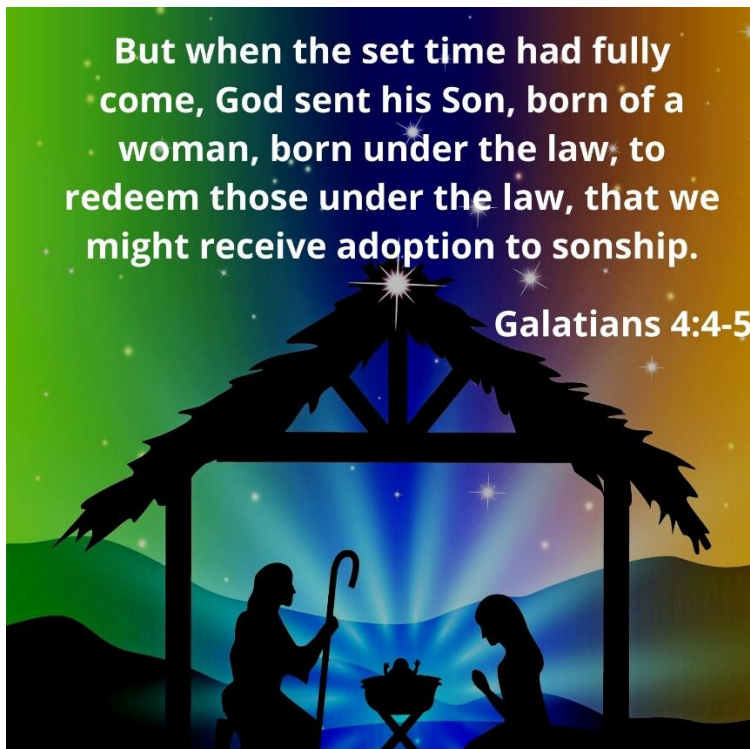


Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28 & 29, 2025

SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY! Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must *"take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt"* (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He *"had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'"* (Matt. 2:15). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. *"He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them"* (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. If you are our guest, we pray that you find the Spirit of God alive and moving in our congregation. We rejoice that you joined us in that Spirit today. Please come again!

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CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:

Read: Galatians 4: 4 - 7 and/or Memorize: Galatians 4: 4 – 5a

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ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

If you prefer the convenience of offering your gift via your smartphone there is a way to do that. Go to the Apple Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" (the half purple V) to download for free. Then enter Good Shepherd; next tap *Donate Now*. 3. Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Select *Add* to add another fund or move forward to the payment information. 4. Scan or enter your card or bank account information. 5. Review your donation summary then select *Complete Donation*. Or if you prefer to have your gift automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, check that box on the right side of your connection card, "Automating My Giving" or contact the church office and we will provide you with the form you will need to complete in order for us to set that up.

HEARING LOOP

Good Shepherd is equipped with a hearing loop in both the Worship Space and the Gathering Space. If you don't have a hearing aid but need hearing assistance, we have system devices that you can use. Please see the folks at the tech board and they will supply you with one.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28th Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - LSB 375 - Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising



1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the
2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with
4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -
com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.

6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above.

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The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no
more."
Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope for your future, declares the Lord,
and your children shall come back to their own country."
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.



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

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.



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

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.



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

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Annie Roxburgh in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7–14

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,
the praises of the Lord,
according to all that the Lord has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely.”

And he became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,

of Moses and his people.
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,
¹²who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
¹³who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.
¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.
So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

[L] This is the Word of the LORD.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b

1 Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
2 Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
8they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
9He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
10The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



All: Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O LORD.**

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went

and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day - LSB 360 - All My Heart Again Rejoices



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
2 Hear! The Con - quer - or has spo - ken: “Now the foe, Sin and woe,
3 Should we fear our God’s dis - plea - sure, Who, to save, Free - ly gave
4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f’ring loss,



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing
Death and hell are bro - ken!" God is man, man to de - liv - er,
His most pre - cious trea - sure? To re - deem us He has giv - en
Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
And the Son Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.
His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav - en.
And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

5 Softly from His lowly manger

Jesus calls

One and all,

"You are safe from danger.

Children, from the sins that grieve you

You are freed;

All you need

I will surely give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness!

One and all,

Great and small,

Come with songs of gladness.

We shall live with Him forever

There on high

In that joy

Which will vanish never.

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Sermon

"Born Under the Law"

Galatians 4: 4 - 7

MEMORY VERSE:

Galatians 4: 4 – 5a

“But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law.”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(11 a.m. only) Please wave to all the worshipers online!

Pax Domini

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

Connection Cards

Stand

Offering and Offering Prayer

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

As Lutheran Christians we understand that the body and blood of Jesus is present in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 11(:27-32) that we ought to examine ourselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in this sacrament. We welcome all to the LORD’s Table who are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wish to participate with this understanding.

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy LORD, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

LORD's Prayer

**All: 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.**

The Words of Our LORD

P Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Distribution Hymn - Red 98 – I Heard the Bells

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

2. I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
3. And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead: nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."
Till ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day-
A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Henry W. Longfellow, J. Baptiste Calkin

Distribution Hymn - Red 97 – There's a Song in the Air!

1. There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
2. There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the Virgin's sweet Boy
Is the Lord of the earth.

Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star
Lie the ages impearled,
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Ev'ry hearth is a-flame-and the beautiful sing,
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down thru the night
From the heavenly throng.
Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
And we greet in His cradle our Savior and King!

Josiah G. Holland, Karl P. Harington, Arr. By John Willard

Stand

Communion Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

Stand

Closing Hymn -LSB 386 - Now Sing We Now, Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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Our elders offer a ministry of prayer. If you would like personal prayer or for them to gather others to pray with you, please speak to anyone whose name tag says "Elder" on it.

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- P** Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist
- C** Congregation
- L** Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person
- A** Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader
- A/L** First worship leader on Saturday/Second worship leader on Sunday
- All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together
- Δ** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity
- ✙** The pastor makes the sign of the cross; individual worshipers may also as fits personal preference; this is a kinesthetic reminder of grace

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Dec. 28 – Jan. 4, 2025
(at church unless noted)

- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM
No Sunday School
- Wednesday: New Year’s Eve, Church Office Closed
- Thursday: New Year’s Day, Church Office Closed
- Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Mission Team Meeting, 12:30 PM
Little Lambs Board Meeting, 12:30 PM
Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 PM

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Andy & Amanda Reding and Michael & Stephanie Cheney for working out a means for us to share worship with you this week. We also thank Lisa Serron, Linda Beniveгна, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Scheib, Stephanie Cheney, John Pilecki, Gary Paradise & Bob Jauch for their work in the office and building. And a great big thank you to Fred Salvagni for sweeping and moping the Celebration Hall floor! We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many “angels” in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

SERVING ON JANUARY 3 & 4

SATURDAY EVENING: Ron Baley, Debbie Chappelle

EARLY CHURCH: Greg Trost, Deborah Adams, Lisa Serron, Karyl Hammond, Fred Salvagni, Brian & Bev Edwards

LATE CHURCH: Sandy Voigt, Jill Pesson, Andy, Amanda Jared & Ian Reding, Cindy Hemingway, Tammy Beattie, Jacki Scheib, Hugh Shipley, Ron & Kathy Chapman, John & Jo Ann Pilecki,

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you had requested offering envelopes for 2026, they are available in the Gathering Space. If you did not request envelopes, but would like to have a box, please contact the church office and we will see that you get them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TOGETHER WE PRAY!

Each week, we gather the prayers that people share on their connection cards and pass them along. You can receive these prayers either by way of email or have them printed and placed in your mailbox here at church.

We also have an Emergency Prayer Chain that shares the need for urgent prayer. People can call the church office or send an e-mail and we get those prayer requests out right away. You can receive these prayer requests either via email or telephone.

It is such a wonderful blessing for those requesting prayer to know that others are praying with them. We offer our prayers with confidence that our loving Lord hears them all. If you would like to join either of these prayer groups, please sign up on your connection card, call the church office or send us an e-mail.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING BEGINS

Each year we collect a special Christmas Offering to assist organizations that help our neighbors near and far. Our goal for this year is \$12,000. We're seeking to equally bless four different organizations: Hope for AIDS Orphans, CCIA, Tunnel to Towers & Golisano Children's Hospital. Please prayerfully consider a Christmas gift to help those in need. Each of the organizations

selected uses a high percentage of the gifts received to accomplish their mission. If you would like to offer a gift during this Christmas season, there are envelopes on the Usher Station. The Christmas offering will end at the end of the Christmas season, on the first Sunday in January.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Each Sunday a group meets in the Prayer Room at 12:30 PM to knit or crochet prayer shawls, share in fellowship and have a nice time together. But this isn't the only time, place or medium for making a prayer shawl. You can certainly do so at your own home and we encourage and accept prayer shawls which are woven or sewn, they are not limited to knit or crochet creations. As you work remember to pray for the person whom God would have receive it. We pray again as a group when the shawls are brought to church. These prayer shawls bring comfort to those who receive them.

GLOVES NEEDED!

Do you have a glove from last winter that lost its mate? Sunday School and Camp-in-Daigua could use knit (stretchy) gloves from craft projects. Please leave them in the box on the counter by the coat rack. Thank you!



THE COLD IS HERE! CAN YOU HELP?



Do you like to knit or crochet? With the temperature dropping, many of our neighbors may be without hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to keep them warm. We would like to make enough to fill a bag then donate that bag full to CCIA, Family Promise, Happiness House and similar places. Thank you.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING IN JAN!

It's time to order study material!



The Sunday Bible **class led by Bob Smith** will be studying the Gospel and end times as discussed in 1 and 2 Thessalonians. These Epistles are among the earliest writings in the

New Testament. In them, Paul teaches believers to be steadfast and encourages them to continue living lives pleasing to God, despite opposition and persecution. He also teaches about the second coming of Christ. Our study will help us understand the foundational teachings of the church and their enduring relevance for Christians today.

New Bible Study beginning January 4th, 2026- **Sandy Voigt's Class-**

We are immersed in a society that idealizes quick results and stimulating experiences. The Christian life, however, calls us to be- NOT tourists, but pilgrims-disciples committed to the long journey of faith. This six-week study, leading up to Lent, is that journey with **Eugene Peterson's book "A Long Obedience In the Same Direction"**. Join us on this journey , based on the "Psalms of Ascent"- sung by all faithful Jews as they traveled towards Jerusalem. Books will be ordered. **Let either the office or Sandy Voigt know by 12/14/25- the cost of books is \$14.**

Monday Afternoon Women's Bible Study will resume in January with a study of the Parables. We will read "Parables: The Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told" by John MacArthur.

CAMP-IN-DAIGUA MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Starting this weekend, we will have Camp-in-Daigua SWAG (Shirts, Wearables, And Gifts) available for pre-order. Our first order will go out November 15th and will be ready around Dec. 1st. Please call/text Cathie Geske at (585) 369-5696 form more details, or talk to her after service. Thanks for supporting, and advertising, our new outreach ministry!



BASEMENT CLEAN UP



Join us to be "Many Hands Making Light Work" on Saturday, Jan, 10th from 10-2 (lunch provided) to help sort , organize and haul MANY items from the basement that are in need of organizing!
We have tasks for EVERYONE!

We will need: Sorters, Labelers, Rep-ackers, Reachers (those tall enough to reach top shelves), Sweepers, Haulers-(to the Transfer Station and to the Electronic Recycling in Victor-NOT on the 10th).

Please sign up on your connection card or on the Wittenberg Door to say you can come!

FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2026 is hanging on the door across from the family restroom. If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you can write them in or contact the church office either by e-mail or phone. Please include your name, the name(s) of those being honored or remembered and the occasion. As is the case with almost everything, the price of flowers has risen and so we must follow suit. The cost for 2026 is \$20 or you can order a larger bouquet or plant for \$25. Please let us know at that time if you are ordering the larger bouquet or plant.



SUPPORT

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

“Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!”

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

God knit His Son Jesus into human form in the womb of Jesus' earthly mother, Mary. He did it with intention and specific purpose for Jesus' life, here on earth. Jesus came to fulfill prophecies, serve humanity, spread the Kingdom's message, and offer salvation to those who believe. How blessed are we, that He created each of us with similar intentionality. We are not accidents.... we are created by a God who acts with deliberate love and purpose in our creation. Let us pray, as Jesus did, for God's will to be done in our lives just as it is in Heaven

“Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10

For a better understanding read the surrounding verses

****Check out the prayer resources in the prayer room. Prayer Shawls are available should you desire to have one or wish to gift one to someone you know.**

CCIA UPDATE

Items running low at the food pantry are: Pasta (anything type except for spaghetti), Cereal, Canned veggies and fruit. The need is greater than ever. Please be as generous as you can. If you would like, Tammy Beattie can do the shopping for you! Just put your gift in an envelope in Tammy Beattie's mailbox marked “CCIA”. Or, you can certainly shop yourself! *Your food donations can be placed in the*

wooden box labeled CCIA under the Mission counter in the coat room. Thanks in advance for being a good servant!

SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND, DEC. 27 & 28

SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

ELDER	Gail Herman
A/V	
ALTAR CARE	Lisa Serron

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER	Nola Trost
A/V TEAM	Matt Meyers
LECTOR	Karyl Hammond
ALTAR CARE	Tracy Romano
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Vince Romano
USHER	Fred Salvagni
GREETERS	Lisa Serron

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Tammy Beattie
ASSIST MINISTER	Cindy Hemingway
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Bob Smith
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Marcus Battaglia
ACOLYTES	Addy Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Christine Davis
KIDS' WORSHIP	Annie Roxburgh
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Kathey Drennan
USHERS	Amanda Modzel
GREETER	Steve and Cindy Hemingway
HOST	Jacki Scheib Greg Quinn
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Fred Salvagni/Cindy Hemingway

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 3 & 4

Saturday	5:30 PM	Worship/Holy Communion
Sunday	8 AM	Worship/Holy Communion
	11 AM	Worship/Holy Communion

SERVING OUR LORD

The Ministers

Rev. Steven R. Geske, Pastor

Rev. Don Muller, Pastor Emeritus

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Linda Benivegna, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Cheney, Music Director

Doc Tessendorf, Building Coordinator

Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Preschool Teacher

Lisa Brahm, Custodian, Preschool Aide

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

December 27 & 28, 2025

Connected to Good Shepherd directly:

Gary Paradise, Steve Hemingway, Jean Bucher, Terry Henninger, Steve & Barb Schneider, Joe Benivegna, Brian & Bev Edwards & Family, Bev Carlson, Maryanna Chard, Jim Wicker, Marlene Pawlukewicz, Fran Beswick, Dorothy Castle, Leon & Theresa Pfuntner, Bart & Deborah Adams, Sharon Ridley, Karen Schumacher, Kathey Drennan, Karen Lenz, Tierney Bristol, Mary Ann Menge, Delores Furnum, Pam Rood, Shirley Perryman Scott Haynes ;Bob Muto, Carl Persson, Marcus Battaglia, Judy Ballway, Ron Baley, Tammy Beattie, Mary Ann Menge; Bob Smith; Mary Ann Menge; Bob Smith; Mary Persson, Barbara Barnes, Bill & Judy Ballway, Hannah Battaglia;

Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship:

Pat Gunn, Mark Gunn, Tashi Benivegna, Kerri Eames, Ruthee Krop, family & friends of Benivegna'; Bob & Barbara Muller, Barbara Skillman, Ruth Boselli & Wendy Carrier, family & friend of Mullers, Bill Rifenburg, Deb Reding, Larry Almeter & Jak, friends & family of Andy & Amanda Reding; Steve Cochrane, Charlene Johnson, Steve Chochran & Cheryl, family & friends of Don & Gayle Hendershot; Connie Pruden, John Dlugos & Violet, daughter & friends of the Bart & Deborah Adams; Alex, grandson of Ken & Barbara Barnes; Donna & Jonathan Allhusen, daughter & son of Mary; Marsha Johnson, Theresa Pulver family & friends of Terry & Linda Savage; Lin S., Mike L., & Kathy Fox, friends & family of Sandy Voigt; Jackson Coston, great-great grandson of Kathey Drennan; John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli, Kitty Braddon & Ray Blythe, friends of Bill Fuge; Dawn Lucas, daughter of Bill & Judy Ballway; Sara Romano, s-i-l of Vince and

Tracy Romano; **Chris Shepherd & Mary Persson**, friend & mother of Jill Persson; **Erin Smith Bernard & Chris Wyant**, daughter & friend of Bob & Sandy Smith; **Paige Bianchi**, s-i-l of Mike & Stephanie Cheney; **Blain Tiller, Mark Carey, Gerry & Joanne Beattie, Teresa Carey**, family of Tammy Beattie; **Sydnee, Dale Tomlin, Ben Cramer**, friends & family of Pete & Kerri Ellison; **Bev Wicher**, wife of Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher (Eastern District President Emeritus); **Stan Klimeczko**, brother of Mike; **Ernie Cratsley, Theresa Thompson, Arlene Lead**, family and friend of Leon & Theresa Pfuntner; **Derek Pittenger**, son of Dave & Sandy; **Lorna Frennette & Lalia Nichols**, aunt & mother of Cliff & Kelly Nichols; **Garrison Ball**, son of Rev. Mark (St. Paul, Hilton) and Leslie Ball; **GH**, friend of many; **Chelsea Ellis**, daughter/step-daughter of John & Cindy Marino; **Mike Tigue & Linda Chapman**, friend & family of Chapmans; **Joe Lewis**, father of Jay Powell; **Ronda Stiles**, friend of Leon & Theresa Pfuntner; **Sue Wagner & Mathais & Vick Rauscher**, friends & cousin of Gary & Colleen Paradise; **Brian Torres**, friend of Richard & Sudy Landholm; **Anne Flannery & Emmett**, cousin & friend of Annie Roxburgh; **Ben Edwards & Al Lease**, family of Biran & Bev Edwards; **Charles & Allan Bucher & Pat R.**, brothers & friend of Jean Bucher; **Nora Swatly**, sister-in-law of Fred Salvagni; **Lucy Stanley**, aunt of Cindy Hemingway; **Kathy Harris**, friend of Nola Trost; **Kian**, friend of Hannah Battaglia; **Annie McGee**, friend of Greg Quinn; **Alan Vossler**, friend of Steve & Cindy Hemingway; **Phyllis Granger & Ed Peifer**, friends of Zagata's and Hemingway's; **Pat Kropp**, mother of Cathie Geske; **Judy Brainard**, mother of Kelly Brainard-Nichols; **Jeff Trumbull**, friend of Gail Herman; **Susan Gillespie**, friend of Mark Serron;

In our prayers today we remember:

Sybil Wright, daughter of Mary Anna Chard; **BLAIN & SLADE TILLER**, sons of Tammy Beattie; **DAVID CLARK**, cousin of Hemingways