

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O come, o come
Emmanuel



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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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

PRELUDE

"Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"

Thomas Eisnor

-Egil Hovland

Stand and face the baptismal font at the rear of the church.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

C **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of**

self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

ELW #435

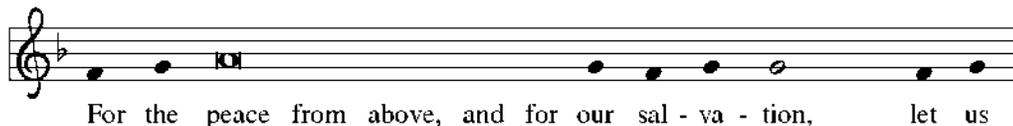
GREETING

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.

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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
 and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 A - men.

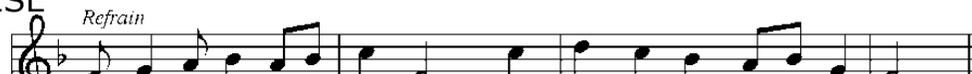
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 † Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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

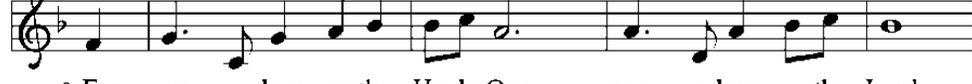


seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

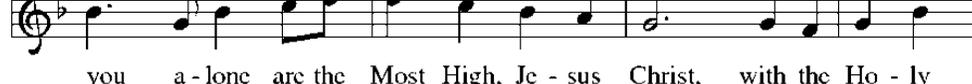
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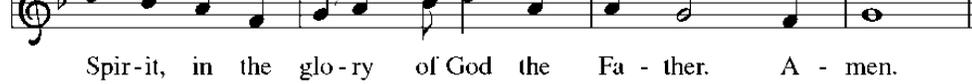
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

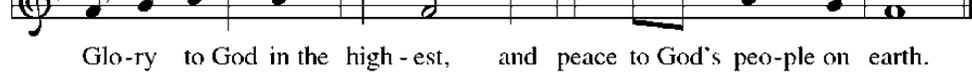


you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

Word

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG

"He Came Down"

ELW #253, verse 1

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P** Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

- C** **let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible, page 724

At the conclusion of the reading:

- L** The word of the Lord.

PSALM 25:1-10 *(Read Responsively)*

- A** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

- C** **O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

- A** Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

- C** **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

- A** Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

- C** **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of
your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

- A** Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

- C** **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

- A** He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

- C** **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love
and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his
decrees.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Pew Bible, page 1076

At the conclusion of the reading:

- L** The word of the Lord.

- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

"Wait For the Lord"

ELW #262

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36

Pew Bible, page 960

- P** The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.

- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

"Remember, Look Ahead, Get Ready"

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

APOSTLES CREED

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

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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

(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” worshipers respond with the words, “Your mercy is great.”)

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The people greet one another with a verbal sign of Christ's peace.)

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The King Shall Come ”
by John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

We encourage you to leave your gifts to the work of the Lord as the Spirit leads you. For those watching online, you may donate through many various ways detailed on our donation page of our website, gslutheran.org. We also encourage you to sign-up for SIMPLY GIVING or online giving through the VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT app for consistent reoccurring gifts.

Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

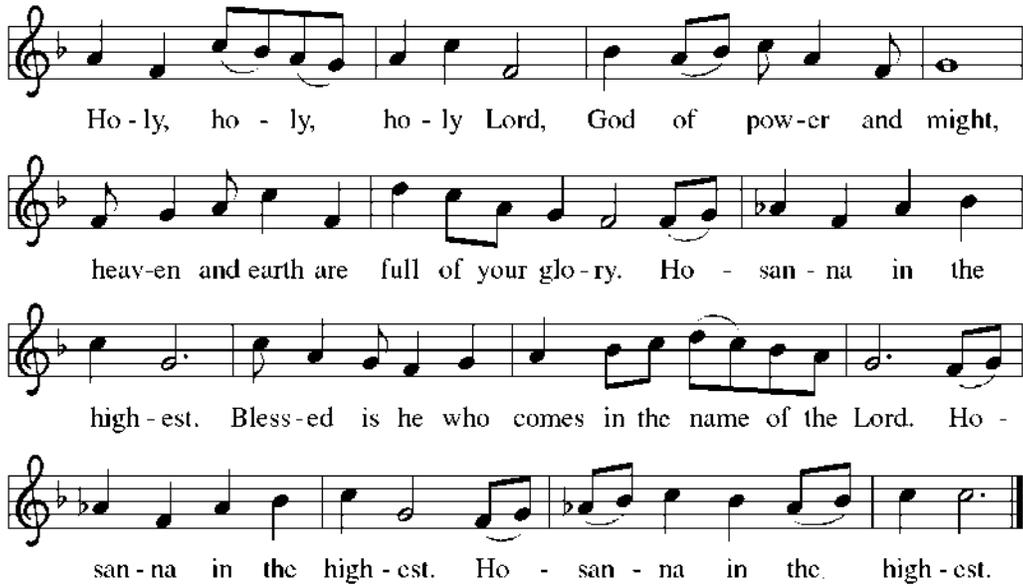
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right....
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER

<p>P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

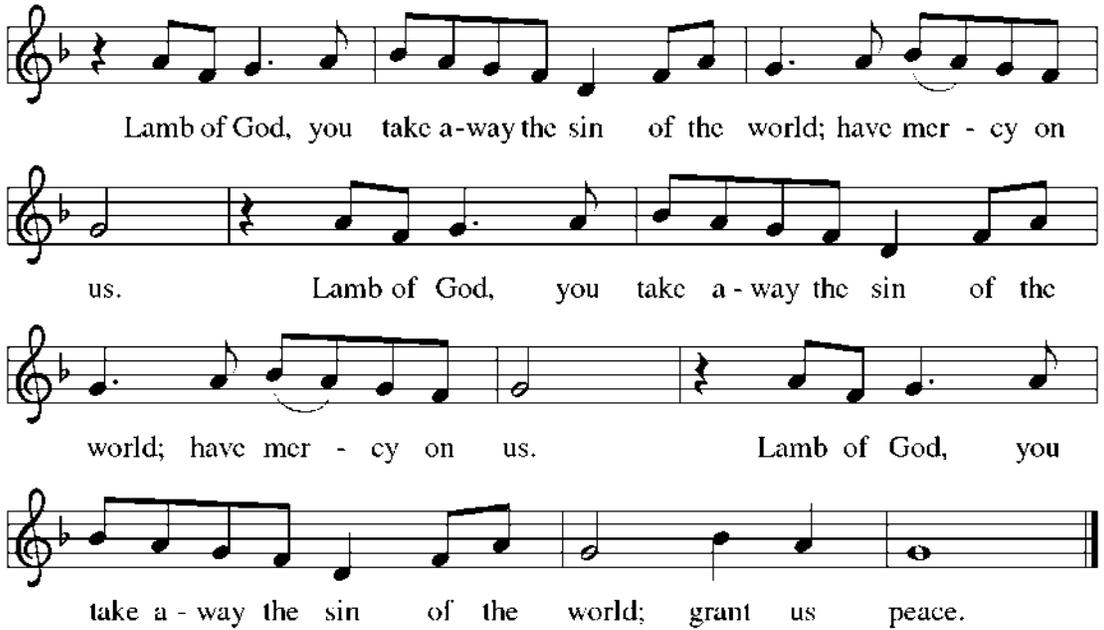
P Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

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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.

COMMUNION

- † All are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.
- † Those who do not wish to take communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.
- † Afterwards, the congregation will follow the directions of the ushers, who will release you from your row toward the center aisle.
- † For those that prefer, a sealed wafer & juice package is available in a basket from the ushers at the front of the communion line. Others have the choice of individual glasses and regular or gluten-free wafers.
- † Return to your seats by the side aisle.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

"My Lord, What a Morning"

ELW #438

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

- ☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, unto life everlasting.
- ☞ **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

- ☞ The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
- ☞ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

ELW #244

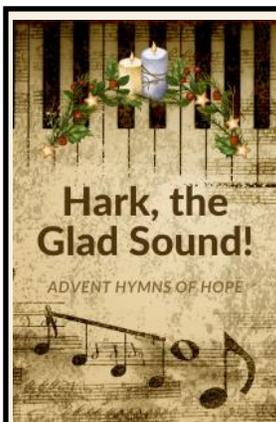
DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Christ is near.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Consolation"
- David N. Johnson

Thomas Eisnor



Advent Services

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
Dec. 1, 8, 15

The Fellowship Committee will be serving desserts and drinks prior to the service from 6:45 pm to 7:30 PM

Christmas Poinsettia's

Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall and today's bulletin. Cost is \$10. Place your order form and money in the slot outside the Office Coordinator's office. (Please note "Poinsettia" in memo line.) Last day to order will be December 5th.



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

WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM; FOR ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com)
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, GA

Pastor Ruth Hamilton..... Interim Pastor
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Open..... Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator

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Maureen HarkinsOffice Coordinator
Donna Garges..... Media Coordinator
Aaron Frink..... Custodian

Attendance Last Sunday
8:30 AM - 62
10:45 AM - 61
Sunday School - 36 Online - 23

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by David and Melinda Mundis in celebration of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Come Out and Decorate for Christmas
The Worship & Music Committee will be decorating the sanctuary on **Saturday, December 4th, at 1:00pm.** If you can spare an hour or so to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Sign-up at Sign Up Central in Fellowship Hall or Sign-up Central Online.



Shepherd's Choir is practicing in the choir room, (room 119) TODAY at 10:30 a.m., We would love to have all K-3rd grade students participate in the choir as we practice for Christmas.



If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd and seeing if this is the time you would like to become a member, please join us for a class on **December 5th, at 9:45 AM,** in Pastor Ruth's office for New Member Orientation. This will be a time to hear about the history of the Lutheran church as well as our synod and congregation and all the different groups and committees at Good Shepherd. If you have any questions, or would like to let us know you will be coming, please contact the office.
New Member Sunday to join Good Shepherd is scheduled for December 12th.



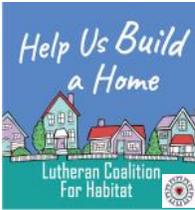
MASK UPDATE
The GSLC Congregation Council and COVID Task Force are in agreement to relax our current mask mandate while indoors at Good Shepherd. **The wearing of masks is not required, but is highly recommended.**

Look for the December Sunday Servants online—We have **scheduled Sunday Servants.** A link is available on our [website](#). Please check to see if you are scheduled to serve this month. A list is hanging in the Administrative Hallway to confirm your date(s). We kindly ask that you try to find your own replacement before contacting the church office. *Sign-ups will be posted in the Entryway for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and the Sunday following Christmas. Thank you.*



Two-Can Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, December 5!
Bring in two canned food items and leave in our shopping cart labeled "Two-Can Sunday". Thank you for the support of our smaller local food initiatives.

Caring for Creation
Continue to bring your used Oral Care Waste to the marked bins in Fellowship Hall. Every little bit recycled makes an impact in our landfills.
Please note: our next meeting will be in January.



We Need Your Support
Help build a house for those who have none. Please support this long-time ministry of GSLC so that it can build a new house in 2022. Make your check out in any amount to Lutheran Coalition for Habitat and place it in the offering or drop it off with the Office Coordinator.
Remember that the Lutheran Coalition is a 501(c)(3) (tax exempt) organization.

This helps us build our 34th home next year!
Thank you! More details at [gslutheran.org](https://www.gslutheran.org)

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Sunday School Classes - 9:45 AM

Sunday School Classes are offered for ages 3 through high school along with three different classes for adults. *Masks are highly recommended for all teachers and students*. Contact Sunday School Superintendent Janice Swinford for more information at sundayschool@gslutheran.org. Need more information on class specifics, visit our Sunday School page at gslutheran.org.

Weekly Bible Studies:

Monday Lunch and Learn: Mondays, lunch at noon, study at 12:30 PM—Meeting Room. New Study begins this week from Augsburg Series: *Book of Faith; Advent Reflections –While We Wait*. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Word on Wednesday: Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM via Zoom. Contact group leader Lori Peters for the zoom link or via the [church office](#). Study is: *A Three-Year Banquet, The Lectionary for the Assembly* by Gail Ramshaw.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: In-person study at 10 AM. Led by [Pastor Ruth](#). We are studying the book, *By Heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism* by R. Guy Erwin.

HELP IS NEEDED

We have an urgent need for more people to assist on Sunday mornings for Altar Guild. This role involves preparing communion before service and cleaning up after service. If this is an opportunity that interests you, please contact our Office Coordinator, [Maureen Harkins](#), to be added to the Sunday Servant list. Thank you.



Who Loves Food and Fellowship?

With the return of Fellowship time on Sunday, we are in need of members to select a Sunday to sign-up for purchasing snacks and/or donuts.

This sign-up sheet is available in the Administrative Hallway outside the Office Coordinator's office. The cost is \$30.

A big thank you to Barb and Ken Kidder for providing our fellowship items this morning.

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



Confirmation class meets TODAY from 12:30 - 2 PM. Our lesson is on Moses. Please continue to sign the worship tracker form outside the

Youth Ministry office to get points for attending worship. Find your name and place the date in the first open box next to your name. Remember to pick up a worship note and turn in after the service to Pastor Ruth's box.



FX3 meets TODAY, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Devotion: Advent: The Son of Man is Coming, Craft: Advent Calendar, Games: Pictionary, Simon Says/Jesus Says. JOIN US 3rd -5th graders!

Saints and Sinners will meet at Good Shepherd following the 10:45 AM service on December 5th and carpool to Grace House. Sign-up on the board near the Youth Coordinator's office. Bring a snack lunch for ride down. We will go to Varsity before heading back.

Now Hiring

We have posted the position of Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator to our website home page. If you know of anyone interested in this position, please let a member of our Personnel Committee know by e-mailing them at personnel@gslutheran.org

POSITION AVAILABLE



Your Help Is Needed

During this time of transition, we need volunteers to help with our youth programs. If you have completed our Children and Youth Protection Class and would like to take this opportunity to work with our youth, please contact [Pastor Ruth](#). Thank you.

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