



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 1, 2024

9:30 A.M.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS 9 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.; FRI 9 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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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).

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP,** our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com) for links to these services.

**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**

**WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING**

**HOBBY**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Congregation stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
alive in the world,  
reviving creation,  
arriving soon.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**

**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have turned away from our neighbors.**

**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We plead: come to us.**

**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,  
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through ✠ Christ Jesus,

whose day draws near.

**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 260**

**THE KING SHALL COME**

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| 1 The King shall come when morning dawns<br>and light triumphant breaks,<br>when beauty gilds the eastern hills<br>and life to joy awakes. | and left the lonesome place of death,<br>despite the rage of foes.   |
| 2 Not as of old a little child,<br>to bear and fight and die,<br>but crowned with glory like the sun<br>that lights the morning sky.       | 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn<br>shall dawn upon our race<br>the day when Christ in splendor comes,<br>and we shall see his face.           |
| 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn<br>when Christ, victorious, rose   | 5 The King shall come when morning dawns<br>and light and beauty brings.<br>Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:<br>come quickly, King of kings. |

## 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.

## KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

The musical score is written for two voices (Leader and Assembly) in G major (one sharp). The Leader's part is on the top staff of each system, and the Assembly's part is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score consists of eight systems of two staves each. The first system is the Greeting. The second system begins the Kyrie with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have'. The third system continues with 'For the reign of God, and for'. The fourth system continues with 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'. The fifth system continues with 'peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the'. The sixth system continues with 'Lord. For your'. The seventh system continues with 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'. The eighth system continues with 'peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your'.

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Congregation sits.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**CANDLELIGHTING HYMN 253**

***HE CAME DOWN***

He came down that we may have love: *(sung three times)*  
Hallelujah forevermore.

**✠ WORD ✠**

**FIRST READING** *Congregation sits.*

**JEREMIAH 33:14-16**

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-10**

- <sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- <sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- <sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Congregation stands.*

O come, O come Em - man - u - el. O God, be with us and speak that  
we might know your Word. O come, O come Em - man - u - el.

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## GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

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**HYMN OF THE DAY 436** *Congregation stands.*

***WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING***

- 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
awake, Jerusalem, at last.  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake;  
your lamps with gladness take!"  
Alleluia!  
Rise and prepare the feast to share;  
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
and all her heart with joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,  
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is ris'n; her light is come.

- Now come, O Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.  
Sing hosanna!  
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
and follow to the banquet hall.
- 3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!  
Let saints and angels sing before you,  
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.  
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,  
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,  
with angel choirs around your throne.  
No eye has caught the light,  
no ear the thund'ring might  
of such glory.  
There we will go: what joy we'll know!  
There sweet delight will ever flow.

## NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering, especially those whom we name now. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** *Congregation stands.*  
 The peace of Christ be with you always.  
 And also with you.

✠ MEAL ✠

**OFFERING** *Congregation sits.*

**ANTHEM**

*AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD*

*HANDEL*

**OFFERING SONG** *Congregation stands.*

Now in this ban-quet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hun-gers be  
 fed. Bread that is bro-ken, wine that is poured, Love is the  
 sign of our Lord. You who have touched us and graced us with love,  
 make us your peo-ple of good-ness and light. D.C.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
 Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us.  
 We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in  
 expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

**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.

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. You comforted you people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of\_\_ might:



heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of\_\_ light!



Bless-ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of\_\_ light!

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### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

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.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name;  
 thy king-dom 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

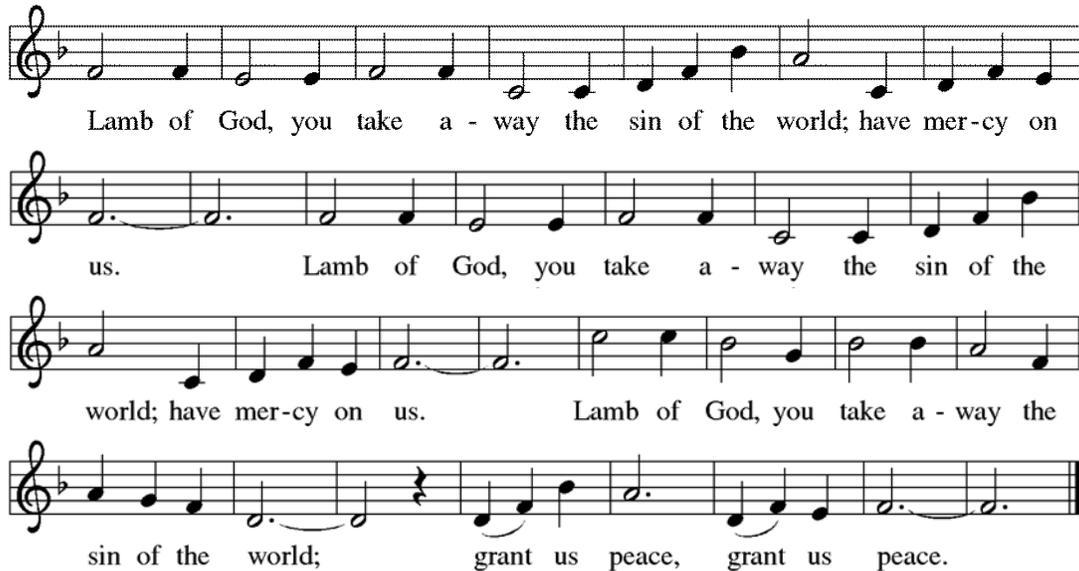
God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

**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.

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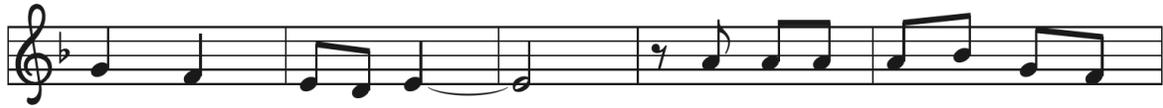


COMMUNION HYMN

THERE IS A LONGING IN OUR HEARTS



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

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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.

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

**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 248

### PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

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|---|--|
| 1 People, look east. The time is near<br>of the crowning of the year.<br>Make your house fair as you are able,<br>trim the hearth and set the table.<br>People, look east, and sing today—<br>Love, the Guest, is on the way.                 | 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,<br>one more light the bowl shall brim,<br>shining beyond the frosty weather,<br>bright as sun and moon together.<br>People, look east, and sing today—<br>Love, the Star, is on the way. |
| 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,<br>one more seed is planted there.<br>Give up your strength the seed to nourish,<br>that in course the flow'r may flourish.<br>People, look east, and sing today—<br>Love, the Rose, is on the way. | 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth<br>him who brings new life to earth.<br>Set ev'ry peak and valley humming<br>with the word, the Lord is coming.<br>People, look east, and sing today—<br>Love, the Lord, is on the way.       |

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

### BEHNKE

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### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

**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

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 85                      Sunday School: 48  
 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Community Service: 29

**\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,330**

**\*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$4,915**

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS**

Thanksgiving Community Service – A.C. Flora Food Pantry	\$155	Social Ministry November Focus – VA Food Pantry	\$250
Capital Improvement Fund	\$30	Poinsettias	\$135
Altar & Narthex Flowers	\$150	VANCO Processing Fee	\$20

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Mary Aitchison to the Glory of God and in memory of her father Doug Aitchison on his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, and in honor of the choir and musicians at Good Shepherd.

**THE ALTAR ROSE** is given by Jason and Terri Fowler to the Glory of God and in memory of Jason's parents, William Edward and Emily Elizabeth Fowler.

**THE NARTHEX FLOWERS** are given by Charlie Sigel to the Glory of God and in memory of Lois Sigel's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**IN APPRECIATION FOR GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH** – Rev. Emily Whitlow Stolba, daughter of the congregation, would like to thank Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for all the love and support given to her during her years as a member while growing up in this congregation. A collection of \$543 was taken up during her recent Ordination Service that she is giving back to the general offering here at Good Shepherd.

**POGS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – Join us for lunch immediately following the 12:00 noon Midweek Advent Worship on Wednesday, December 11. **This will be a catered meal, so we are asking for you to make reservations by completing the bulletin insert.** There is no charge for this catered meal.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – A congregational meeting is scheduled December 15 to elect five new members of the congregational council, one Foundation Board member, and approve to the 2025 budget.

**ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 15** – 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 is in the Narthex until December 15.** The gift cards will be delivered before Christmas as many of the residents will use them to buy things for their families.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** – You can offer poinsettia(s) to beautify the church for our Christmas Eve Services. We plan to order 75 poinsettias and the cost is \$15.00 each. Fill out a Seasonal Flower Offering envelope found in the back of the pews and return it with your money to the offering plate by **Sunday, December 15, or while supplies last.** We will list who the poinsettia is placed in honor or memory of in the bulletin as we have in the past. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

**2025 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT** – Deadline to register for our Congregational Retreat is December 15, 2024. Come and be a part of our yearlong 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Kick Off.” Registration forms are available on the tables in the Narthex and Chapel area.

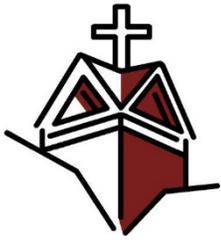
**PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR** – on the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com) for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

<b>USHERS</b>	Stallings/Herrmann Team
<b>LECTOR</b>	Amanda Snodgrass
<b>COMMUNION ASST</b>	Amanda Snodgrass
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Adam Ortiz
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Evelyn Ortiz
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Becky Shealy, Joey Allison
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Mary Stallings, Steve Steck
<b>CC PERSON OF MONTH</b>	Becky, Anna-Marie, David, Jason

### **THIS WEEK AT GSLC**

December 1	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor) 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program practice (FAB)
December 3	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)
December 4	8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Midweek Advent service (Sanctuary) 12:45 p.m. Midweek Advent Lunch (FAB) 6:30 p.m. Midweek Advent service (Sanctuary) 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
December 5	11:00 a.m. Mary Circle meeting (off-site)
December 6	5:30 p.m. set up for private event
December 7	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Christmas Brunch (FAB) 11:00 a.m. Chrismon Tree Decorating (Sanctuary) 12:00 p.m. Lunch for children (Youth Room) Children’s Christmas Program practice (Sanctuary)
December 8	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) No Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program (FAB)

# 2024 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



Becky Shealy  
David Lucas  
Anna-Marie Plyler  
Jan Haigler

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

## TERM ENDS

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### **\*\*Non-Council Members**

Cathy Milejczak & Rod Kent

Social Ministry Co-Chairs

## **OUR MISSION**

*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace  
for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.*

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