

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



Ephesians 5:20

... always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 3 & 4, 2026

SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY! The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood. 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!

CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:

Read: Ephesians 5: 18 - 20 and/or Memorize: Ephesians 5: 18 - 20

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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 Or if you prefer to have your gift automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, check that box on the right side of your connection card, "Automating My Giving" or contact the church office and we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

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January 4th Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

† Preparation †

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Reading

Luke 2:4–7

⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Christmas Carol - LSB 376 - Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
 leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95, alt.

Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-76

Text and tune: Public domain

The sign of the cross \dagger 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

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;
 his understanding is beyond measure.
But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
 in those who hope in his steadfast love.
Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
 Praise your God, O Zion!

**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.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his
glory,
 glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Gloria in Excelsis - The song of the Christmas Angels

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Reading

1 Peter 1:8–9

⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reading

Revelation 21:3–4

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Christmas Carol - LSB 386 - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



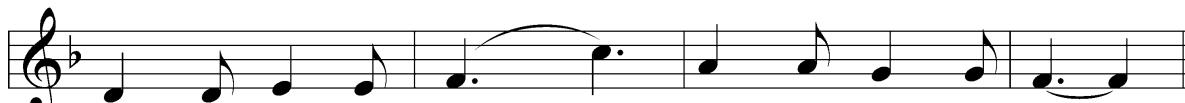
1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



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!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.

Tune: German, 14th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Jacki Sceib in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise

after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All: Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
And the favor of God was upon him. Alleluia.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And

when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.”⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

L This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the LORD and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - LSB 410 - Within the Father's House



1 With - in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5. LORD, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace

Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace.

△ 6. Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

Text: James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt.

Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Text and tune: Public domain

Message *Good King Wenceslas*, v. 1; LSB 374 - *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 5: 20

“...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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

✚ 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

Tune: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Holy, holy, holy LORD! God of hosts, by all adored;
Heaven and earth cannot contain, All the glory of Your Name.
Hail, hosanna, God most high Blest is He who now draws nigh

In the Name of God the king Hallelujahs glad we sing
Hail hosanna praises due Be forever, LORD to You!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O LORD our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our LORD. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

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.**

L These elements have been consecrated by Pastor Geske on this altar. We are reminded of the words and actions of Jesus:

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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger 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

Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the Name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Distribution Hymn - LSB 374 - Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There He lay, the Un - de-filed, To the world a strang - er.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
He is still the Un - de-filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859–1933

Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald

Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn - LSB 379 - O Come, All Ye Faithful sts. 1, ref. 2–4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come____ ye to Beth - - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - - gin, a mor - - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee____ be____ glo - - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God____ In____ the____ high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-80, alt.

Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786

Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant go;
 All glory to the Father, All part in heav'n - ly peace,
 For I have seen the glo - ry to the Son, For All glo - ry seen to the glo - ry of Your re - deem - ing Three in grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the be - gin - ning, Un - Is

A light to lead the be - gin - ning, Un - Is

to now, Your shall ev - er be, The God's tri - une name re -

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

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

Reading

Matthew 25:31–40

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘LORD, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when

did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Stand

(11 a.m. only) Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Christmas Carol - Good King Wenceslas

1. Good King Wenceslas looked out,
on the Feast of Stephen*,
When the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
tho’ the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
gath’ring winter fuel.

*The feast of Stephen, the first martyr, is on December 26th.

2. “Hither, page, and stand by me,
if thou know’st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?”
“Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
by Saint Agnes’ fountain.”

3. “Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
when we bear them thither.”

Page and monarch, forth they went,
forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
and the bitter weather.

4. “Sire, the night is darker now,
and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer.”
“Mark my footsteps, good my page.
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage
freeze thy blood less coldly.”

5. In his master's steps he trod,
where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
shall yourselves find blessing.

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

**Pastor of Pres.
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 Jan. 4 - 11, 2026 (at church unless noted)

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

Monday Women's Bible Study, 1 PM

Tuesday Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Thursday: Basics of the Faith Class, 1:30 PM

Saturday: Basement Cleanout, 10 AM – 2 PM
Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
Confirmation, 6:45 PM

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Prayer Team, 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 Benivegna, 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 mopping 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!

DEAR" HOLIDAY ANGELS"

Once again this year, the Family Promise Holiday Angels program was a huge success. I personally want to thank all those who participated on behalf of Good Shepherd. We helped make Christmas morning special for our adopted family

Blessings to all,
JoAnne

SERVING ON JANUARY 10 & 11

SATURDAY EVENING: Gail Herman, Glenn Banke, JoAnne VanBuren

EARLY CHURCH: Karyl Hammond, Bill Fuge, Brian Edwards, Cindy Hemingway, Bob & Barb Jauch, Terry & Linda Savage

LATE CHURCH: Tammy Beattie, Bob & Sandy Smith, Andy, Amanda & Tommy Reding, Addy & Easton Modzel, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Katherine Costigan, Jim & Joyce Wicker, Doc & Jenny Tessendorf, Ron Chapman

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.

PRAYERS FOR 2026

Each year, we rebuild the list of prayers for the sick. We will begin using this new list in February. If you have someone that you would like to see continue on the prayer list or travelers, be sure to add them to that list on the sheets that will be on the counter by the monitor in the Gathering Space this week. If you are adding someone to our prayer list, please use the Prayer Bid Sheet on the guestbook stand as usual. Anyone added to the prayer list this month will be included on the revised list.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING WINDS UP

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!

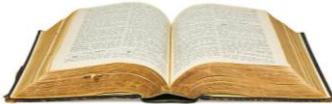


THE COLD IS HERE! CAN YOU HELP?



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 for 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

Think of "being in the Word" as the foundational step to powerful, effective relationship and prayer with God. The more you immerse yourself in study of the Scriptures, the more your mind is opened to God's perspective. It helps you pray.... not with selfish motives, but in alignment with His purposes. It transforms your requests from "my will be done" to "Your will be done."

Prayer rooted in the Word is a prayer that carries authority and confidence. When you pray a promise, that you found while studying His Word, you are praying something you know is explicitly His will. The more we read and study the Bible the closer we become to God. Check out the Bible study options, in the bulletin and stop in to try it out. All are welcome anytime

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." Luke 22:42

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), 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, JAN. 3 & 4

SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

ELDER	Greg Trost
LEAD	Nola Trost
A/V	Ron Baley
ALTAR CARE	Debbie Chappelle

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER	Bill Fuge
LEAD	Nola Trost
A/V TEAM	Greg Trost
LECTOR	Deborah Adams
ALTAR CARE	Lisa Serron
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Karyl Hammond
USHER	Fred Salvagni
GREETERS	Brian & Bev Edwards

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Jenny Tessendorf
LEAD	Sandy Voigt
ASSIST MINISTER	Jill Persson
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Andy & Amanda Reding
A/V TEAM	Cindy Hemingway
LECTOR	Ian Reding
ACOLYTES	Tammie Beattie
ALTAR CARE	Jacki Scheib
KIDS' WORSHIP	Jared Reding
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Hugh Shipley
USHERS	Ron & Kathy Chapman
GREETER	John & JoAnn Pilecki
HOST	
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Brian & Bev Edwards/Ron Chapman

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 10 & 11

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

Lisa Serron, Office Manager

Linda Benivegna, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Cheney, Music Director

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

January 3 & 4, 2026

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

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In our prayers today we remember:

FOR THE FAMILY OF ELIZABETH SHARP, mother of Sudy Landholm, who died this past week.

