



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS There are large print bulletins available. Please ask the ushers to assist 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.

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 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.

✠ 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

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

BURKHARDT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Congregation stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,

we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide.

We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.

We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.

Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us,

that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠

You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

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 249 *Congregation stands.*

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

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| 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings! | without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay. |
| 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there. | 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine. |
| 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward; | 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore. |

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.

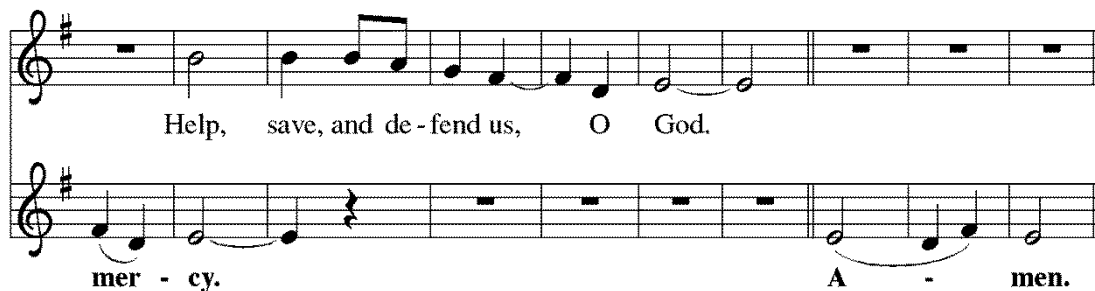
For your

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

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Congregation sits.*

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN 715

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Week 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. Refrain

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

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✚ WORD ✚

FIRST READING *Congregation sits.*

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

² **that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.

⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 15:4-13

A reading from Romans.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰ and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹ and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

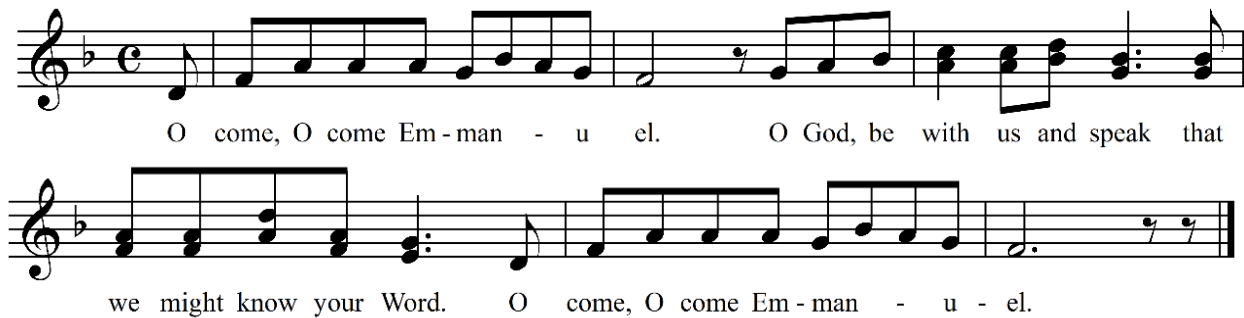
¹² and again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Congregation stands.*



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GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON *Congregation sits.*

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

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

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease, especially those whom we name now. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

PEACE *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING *Congregation sits.*

ANTHEM

ON JORDAN'S BANK

JONES

OFFERING SONG *Congregation stands.*

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through 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 your 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 AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming in righteousness and peace.
Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
Strengthen our faith, increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

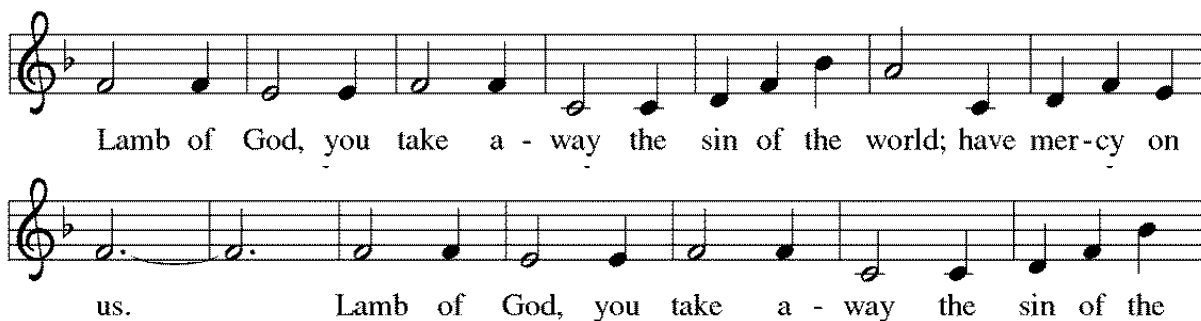
Here is life. God is with us.
Come, receive what God has promised.
Thanks be to God!

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



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

COME, COME, EMMANUEL

Refrain

Come, come, Em - man - u - el. Son of God ap - pear.
Heav - en and earth re - joice. Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near, sal -
va - tion is draw - ing near.
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u -
2. O come, de - sire of na - tions,
3. Re - joice Em - man - u -
el bind and ran - som the cap - tive of Is - ra -
el in shall one come to hearts of hu - man -
el that mourns in your lone - ly ex - ile
kind. Make all your sad - di - vi - sions
el Re - joice Em - man - u -
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
cease and be for us the Prince of Peace.
el shall come to thee O Is - ra - el.

Refrain

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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.

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

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 239

HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!

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| 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song. | 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor. |
| 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield. | 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name. |

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THE KING SHALL COME

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan

Encompass – Sara Hydrick

The Heritage at Lowman – Marianne De Werdt, Violet Fetner

Harmony – Billie Jones

The Palmettos – Sara Loyd

Rice Estate – Grace Boozer

Vitality Living – Mary Clare McAbee

Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll

Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton

At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Steve Bowden, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond,
Joyce Mobley, Justine Parker

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 109

Sunday School: 28

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

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$8,197**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Memorial Fund	\$100	Social Ministry November Focus – VA Food Pantry	\$520
Food Pantry	\$100	Angel Tree	\$200
Organ Fund	\$500	Altar Flowers	\$150
Noisy Offering – Pawmetto Lifeline	\$369.28	Seasonal Flowers (Poinsettias)	\$60
		VANCO Processing Fees	\$12

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Virginia Morris to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother and father, Geanelle and John Morris.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Anne Rush to the Glory of God and in memory of her grandson, Keith Patrick Boggs.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Jason and Terri Fowler to the Glory of God and in memory of Terri's sister, Tiffini Carroll, on her birthday, December 6.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY – Join us from 4-6 p.m. and bring an appetizer to share and voice to sing Christmas carols as we sign cards, bake and decorate cookies, fill stockings, and join in fellowship together as we celebrate the Christmas season! A few items will be needed, see the sign-up board in the Narthex.

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS) – We will meet for POGS on December 10 at 12:45 in the FAB after Advent services. It will be a covered dish with the meat provided. Our speaker will be from The Women's Shelter. There will be a \$5 charge to help defray the cost of the meat. We will be filing boxes for those on our Meals on Wheels route. We will be accepting donations of personal care items, notepads, pens and pencils, etc. for these boxes and filling them at this meeting. POGS will be supplying heavy socks with non-slip soles. **Reservations are required by December 7.** Please see the bulletin insert. Come and have a fun time and fellowship with friends.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES AND MEALS – There are two opportunities for you to worship on Wednesdays during Advent. Services are in the FAB at 12 noon and at 6:30 p.m. This week the noon service is followed by a POGS luncheon. There will be a meal at 5:30 p.m. prior to the evening service.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026 are on a table in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. If you do not see envelopes with your name and would like your own box of envelopes, please see Deb Embrey.

2025 RECEIPT REIMBURSEMENTS – If you have receipts for reimbursement, the last day to turn in receipts is December 28.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING – Good Shepherd will ring the bell for the Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday, December 13, at Lowe's Foods on Forest Drive. Social Ministry invites you to donate an hour of your time. The sign-up sheet is on the bell ringing stand in the Narthex.

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 14 – 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 14. The gift cards will be delivered before Christmas as many of the residents will use them to buy things for their families.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 14 – There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, to elect new Council Members, Foundation Board Members, and to approve the proposed 2026 Budget. Plan to attend this important event in the life of our congregation.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS – You can offer poinsettia(s) to beautify the church for our Christmas Eve Services. 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 14. 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 late Christmas Eve Service.

GOOD SHEPHERD 2026 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT – It's time for early registration! Pick up your form in the Narthex. Join us April 24-26, 2026, at Lutheridge for fun and celebration of "Walking in the Spirit" for 75 Years! A deposit of 1/2 will hold your spot and then you may divide your payments. You may pay online or put the form and money in the offering plate. If you pay online, you will still need to turn in a registration form.

SIGN UP TO OFFER FLOWERS FOR 2026 — The sign-up chart for offering flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up – with your phone number – for the dates you want to offer flowers in 2026. Altar Flowers are \$85, Altar Rose is \$10, and Narthex Flowers are \$55.

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@gslc.com.

PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR – on the web page at www.gslc.com for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

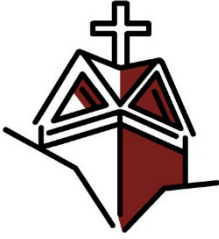
SERVING IN WORSHIP

GREETER:	Earline Suydam
USHERS:	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Russ Cox, Bruce Shealy
LECTOR:	Jan Haigler
COMMUNION ASST:	Jan Haigler
ACOLYTE:	Callen Gilbert
CRUCIFER:	Blake Gross
ALTAR GUILD:	Joey Allison, Becky Shealy
TABULATORS:	Lavina Chandler, David Lucas
CC PERSON OF MONTH:	Don Caughman

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

December 7	Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program (FAB) No Sunday School 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Congregational Event-Christmas Party (FAB)
December 8	5:30-7:30 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conference Room)
December 9	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room) 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting (Conference Room)
December 10	8:15 a.m. Wednesday Virtual Bible Study 12:00 noon Advent Worship Service (FAB) 12:45 p.m. POGS Luncheon and Meeting (FAB) 5:30 p.m. Advent Supper (FAB) 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service (FAB) 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
December 11	set up for Fun Fridays (FAB) 5:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting (Conference Room)
December 12	6:00-9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)
December 13	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 14	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) Congregational Meeting during Worship 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-113) 11:05 – 11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115) 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (E-115) 6:00 p.m. Council meeting (Conference Room)

2025 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



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Jan Haigler

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