

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am

Education Hour: Sunday @ 10:30am

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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.

**Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete)
December 15th, 2024**

Opening Versicles (Advent)

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.**

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

Old Testament Canticle**LSB 261**

C *Refrain*

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



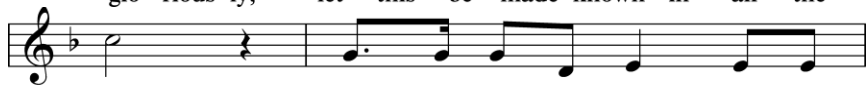
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



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.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Children's Message

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-8 (9-11)**

Psalms 85: 1-12: (antiphon v. 9)

9 Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

1 LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

**2 You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.**

3 You withdrew | all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot | anger.

**4 Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | toward us!**

5 Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*

Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?

**6 Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?**

7 Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

**8 Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to | folly.**

9 Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

11 Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

12 Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.

13 Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

9 Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 11:2-10 (11)**

Responsory (Advent)

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

G **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

G **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

G **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Ten Commandments

G **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Altar

As the Head of the Family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" LSB 345

Offering

Prayer

LSB 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to

the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Song: **“Jesus Messiah”** **GSLC 59**

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Part 1. – The Psalmody

#47. Explain the use of the Psalm-verse in the Introit.

It is a single verse which has survived the ancient custom of singing an entire psalm at the beginning of the Service. In t the Church appropriates and celebrates, in psalmody, the Gospel fact which is proclaimed for that day in the Antiphon

An Explanation of the Common Service: The Service Proper, pg. 26, #49

**Those serving the Lord today and
next week December 15th & 22nd**

12/15 Third Sunday in Advent

Music: Praise Band

Acolyte: Kaden Peterson

Elder:

Ushers: Tim Petrich & David Widman

Counters: Peggy Peterson

Servers: Leeks

12/18 Midweek Service

Music: Beth Steuck

Acolyte: Axel Evans

Ushers: Kerry Kerr & John Mark Stefanic

Meal Servers: Elders

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

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Attendance: 92

Communicants: 59

Midweek Advent:

This Week at Good Shepherd

December 15th – 22nd

Sunday – 3rd Sunday in Advent

9am – Service of Prayer & Preaching – Praise
Band

10:30am – Education Hour

11:30-1:30 – Christmas Program Practice

Monday

5:15am – BJJ Club

8:30am - Matins – Homeschool Co-op

3:30pm – REM Christmas Party

Tuesday

5:30 pm – Bd of Elders

7pm – AA Meeting

7:30pm – BJJ Club

Wednesday

7am – Men’s Bible Study @ McDonald’s

5:30pm – Confirmation

5:45pm - Advent Meal

7:00pm - Advent Service

Thursday

Pastor’s Day Off

Church Office Closed

Friday

5:15am – BJJ Club

Saturday

6am – BJJ Club

7:30am – Men’s Breakfast

8am – Men’s Book Study

9am – Women’s Book Study

Sunday – 4th Sunday in Advent

9am – Divine Service III

10:30am – Education Hour

4pm – Sunday School Program

To experience attack, therefore, is quite a different thing from consenting to it or saying “Yes” to it. We must all experience it, though not to the same degree; some have more frequent and sever attacks than others. Young people, for example, are tempted chiefly by the flesh; adults and older people are tempted by the world. Others, who are concerned with spiritual matters (that is, strong Christians), are tempted by the devil. But no one can be harmed by merely experiencing an attack, as long as it is contrary to our will and we would prefer to be rid of it. For if we did not experience it, it could not be called an attack. But to consent to it is to give it free rein and neither to resist it nor to pray for help against it.

The Book of Concord – The Lord’s Prayer, 107-108

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 8:13; Revelation 22:4-5**

Catechism: **The Ten Commandments: The Sixth Commandment – You shall not commit murder.**

Daily Readings:

Sunday: **Is. 30:27-31:9; Rev. 3:1-22**

Monday: **Is. 32:1-20; Rev. 4:1-11**

Tuesday: **Is. 33:1-24; Rev. 5:1-14**

Wednesday: **Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10; Rev. 6:1-17**

Thursday: **Is. 40:1-17; Rev. 7:1-17**

Friday: **Is. 40:18-41:10; Rev. 8:1-13**

Saturday: **Is. 42:1-25; Rev. 9:1-12**

Readings for next Sunday: **Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Philippians 4:4-7; John 1:19-28 or Luke 1:39-56**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- **Birthday:** Cory Brockman 12/15; Travis Peterson 12/16; Ellianna Brockberg 12/18
- **Anniversary:** Dick & Barb Werner 12/17
- **Sickness/Illness/Recovery (members):** Judson Brockberg; Carolyn Bayerkohler; Charles Holland; Barb Werner; Rev. Carl Berner; Carol Nienkirk; Joanne Christoffer; Jon Gullickson; David Sturrock; Jon Gerken; Jean Peirce; Esther Schrunk; Larry Pratt; Karen Klatt
- **Sickness/Illness/Recovery (friends and family):** 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 Schrunk; 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter from the Board of Stewardship was mailed out last week. If you have any questions, please contact one of the board members.

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.

Our midweek Advent theme this Wednesday night is "Rejoice and exalt with all your heart!" Join us for dinner served by the Board of Elders at 5:45 and for Evening Prayer at 7pm.

The Children's Christmas Program will be December 22nd at 4pm. Practice today is from 11:30-1:30. There will be a quick lunch followed by practice. Please contact Katie Brockberg or Andrea Lingl if you have questions. Thank you!

****Live in caregiver/companion position available for an elderly lady, Esther Schrunk, 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.

Our next men's breakfast and book study will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 7:30am.

The next Women's Book Study is Saturday, December 21 at 9am.

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.

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