature. We have been challenged

this year in Bible study and in our lectionary. First, those of us participating in Bible study have been wading our way through Revelation. This is not an easy slog, but it is important to study this difficult and often misused book together. Likewise, in our worship service we’ve experienced lots of difficult topics. I must admit, I’ve always found Year A of the Lectionary cycle the most difficult to preach and teach on because we focus mainly on Matthew’s gospel. I find Matthew to be the most difficult gospel for me personally. Something about Matthew’s laser-sharp focus on righteousness really challenges me. The parables of Jesus we’ve been considering lately have been particularly taxing, yet rewarding to study.

So I have good news and better news. The good news is we are finishing up Lectionary Year A this month. The better news is we end with three very challenging parables of Jesus! Are we surprised that this challenging year would end any other way?

First, on November 12, we will hear Jesus’ parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Some brought enough oil to make their lamps last all night; others did not come prepared and ended up left out in the cold. This harsh parable can, at first glance, discourage generosity and sharing. Yet Jesus’ main point, as we will see, is about the need to be prepared and ready whenever the kingdom comes among us.

On November 19 we will consider another parable—this time, one that ends with “weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Brace yourselves for this one. This is the parable of the talents. A man goes on a journey and leaves his slaves in charge of his property. Two slaves invest their talents, making a healthy profit to pass on to the master. The third, however, buries his talent and returns it in the same condition he received it. For this seemingly faithful service, he gets stripped of what he has and thrown out to weep and gnash his teeth in the outer darkness. This is one of the most challenging parables and will be great food for thought for us to work on together on the 19th.

And finally, in our last Sunday of the liturgical year on November 26 we will consider another humdinger of a parable: The parable of the sheep and the goats. There are indeed high stakes in this parable: the righteous sheep will enter eternal life; the unrighteous goats will go into eternal punishment according to Jesus. I hope I’m a sheep, how about you?

I can’t think of a more challenging, yet more rewarding way to close out this church year together. The term “challenging” can be a negative thing—it can mean tough, taxing, or exhausting. On the other hand, “challenging” can have more positive meanings—it can mean interesting, stimulating, and thought-provoking. I pray we will always find Jesus’ words not just difficult, but also invigorating. May his difficult words work in us to produce the response of discipleship. May the study and worship we do together equip us for the life of faith to which we are called. I’ll see you in church this month!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

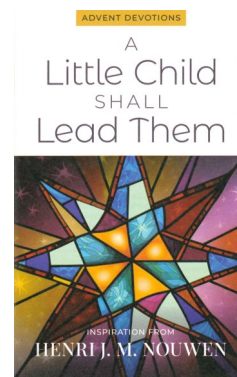


LEST WE FORGET...

Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 5.
Be sure to turn your clocks
BACK one hour
Saturday night!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

The Worship Life Committee is providing devotions for Advent & Christmas to be used during our Advent season, which begins Sunday, December 3. These Advent materials are available on the tables in the Narthex or in the Chapel area. Please take only what your family will use; materials are limited. We encourage you to use them to enhance your Advent season as we prepare and anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please take a minute to update the church office with your complete home address, email address, and telephone numbers. Communication through email or telephone tree is essential to keep members informed with the latest information of church schedule changes due to inclement weather.

We are putting the finishing touches on our pictorial directory and want to include every member of our church family. If you did not have a chance to have your photo taken at the church in May or haven't sent one to the church for our directory, please email a photograph to the church office at parishadmin@gsic.com.

This pictorial directory will be saved as a .pdf file and emailed out to our members in mid-January 2024. If you do not have access to a computer and need a printed copy, please contact the church office.

NOVEMBER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to join us for Sunday School each week following the Worship Service. We offer a variety of adult classes and learning opportunities to help you grow your faith and fellowship.



Sunday School Schedule

10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for grades Kindergarten-6th grade

11:25-11:45 Children's Music for grades kindergarten-6th grade

10:45-11:45 Youth Sunday School in Youth Room

10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School



Around The Corner Adult Class: Parlor

The Around the Corner class is a discussion-based class that utilizes various resources, such as podcasts, books, music, or television shows, to inspire talking points and areas of interest. ***This class starts a little closer to 10:55, as several members need time to sign children into their Sunday School classes.*** All are welcome to join this lively class!

Note: The class now meets in the Parlor.

Come and See Adult Class: Classroom 1

Bible Study Facilitators: Bruce Shealy, Mark Lovern, Ed Woodward

This class focuses on studying the Scripture and Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 2

The Fellowship Class, led by Don Caughman and Ben Haigh, will continue with the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies series. The topic for the fall session is "God's Law Is Love." Scripture for these lessons will come from the Gospels of Luke and John and from Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Galatians and Colossians. Everyone is invited to join us at any time for these informal, discussion-based classes.

Note: The class now meets in Classroom 2.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Bible Study

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew. Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room or virtually on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for a Zoom meeting. A Zoom ID and password is sent in a weekly email.

Faith 5

Each week Pastor Andrew will send a Faith 5 Study email that includes a recommended scripture reading to guide and nurture your spiritual development through the following 5 steps.

Share your highs and lows of the day/week

Read a bible verse or story

Talk about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows

Pray for one another's highs and lows

Bless one another



CHRISMON TREE DECORATING

Save the Date: December 3
at 11:00 a.m.

All Youth & Children are invited to help decorate the Chrismon Tree.

Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary.

Children will gather to learn the meaning of the Chrismon ornaments before they decorate the tree.

Directly following decorating the Chrismon Tree, all Youth & Children are asked to stay for Children's Advent Program practice. We will meet in the FAB for practice and pizza.



CHILDREN'S ADVENT PROGRAM

Preparation for our annual Children's Advent Program has begun. All youth and children are welcome and encouraged to participate. Children will be learning the program music during Children's music class. We also are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the production. If your child is interested in performing, or you would like to volunteer, contact Amanda Snodgrass at 803-422-7105 or amandadpt2007@hotmail.com.

Join us for the Children's Advent Program on Sunday, December 10 during the Sunday School hour in the FAB. Light refreshments will be provided.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Worship Life Committee asks you to help beautify our church for Christmas by placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Please use the **Seasonal Flower Offering** envelopes in each pew to order your poinsettia.

The **Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes** have the order form printed on them for your dedication. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your check or payment amount in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

The cost is **\$15.50 each**. Make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place it in the **Seasonal Flower Offering envelope**. If you can't come to the church but want to order a poinsettia, call the church office to place your order.

Place your check and the order form in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office **by Sunday, December 10**. The first 75 orders accompanied by payment will be accepted. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

Thinking Ahead to Christmas . . .

RINGING THE BELL FOR SALVATION ARMY



Good Shepherd will be ringing the bell on Thursday, December 14 at Wal-Mart on Forest Drive, Grocery Entrance. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., divided into one-hour shifts. Sign-up sheet will be in Narthex beginning Sunday, November 12. If you have questions, please contact Janet Lockhart.



ANGEL TREE

Good Shepherd is having an Angel Tree again this year. We are supporting Providence Home with 60 men and Women's Shelter with 13 women. We will provide a \$25 gift card from Walmart, Visa, MC, or AMEX for each resident. If you are unable to get a gift card, a donation can be made to GSLC and designated for Angel Tree on the envelope or check. Each card is placed in a box or bag before it is delivered. There will be Christmas cards available if you would like to write a note of encouragement to add to your gift card. The tree will be in the Narthex November 12 – December 10. The gift cards will be delivered before Christmas as many of the residents will use them to buy things for their families.

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS

Social Ministry is not distributing stockings this year. If you want to help Salvation Army serve children by filling a stocking, call Shannon Chapman at Salvation Army of the Midlands, 803-309-3244. Stockings may be picked up at 3024 Farrow Rd, Columbia 29203.



SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

The Food Pantry at Dorn VA Medical Center is the monthly emphasis for November. The food pantry provides food for veterans in need. If you want to support this special emphasis, please use the pink Special Offering envelopes found in the pew racks and indicate VA Food Pantry on the memo line of your check. Donations can be placed in the offering plate during Sunday service or mailed to the Church office throughout the month of November.



THANK YOU

Dear Friends,



Thank you so much for the recognition of members Ninety and older. It was so good seeing friends after quite a while. My two boys also enjoyed seeing old friends. The luncheon also hit the spot. Thank everyone who had a part in making a day to remember.

Sincerely,
Grace Boozer

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Epworth Children’s Home. This letter serves as an acknowledgement and receipt of your contribution in the amount of \$995 on September 25, 2023 to Epworth.

Beth Williams
President
Epworth Children’s Home



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,



Thank you for the school supplies and Walmart gift card. All of these will be put to good use. The generosity of your congregation is truly a blessing.

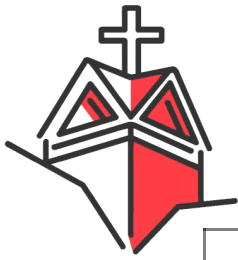
Forest Lake Elementary

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATES

Thank you to our congregation for their generosity in recent months.

We collected almost \$1,000 for Tanzania Orphans' Education fund in July and collected \$615 for the Noisy Offering to support Sarah's Wheelchair. We collected \$995 for Epworth Children's Home in August and \$760 for the Free Medical Clinic in September. Since January, Good Shepherd has donated over \$11,400 to local charities to help members of our community! Without the support of congregants like you, we could not meet these needs. Thank you & God bless!!

Suzanne Sanders- Social Ministry Chair



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream
 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School Class (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p><i>NO Bible Study</i></p> <p><i>6:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)</i></p>
<p>12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p> <p><i>6:00-8:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conference Room)</i></p>
<p>19 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p><i>6:30 pm Council meeting (CL 2)</i></p>	20	<p>21</p> <p><i>NO Bible Study</i></p>
<p>26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>



Please see an updated church calendar and the calendar for other months at <http://www.gslc.com/>.

Click "See the Current Calendar" at the bottom of the page.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 am Mary Group meeting (FAB)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>NO Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm POGS (FAB)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 pm Communication Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 pm Dorcas Group meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 pm Tamar Group meeting (off site)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p> <p>NO Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>NO Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>DECEMBER 24 SCHEDULE:</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services</p>	



CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

February 2-4, 2024
Lutheridge

Guiding Bible Verse: Galatians 6:10

“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

Guest Speaker – Dr. Amy Montanez
Programs, Activities, Fun & Fellowship

REGISTRATION OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 17
Forms will be available on the tables in the Narthex and in the Chapel area.

We will have programs, events, and activities for all ages including chill time for those who choose that option.

Dr. Amy Sander Montanez, D.Min, (prefers to go by Amy) will return as our keynote speaker and spiritual leader. Amy received high marks from those attending our last retreat for her inspirational message on renewal & respond – the last part of our “Renew – Respond – Reach Out” theme. We look forward to her follow up message on “Reach Out.”

Amy is a graduate of Furman University. She is a licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and spiritual director. She has a private psychotherapy clinic in Columbia, where she specializes in working with clergy and seminarians. Amy is the author of several books.

Saturday evening, we have our traditional cook out and social event including campfire and s’mores.

Our retreat will conclude Sunday morning with worship service.

Plan to enjoy the fresh mountain air at Lutheridge and fellowship with other retreat attendees as we explore ways to reach out for the good of all.



JOINT SUPPER CLUB WILL MEET IN DECEMBER!!!

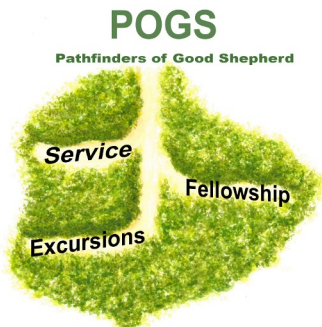
Let’s celebrate the holidays with a joint meeting of Supper Club on December 10, 2023. Once again, we will have the opportunity for all adult members of the congregation to join together for good food and fellowship. As in the past, we will have a social hour between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be more information to follow. Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday the 10th of December.



POGS TRIP TO NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

We are looking forward to the North Myrtle Beach Trip on December 4-5 to see the Alabama Christmas Show!

For those that have planned to join us, more information will be coming.



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)



ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!

At the **November 8** Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS) gathering, we will honor Good Shepherd's veteran members who have served in the various branches of our armed services. A Quilts of Valor representative will present quilts to two veterans and fellow member Jason Fowler will share some of his experiences and information on aiding veterans in our area.

Thanksgiving luncheon will be served at 12 noon in the FAB. Everyone is asked to bring your favorite sides and desserts to share.

For planning purposes, since we will be providing the turkey, dressing, rolls, and drinks, please respond by email or call the church office for your RSVP.

POGS Christmas Luncheon December 13, 2023 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch as we enjoy hearing Lynn Derrick share his travels to the Holy Land.

Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to participate in our holiday cookie swap.



*Since this meal will be catered, complete the reservation form in the Narthex or call the church office no later than **Friday, December 1.***

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Heather Gilbert

DATE	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26	12/3
USHERS	Jeff Inabinet Bruce Shealy Greg Sox Lauren Chandler	Jeff Inabinet Bruce Shealy Greg Sox Richard Inman	Jeff Inabinet Greg Sox Bruce Shealy Dick Sturkie	Jeff Inabinet Lauren Chandler Richard Inman	Stallings / Herrmann Team
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Cathy Quinton	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler	Lector: Kerry Stubbs Communion Assistant: Joey Allison	Lector & Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Blake Gross C: Stacy Gross	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Lucas Ferlauto	A: Callen Gilbert C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Don Caughman
ALTAR GUILD	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Joey Allison
TABULATORS	Mike Sanchez, Lavina Chandler	Leigh Tondini, Donna Foster	David Lucas, Mary Stallings	Karen Lucas, Rebecca Richardson	Mary Margaret Hoy, Steve Steck

NOVEMBER 2023 MEETINGS

Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.

- November 7 Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- November 9 Communication Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- November 14 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
- November 19 Council (6:30 p.m.)



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

GSLC's Food Pantry packed 34 bags of food serving 123 participants in September.

Come Join Our
BIBLE TUESDAY IN-PERSON
 **BIBLE STUDY**

Meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

There will be no Bible Study on November 7.

There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, November 21, the week of Thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY
Zoom Bible Study



Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at **8:00 a.m.** A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

There will be no Zoom Bible Study on November 8.

There will be no Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday, November 22, the week of Thanksgiving.



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- 2 Chloe Porter
- 3 William Snodgrass
- 4 Sabra Lindler
Sara Loyd
- 5 Donna Foster
- 6 Cheryl McDonald
- 8 Teri Holmes
- 10 Nancy Schaefer
Greg Struthers
- 11 Anne Rush
Mary Stallings
- 14 Patrick Roof
Brett Bostic
Ronnie Roche
- 15 Jack Morris
- 18 Robert Ellington
Matt Burrows
- 20 Larry Evans
Billie Jones
- 22 Molly Kate Herrmann
- 24 Ashleigh Taylor
Anna-Marie Plyler
- 25 Marilyn Hogan
Pat Butterfield
Kappy Steck
- 26 Rebecca Netzel
Pat Hazle
- 27 Christian Houghton
Cheryl Beaman
- 28 Sam Seay
- 29 Paige Frierson
Ben Wuori
Erica Traylor
- 30 Grayce Boozer
Bettie Stroud
John Calhoun

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2023

November 5 – All Saints Sunday

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

Psalm – Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

November 12 – 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

First Reading – Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Psalm – Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

November 19 – 25th Sunday After Pentecost

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

First Reading – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

Psalm – Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

November 26 – 26th Sunday After Pentecost

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Psalm – Psalm 95:1-7a

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

WITH PRAYER

<i>John Allen</i>	<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>Pat Hazle</i>	<i>Mary Clare McAbee</i>
<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Michele Morrison</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Tim Mueller</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Frances Plyler</i>
<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Marianne De Werdt</i>	<i>Sara Hydrick</i>	<i>Cathy Quinton</i>
<i>Steven Bowden</i>	<i>Lena Duncan</i>	<i>Neal Inman</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Victoria Brown</i>	<i>Marion Eargle</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Bubba Willis</i>
<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Billie Jones</i>	<i>Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Charles Buckner</i>	<i>Violet Fetner</i>	<i>Rod Kent</i>	
<i>Joanna Carpenter</i>	<i>Jon Frew</i>	<i>Lisa Lehman</i>	
<i>Lavina Chandler</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>	

PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month.**

**You may call or email anytime to remove a name.
Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.**



RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

<i>Richard Andrews—a close friend of Wade Wingard</i>	<i>Jack Reynolds—brother of Margaret Hill</i>
<i>Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush</i>	<i>Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass</i>
<i>Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox</i>	<i>Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach</i>
<i>Betty Cox—former member</i>	<i>Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee</i>
<i>Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	<i>Marise Shumpert—friend of Rosemary Nance</i>
<i>Lynn Derrick—son of Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Bob Stearn—friend and neighbor of Frances Plyler</i>
<i>Idona Erwin—friend of member</i>	<i>Harry Swindler—father of Penny Sox and grandpa of Stacy Gross</i>
<i>John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>	<i>Beth Price Tisdale—former member & daughter of Leonard Price</i>
<i>Sarah Harmon—friend of Anna Lawson</i>	<i>Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison</i>
<i>Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Robin Trauffer—friend of the congregation</i>
<i>Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow</i>	<i>Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson</i>
<i>David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew</i>	<i>Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>
<i>Frank Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew</i>	<i>Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver</i>
<i>Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman</i>	<i>Danny and Joey Wheeler—cousins of Jason Fowler</i>
<i>Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman</i>	<i>Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Jesse McAllister—friend of Meals on Wheels volunteers</i>	
<i>Katherine Heath McGrew—friend of Pam & Frank Fusco</i>	
<i>Marie Starnes Rabon—Daughter of Pat Hazle</i>	
<i>Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Moble</i>	

WITH SYMPATHY

*The family of Herman McQuage.
The family of Tommy Moody, brother of Linda Moody Thomas.*

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)

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)

November 2 10:00 a.m. Mary Group

November 5 **All Saints Sunday**

Sunday Schedule above

November 8 12 noon POGS

November 12 Sunday Schedule above

November 15 **December Newsletter Deadline**

November 16 Dorcas Group (5:30 p.m.)

Tamar meeting (6:30 p.m.)

November 19 Sunday Schedule above

Food Pantry Sunday

November 23-24 Church Office Closed

November 26 Sunday Schedule above