

# Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## EVERYDAY DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 3:13-15

"THEN JESUS WENT FROM GALILEE TO THE JORDAN RIVER TO BE BAPTIZED BY JOHN. BUT JOHN TRIED TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT. "I AM THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU," HE SAID, "SO WHY ARE YOU COMING TO ME?" BUT JESUS SAID, "IT SHOULD BE DONE, FOR WE MUST CARRY OUT ALL THAT GOD REQUIRES." SO JOHN AGREED TO BAPTIZE HIM."

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**January 10 & 11, 2026**

**SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!**

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!** The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “*bring forth justice to the nations*” (Is. 42:1). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “*fulfill all righteousness*” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “*we will also live with him*” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters. 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: Matthew 3: 13 - 17 and/or Memorize: Matthew 3: 13 - 15

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR TODAY** are given to the Glory of God by Gail Herman in honor of her mother, Marian Dorr.

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## 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 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11th Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

## † Preparation †

### Welcome and Connection Cards

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn - LSB 411 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow low Je sus.  
I want to look at Je sus.  
I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with patience the the race,

The star of my life is Je sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
 The night and the day are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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*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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have**

**not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. 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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

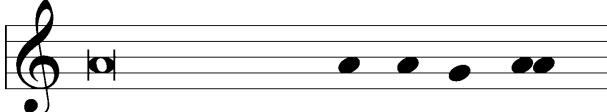
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

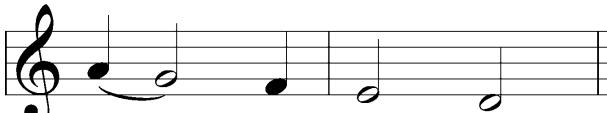
Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**Kyrie**

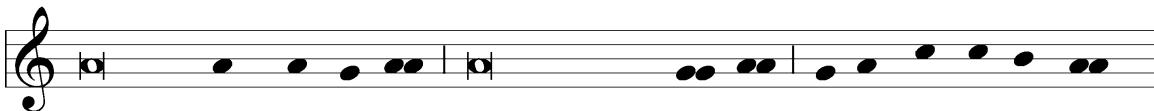
*LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



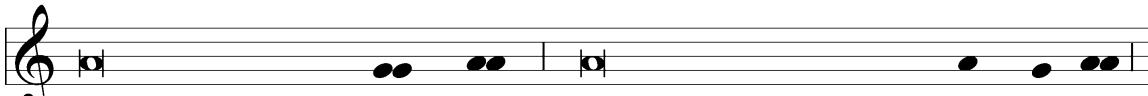
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



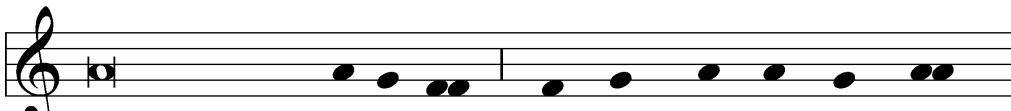
**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



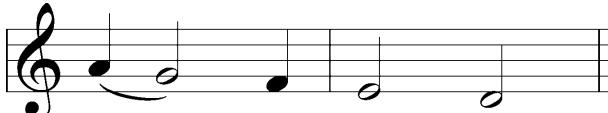
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



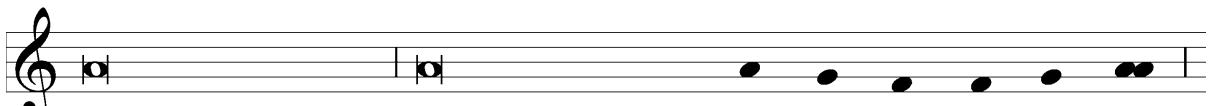
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



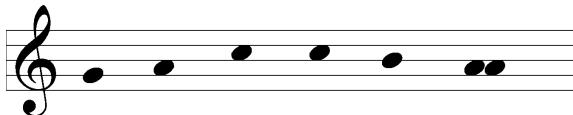
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



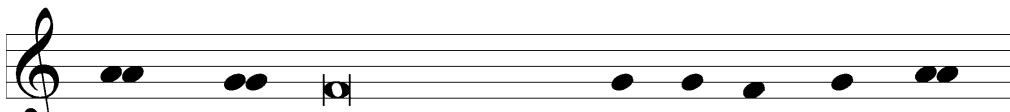
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 170*

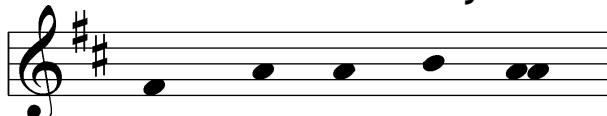


**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and  
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His Name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

*(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to meet Kelly Brainard-Nichols in the Gathering Space.*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
    till he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
    I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
    a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my Name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
    I tell you of them.”

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;  
    worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
    the God of glory thunders,  
    the LORD, over many waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
    the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
    and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
    flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
    the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
    and strips the forests bare,  
    and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
    the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
    May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Verse of the Day

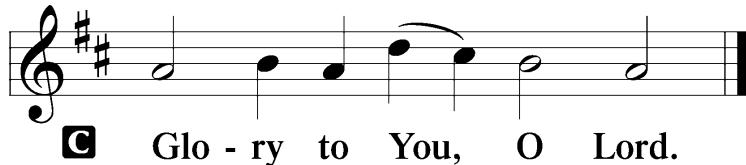
*Mark 1:11b*

**All:** Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.  
Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.

A musical score for a single melodic line. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note of the first measure. The lyrics "Praise to You, O Christ." are written below the notes.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day - LSB 739 - Precious LORD, Take My Hand

A musical score for a single melodic line in G major. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas, with the third stanza continuing on the next page. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
When my life is al - most gone,  
And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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**Sermon**

*"To Fulfill All Righteousness"*

*Matthew 3:13-17*

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*Matthew 3: 13 - 15*

<sup>13</sup> “Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

*Stand*

**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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## Reception of New Members

*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 Offertory

LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres- ence of all His peo - ple, in the

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa- lem.

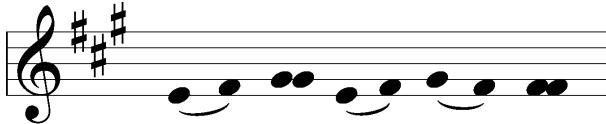
## † Service of the Sacrament †

*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 177



**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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be

the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 178*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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  $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$  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  $\text{\text{T}}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, LORD Jesus.**

**P** O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **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.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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 - LSB 537 - Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Tune: Silesian, 19th cent.

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## Distribution Hymn - LSB 578 - Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

3

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

3

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath-ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy Name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76

Tune: Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

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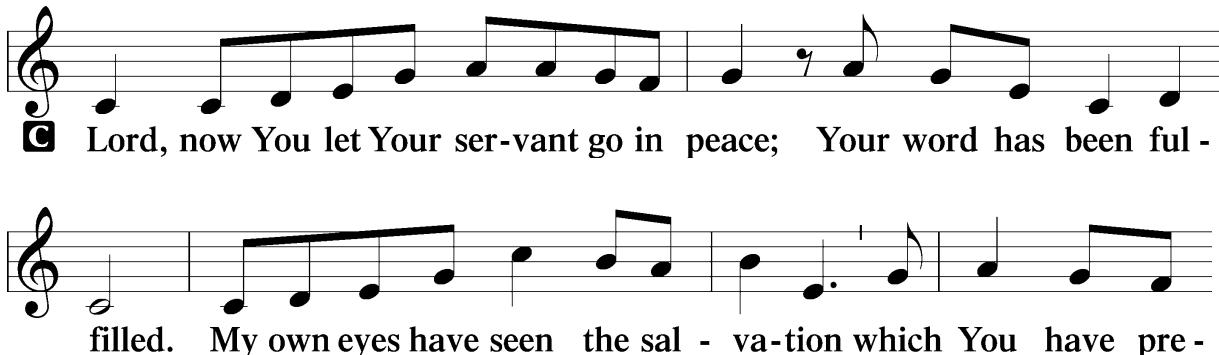
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*Stand*

## Communion Dismissal

### Nunc Dimittis

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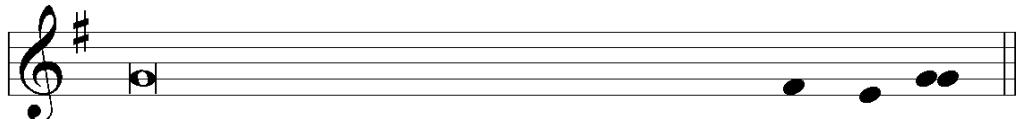
The musical notation consists of two staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The first staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a series of eighth notes. The second staff begins with a half note, followed by a series of eighth notes. The lyrics are written in a cursive font below the music, corresponding to the notes.

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

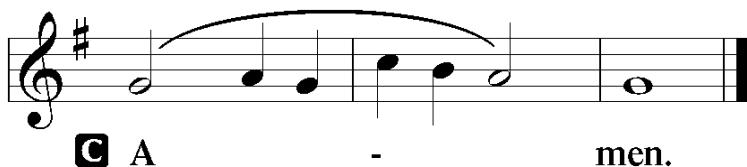
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

### Benediction

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**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Announcements

*Stand*

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

## Closing Hymn - LSB 922 - Go, My Children, with My Blessing sts. 1-4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.

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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.*

## **Acknowledgments**

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**P** Pastor or Presiding minister: sole pastor. Liturgist

**C** Pastor of First 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.

**All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together

▲ 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

1 The pastor named the sign of the cross, individual worshippers may also do this personal preference, this is a kinesthetic reminder of grace

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Jan. 11 - 18, 2026 (at church unless noted)

Sunday:	Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM Sunday School, 9:30 AM Prayer Team 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:	Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
Sunday:	Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Team, 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 PM

## PLEASE PICK UP POINSETTIAS

Had you ordered a poinsettia to grace the altar at Christmas but you can't remember what you ordered? There is a list on the table beside the plants. If you don't see the exact color that you ordered,

it may be that we didn't receive enough or that some of them did die in the last couple weeks. If there are plants remaining after late worship, anyone is free to take one home!

## **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. A great big thank you to Doc Tessendorf, John Pilecki & Gary Paradise for their continued work in the sacristy and to JoAnn Piecki, Kathy Chapman, Colleen Paradise and Cindy Hemingway for undecorating the sanctuary and putting away the special Christmas decorations. 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!

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE WICKERS**

Our Christmas worship was beautified by the generous sharing of the Wicker's hand-made Nativity. It brought our focus on both the Cross above the altar and the birth of Jesus in its humble setting, below at the foot of the altar. Our appreciation to Joyce and Jim for sharing their gift of artistry.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

We wish to thank all who contributed items to the Little Lambs Christmas Boutique and all who purchased them! More than \$460 was received. These funds will go toward the Roxann Muller Scholarship fund to assist with tuition for families who need a bit of help. Again, many thanks.

## **SERVING ON JANUARY 17 & 18**

**SATURDAY EVENING:** Gail Herman, Mark Carlson, Lisa Serron

**EARLY CHURCH:** Bill Fuge, Matt Meyers, Greg & Nola Trost, Vince & Tracy Romano, Leslie Smith

**LATE CHURCH:** Ron & Kathy Chapman, Jill Persson, Bob Smith, Andy, Amanda & Ian Reding, Marcus Battaglia, Annie Roxburgh, Tammy Beattie, Kathey Drennan, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Jackie Scheib, Greg Quinn

## **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 on the revised list, be sure to add them to that list on the sheets that will be on the table in the Gathering Space this week. If you are adding someone to our prayer list for the first time, please use the Prayer Bid Sheet on the stand in the Gathering Space as usual. Anyone added to the Prayer Bid Sheet this month will be included on the revised list for the first two weeks of February.

Going forward, prayers will remain on the list for two weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have your prayer continue to be listed in the bulletin, please either contact the church office at that time, or write the prayer on the Prayer Bid Sheet when you come to worship.

## 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.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES – IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN!

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

**Sandy Voigt's Class** – Will be reading **Eugene Peterson's book "A Long Obedience In the Same Direction"**. based on the “Psalms of Ascent”- sung by all faithful Jews as they traveled towards Jerusalem.

**Monday Afternoon Women's Bible Study** is reading: “Parables: The Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told” by John MacArthur.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will continue their study of the Gospel of Luke.

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> and will be ready around Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!



## **SUPPORT**

### **A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM** “**Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!**” **Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going**

We were each perfectly created by God ... with an empty spot in our hearts that needs filling. The amazing truth is that God created each one of us to be thoroughly filled by connection with Him! To truly be filled, we need to be in the Word consuming our spiritual nourishment regularly... praying, reading, studying, and applying God's word to our lives. When we immerse ourselves in prayer and study of Him, we nurture this connection and fill the emptiness. There are a few Bible studies offered right here at Good Shepherd. Next time you are chatting with God, why not ask Him for direction?

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.” John 15:4

*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 sauce and tuna fish.** 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!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **CAMP LETOURNEAU NEWS**

There is a lot happening at Camp LeTourneau in 2026. Take a look at the bulletin board to see if there is anything you might be interested in. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mark Pohlan at 585-905-8026, reach out to LeTourneau directly or contact the church office to view the email directly for any links to register.

## **SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND, JAN. 10 & 11**

### **SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING**

ELDER	Jenny Tessendorf
A/V	Glenn Banke
ALTAR CARE	JoAnne VanBuren

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### **SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM**

ELDER	Karyl Hammond
A/V TEAM	Bill Fuge
LECTOR	Brian Edwards
ALTAR CARE	Cindy Hemingway
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Vince Romano
USHER	Greg Trost
GREETERS	Terry & Linda Savage

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### **SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM**

ELDER	Tammy Beattie
ASSIST MINISTER	Bob Smith
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Sandy Smith
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Andy Reding
ACOLYTES	Addy Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Tommy Reding
KIDS' WORSHIP	Kelly Brainard-Nichols
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Katheine Costigan
USHERS	Easton Modzel

GREETER  
HOST  
OPENERS & CLOSERS

Jim & Joyce Wicker  
Doc Tessendorf  
Terry & Linda Savage/Ron Chapman

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**January 17 & 18**

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

## **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

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## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

**January 10 & 11, 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 Bernard & Chris Wyant**, daughter & friend of Bob & Sandy Smith; **Paige Bianchi**, s-i-l of Mike & Stephanie Cheney; **Blain & Slade 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, David Clark & Alan Vossler**, family & friend of Hemingways; **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** friend of Zagata's and Hemingway's; **Pat Kropf**, mother of Cathie Geske; **Judy Brainard**, mother of Kelly Brainard-Nichols; **Jeff Trumbull**, friend of Gail Herman; **Susan Gillespie**, friend of Mark Serron; **Sybil Wright**, daughter of Mary Anna Chard;

**In our prayers today we remember:**

**FOR THE FAMILIES O:**

- **ELIZABETH SHARP**, mother of Sudy Landholm, who died this past week.
- **ED PEIFER**, friend of Mark & Jane Zagata, who died this past week.