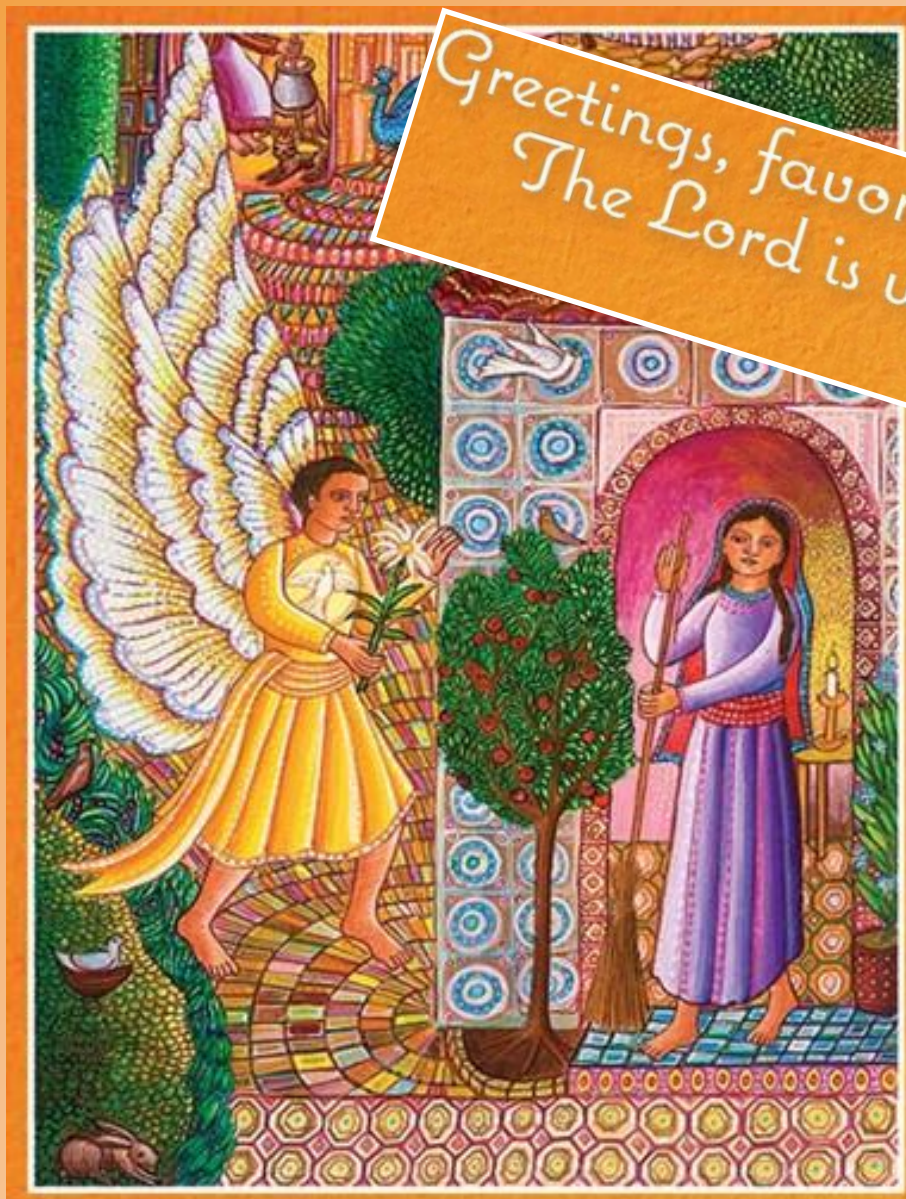


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Greetings, favored one!
The Lord is with you
LUKE 1:28

DECEMBER 20, 2020
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"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you."

Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

- arr. By Anna Laura Page

GSLC Bell Ringers

GATHERING SONG

"From God's Heart"

Words and Music By Hans Peterson
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Deb Ezell, Tim Ferg, Gary Griffith,
Pam Weinelt

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast
love endures forever.

C Amen.

P Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Loving and forgiving God,

**C we confess that we are held captive by sin. In
spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.**

**We have not welcomed the stranger; we have
not loved our neighbor; we have not been
Christ to one another. Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew
us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

P People of God, hear this glad news: by God's
endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you
are free— free from all that holds you back and
free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May
you be strengthened in God's love, ☩ comforted
by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the
power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Glory To God in the Highest"

Thomas Eisnor

ELW #S99

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin
that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you
live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Word

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG

"As We Wait"

William Walker's Southern Harmony
Arr. Travis Cottrell © 2002 Word Music
Text by Pam Weinelt

Deb Ezell, Tim Ferg,
Aaron Frink, Tammy Frink,
Gary Griffith,
Lori Peters, Pam Weinelt

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- ☞ Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin.

As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.

O house of David, come,

- ☞ **let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Jim Cady

At the conclusion of the reading:

- ☞ The word of the Lord.

- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4,19-26

Steve Frink

(read responsively)

- ☞ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD,
forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to
all generations.

- ☞ **I declare that your steadfast love is
established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

- ☞ You said, "I have made a covenant with my
chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

- ☞ **'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'**

- ☞ Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one,
and said:
"I have set the crown on one who is mighty,
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

- ☞ **I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;**

- ☞ my hand shall always remain with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.

- ☞ **The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.**

- ☞ I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

- ☞ **My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be
with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.**

- ☞ I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.

- ☞ **He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'**

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

Sharron Ryan

At the conclusion of the reading:

- ☞ The word of the Lord.

- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

WOV 715, vs 1&3
Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, © 1930,
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GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26-38

P The holy gospel according Luke.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

P The gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION

“You Are Favored”

Pastor Paul Baumgartner

SONG OF THE DAY

“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

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*Words by Grayson Warren Brown, Based on the Magnificat; Music by Grayson Warren Brown
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APOSTLES’ CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

G **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the

third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Jan Cady

(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” worshippers respond with the words, “hear our prayer.”)

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G **And also with you.**

LORD’S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

G **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.

Sending

BLESSING

P The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ☩ now and forever.

G **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

Thomas Eisnor

ELW #265

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Lord Christ, Only Son of God"

- J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Thomas Eisnor

We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

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WE'RE HAVING DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE! 2, 7, 9 PM

Disappointed that we can't have our beautiful and traditional Christmas Eve services? Feeling like the Grinch because we can't sing our favorite carols together? Join us for our first ever drive-in worship services. Come in your car to a 2, 7 or 9 pm service where parking attendants will meet and direct you.



You might even decorate your car to add to the fun. There will be live worship leaders and the service will be transmitted through your FM car radio. You can sing away inside your car. Rather than candle lighting, you should bring flashlights or phones or glow sticks, or any source of light. (In the event of rain, all services will be cancelled.)

We have worship servant roles for these services. Consider signing up to be an Assisting Minister, Lay Reader or Parking Attendant. Sign-up at [Sign Up Central Online here](#).

On Christmas Eve, all traffic will need to ENTER and EXIT through the Eagle Drive (Towne Lake) entrance. The Rose Creek Drive WILL BE CLOSED, to accommodate traffic flow and parking for the service.

VIDEO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

For those who would be more comfortable staying home, we will be posting a prerecorded Christmas Eve service online. Of course you could do both! This service will include a program by the children and youth of our congregation and sing-along carols.



CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNION

Since we will be unable to celebrate Holy Communion at our Christmas Eve drive-in services, we will be offering outdoor communion (as we do on Sunday mornings) on Friday, Christmas morning, from 10 AM to 12 PM. Come and receive the best gift you are going to get: God's gift of forgiveness, salvation and life!

2020-21 November YTD Budgeted Giving Summary

Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Actual Income: \$227,749.93
Budgeted Income: \$239,556.02
Ahead/Behind: (\$11,806.09)

We are now in fiscal year 2020-21. This is a great time to use Simply Giving or GIVEPLUS. Click [DONATE](#) on our website for more information. The work of GSLC cannot be completed without the support of the congregation! We are grateful for your continued giving and support. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING AND GIVE PLUS

Even though church services are not happening in the physical state, the work of the church and expenses of the church still go on. Members using envelope giving are encouraged to mail their offerings to the church each week. Now would be a good time to sign up with either GivePlus or Simply Giving! You can do that by going to www.gslutheran/donate.

GIVE

PRAY

GSLC REACHES OUT

MUST Ministry Collection Available at GSLC Doorway

MUST Ministries is coordinating a MUST FOOD Rapid Response program. Family food boxes will be distributed at several points around Cobb and Cherokee Counties. They are accepting donations at their facilities seven days a week. Good Shepherd has placed a barrel outside the front doors of the church. Please consider this way of supporting

our community. The top items that MUST is collecting are:

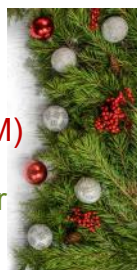
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New Socks and Underwear for
school age children

Beef Stew
Canned Pasta
Mixed Canned Veggies
Canned Carrots
Canned Meats (Tuna/Chicken)
Canned Fruit
Chunky Soup

Canned Potatoes
Condensed Soup
Canned Beans
Tomato Products
Canned Corn
Spaghetti
Ramen Noodles
Bag of Pasta
Mac&Cheese
Rice



The church office will be closed:
Thursday, December 24th
Friday, December 25th
Monday, December 28th
Thursday, December 31st (after 12 PM)
Friday, January 1st.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the GSLC staff!



PRAYERS@GSLUTHERAN.ORG

is the e-mail address for you to submit prayer concerns. Prayers will be posted to the Prayer Circle, via e-mail, during normal business hours. You can also drop us an e-mail at this same e-mail address if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Circle.



Youth News

Middle and High School Zoom **Sunday School Classes** meet virtually. Middle School meets at 10:30 a.m. High School meets at 8 p.m. Meeting links will be sent via email. For elementary school ages please check out www.gslutheran.org/youth/Sunday-school. We look forward to seeing you all virtually. **High School Sunday School will not meet December 27th or January 3rd. Middle School will not meet December 27th. We will continue to have online Sunday School videos on our YouTube channel throughout the holidays.** <https://bit.ly/GSLCYOUTUBE>

Holy Communion on Sunday Mornings

Pastor Paul will offer Holy Communion outdoors, on Sunday mornings, from 8:30 am-10:00 am and from 10:45 am-12:15 pm. You can also visit our [website](#) for more information.



There will be NO outdoor communion December 27 and January 3. There WILL BE communion TODAY, December 20th (8:30-12:15 PM) and the 25th (10-12 PM).

JANUARY SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up/clean-up and serve during outdoor communion. Those shifts run 8:00 am - 10:15 am and 10:15 am - 12:30 pm. We would like to have two people for each shift. You will be required to wear a mask. There is a sign-up sheet on our website at [Sign-Up Central Online](#).

Monday Lunch and Learn Bible Study meets Mondays, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. via Zoom. We are working our way through "Names of God" by Melissa Spoelstra. If you are interested in joining please let [Cat](#) know and we will add you to the email list.

Stay Connected Online

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FX3 meets today, Dec. 20th, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be learning more about the Christmas story. Meeting links will be sent via email. Please make sure to pick up your supply packet if you haven't already. Packets are on the front porch with your child's name on it. This group is for youth in 3rd-5th grades.

FLY middle school youth group meets today from 2 to 4 p.m. Please see your email for information.



Adult Sunday School News

Coffee and Conversation is hosting a Zoom study focused on the Rob Bell series, at 9:30 am Sunday mornings. For any questions about this class or other study options, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, [Janice Swinford](#).

We will not be meeting on December 27th.

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

WOW is discussing "The Acts of the Apostles" by Raymond Pickett from Augsburg Fortress. See what the Holy Spirit is up to in the development of the early church and how the Spirit continues to ACT through the church today!



If you are interested in participating, please contact study leader, Lori Peters, through the church office. We meet on Wednesdays via Zoom. At 10 a.m.

We will not meet Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th.

Men In Mission For the next several weeks, Men in Mission Wednesday Zoom meetings will



be viewing and discussing selected Rob Bell videos from the twenty-four short video NOOMA series that explores our common experiences from a perspective of Jesus. If you would like to join them, please contact media@gslutheran.org so we can send you a link to the meeting.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to sign up for our Sheep Buzz e-mail's you can do that [here](#), or on our website home page.





GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, January 2, 2021

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please sign up to donate blood and help us ensure we have an adequate blood supply for the New Year.

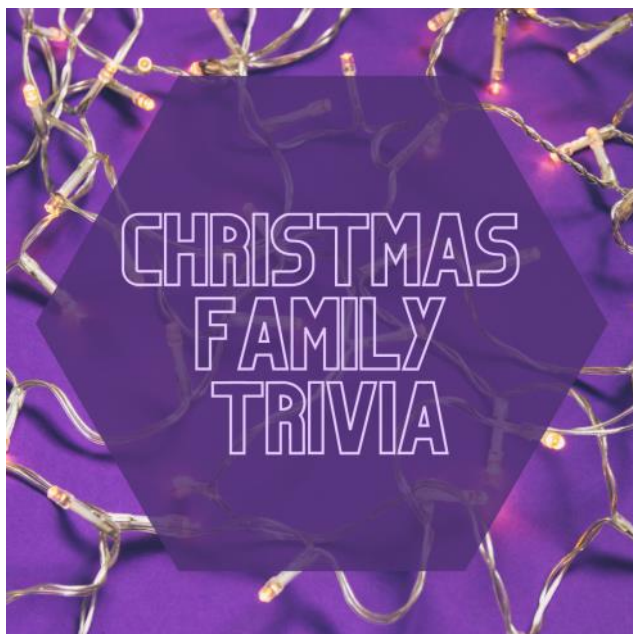
All presenting donors will receive a long sleeve shirt (see picture) and a coupon from Cheeseburger Bobby's.

For more information, to schedule an appointment, and to do your RAPIDPASS – please go to www.redcrossblood.org and

enter sponsor code: goodshepherdlutheran

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TONIGHT IS CHRISTMAS FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

- "Santa's coming! I know him! I know him!"...
- Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar ...
- Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree...

What do these three things have in common? You'll find out on Sunday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Family Christmas Trivia! Trivia Night. Grab your family for a fun virtual night of Christmas Trivia. There will be questions for all ages. During this season take some time to gather virtually with your church family for some fun fellowship and friendly competition. Meeting links will be via email. You will not want to miss out on all the fun. Contact Cat at youthministry@gslutheran.org if you did not receive the link.