

Those serving the Lord today and next week December 22nd - 29th

12/22 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Music: Beth Steuck

Acolyte: Elijah Stefanic

Elder: John Gunter

Ushers: Tim Petrich & David Widman

Counters: Randy Thordson

Servers: Brockbergs

12/24 Christmas Eve Service

Music: Beth Steuck

Acolyte: Isaiah Berner

Elder: N/A

Ushers: Tim Petrich & David Widman

12/25 Christmas Day Service

Music: Beth Steuck

Acolyte: John Mark Stefanic

Elder: Darwin Leek

Ushers: Tim Petrich & David Widman

Counters: NA

12/29 1st Sunday After Christmas

Music: Beth Steuck

Acolyte: Kaden Peterson

Elder: Darwin Leek

Ushers: Scott Peterson & Mark Henkelman

Counters: Kathy Dahl

This Week at Good Shepherd
December 22nd – 29th

4th Sunday in Advent

9am – Divine Service III

10:30am – Bible Study

4pm – Sunday School Program

Monday

5:15am – BJJ Club

8:30 – Matins/Homeschool Co-op

Tuesday

Church Office Closed

6pm – Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

7pm – AA Meeting

Wednesday - Christmas Day

9am – Christmas Day Divine Service III

Thursday

Pastor's Day Off

Church Office Closed

Friday

5:15am – BJJ Club

Saturday

6am – BJJ Club

Sunday – 1st Sunday after Christmas

9am – Divine Service III

10:30am – Education Hour

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Attendance: 107

Communicants: NA

The Congregation at Prayer

How to use this bulletin for daily prayer all week long.

Reading God's Word and offering up our prayers to God should be part of our daily routine. Below is an outline for a simple daily devotion.

Also included is a portion of the Small Catechism for the week and the prayers of our parish.

Invocation: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Introit: **Bulletin Insert**

- Learn by Heart Bible Verses: **Ecclesiastes 8:15; Revelation 22:7**
- Catechism: **The Ten Commandments: The Seventh Commandment**

Daily Readings:

Sunday: **Is. 43:1-24; Rev. 9:13-10:11**

Monday: **Is. 43:25 – 44:20; Rev. 11:1-19**

Tuesday: **Is. 44:21-45:13, 20-25; Dan. 10:1-12:13; Is. 48:1-22; Rev. 12:1-17**

Wednesday: **Is. 49:1-18; Matt. 1:1-17**

Thursday: **49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matt. 1:18-25**

Friday: **Is. 51:17-52:12; Matt. 2:1-12**

Saturday: **Is. 52:13-54:10; Matt. 2:13-23**

Readings for next Sun.: **Isaiah 11:1-5 or; 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 2:(22-32) 33-40**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- **Birthday:** Charles Holland 12/26
- **Sickness/illness/Recovery (members):** Judson Brockberg; Carolyn Bayerkohler; Charles Holland; Barb Werner; Rev. Carl Berner; Carol Nienkirch; Joanne Christoffer; Jon Gullickson; David Sturrock; Jon Gerken; Jean Peirce; Esther Schrunck; Larry Pratt; Karen Klatt
- **Sickness/illness/Recovery (friends and family):** Becky Bicknase; Ella Crocker, friend of the Sturrocks; Jaron Holzhueter, friends of the Nelsons; Hewie Mau, brother of Nancy Pratt; Cindy Bingham, sister-in-law of Michelle Bingham; Brandon Athens, friend of Denny and Kathy Brockberg; Sasheen, daughter of Gay Brockberg; Myrna Rokeh, grandmother of Ashley Peterson; David and Kim St. John, friends of Monique Konrad; Sarah Johnson, friend of Lisa Haen; Karen Geske; Carole Rudig, caretaker of Esther Schrunck; Laura Kero, aunt of Gwen Sturrock; Lena Peterson, mother of Travis Peterson; Anita Johnson, sister of Kathy Brockberg; Diane, Aunt of Lisa Haen; Floyd Brecheisen, brother of Gay Brockberg; Hester, sister of David Sturrock; Tobias Haugen, grandson of Mavis Ochsendorf; Bonnie, mother of Lisa Haen
- **With Child:** Sarah Stefanic
- **Family of:** Ruth Timm
- **Vacancies:** Our Saviour's, Pipestone; Trinity, Jasper; St. John's, Trosky

HYMN OF THE MONTH **"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" LSB #334**

COLLECT (**Bulletin Insert**)

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LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING: **The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Divine Service III: **pp. 184-202**

Hymn of Invocation: **LSB #334 (Hymn of the Month)**

Confession and Absolution: **pp. 184-185**

Introit: **Bulletin Insert**

Kyrie: **p. 186**

Gloria in Excelsis: (omitted during Advent)

Salutation-Collect: **p. 189**

Old Testament Reading: **Deuteronomy 18:15-19**

Gradual

Epistle: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Alleluia: **p. 190**

Holy Gospel: **John 1:19-28**

Nicene Creed: **p. 191**

Hymn of the Day: **LSB #357**

Sermon

Offertory: **p. 192**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament: **pp. 194-199**

Distribution Hymns: **LSB #344, #347, #333**

Post-Communion Liturgy: **pp. 199-202**

Closing Hymn: **LSB #352**

Announcements

To our visitors and guests:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Good Shepherd in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. You may also come up to the rail and receive a baptismal blessing. Signify this by crossing your hands over your chest. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor.

Part 1. – The Psalmody

#50. Why does the Introit include the Gloria Patri?

Because most of the Introits are from the Psalms, and the addition of the Gloria Patri fundamentally distinguishes the use of the Psalter in the New Testament Church from its use in the Synagogue. The Messianic references in the Psalms Jesus declares to have been written concerning Himself (Luke 24:44); and in the confession of that truth, the Christian Church has always concluded the Psalms with this ascription of praise to the Holy Trinity.

Thus the Church perpetuates the confession of the co-eternal Godhead of our Lord and the Holy Ghost, with the Father, which was denied in the controversies of the fourth century.

An Explanation of the Common Service: The Service Proper - The Introit, pg. 27, #50

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's Christmas Program is today, December 22nd at 4pm!

Homeschool Co-op - Join us for Matins and Bible history tomorrow!

Spiritual Discipline for December: Rejoice in Advent

Join us for Bible Study as we continue our study of Proverbs.

Good Shepherd will host an Epiphany dinner and Divine Service on Monday, January 6th. A potluck will start at 6 and service at 7. Join us!

Our congregational challenge for 2025 will be to memorize Psalm 119. A detailed schedule will be forthcoming in the next week.

****Live in caregiver/companion position available for an elderly lady, Esther Schunk, starting after Jan. 1, 2025.** Minimal training is required and will be provided. Duties include light housekeeping and cooking. Salary, plus room and board provided. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Krenz at 507-236-9208.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings is hosting a Higher Things youth retreat for those 12 and up on January 19-20. Pastor Merritt Demski will present on LGBTQIA(NSWERS). Cost is \$40 per person. If interested, please talk with Pastor.

Screenitfirst.com is a website dedicated to helping parents find good literature for their children and root out the bad. This site helps parents find the right book at the right time to build healthy minds. Check out their resources and become a part of this community.

New Adult and Kids Devotionals on the resource table.

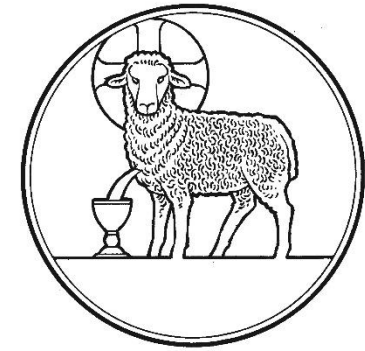
Bookmarks can be found on the resource table that include dates of both testaments, reminders of how to distinguish between law and gospel, and more.

Wittenberg Academy is an online, Lutheran, classical school serving K-12 grades. For a free K-5 curriculum, enroll your child online or check out the 6-12th grade course offerings at wittenbergacademy.org.

Unapologetically Lutheran in liturgy, theology, and culture. For a classical conservative Lutheran college check out www.lutherclassical.org.

TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Gladiator II," The Hymn "May God Bestow on Us His Grace," Roman Catholicism & Indulgences, Mary Visits Elizabeth, The Testimony of John the Baptist and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

If you missed being here last Sunday and would like a bulletin, they are available in the foyer on the free materials table.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am

Education Hour: Sunday @ 10:30am

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 8am-12:00pm

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We, the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, believing the Bible to be God's inspired and inerrant Word, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord, and affirming that we are saved by Grace through faith in Him alone, offer the following as our statement of mission:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we, as ambassadors for Christ, must strive to make disciples of all nations; Using the gifts the Lord has given to each of us, we must help the saints to grow in unity of faith through regular worship attendance, the partaking of the Sacraments, the study of God's Word, and by ministering to the spiritual needs of others; we will persevere in prayer and thanksgiving for all the opportunities and blessings which God places before us.

Fourth Sunday in Advent (Rorate Coeli)

December 22, 2024