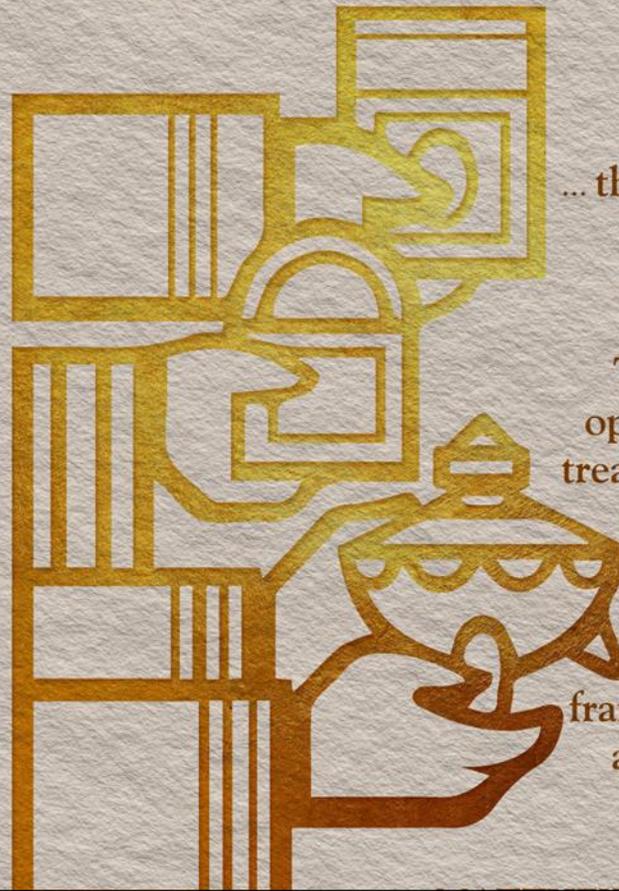


EPIPHANY



... they bowed
down and
worshipped
him.
Then they
opened their
treasures and
presented
him
with gifts
of gold,
frankincense
and myrrh.

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JANUARY 2, 2022 | 10:45 AM

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“WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, THEREFORE, AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU.”

ROMANS 15:7

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GATHERING

Gathering Music

Praise Team

Welcome

*Call to Worship

“Light of the World”

Words and Music by Matt Redmann
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O Je - sus, Son of God, so full of grace and truth,
the Fa - ther's sav - ing Word, so won - der - ful are you.
The an - gels longed to see and proph - ets searched to find the glo - ry we have seen re -
vealed. You shone up - on the earth, but who will un - der - stand?
You came un - to your own but who will rec - og - nize?
Your birth was proph - e - sied, for you were the Mes - si - ah
who came and walked up - on the earth. Your glo - ry we have seen,
the one and on - ly king; and now you're liv - ing in our hearts.

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Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world, you shine up-on us. —



Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world you shine up-on us.



— Light of the world, Light of the World, Light of the World, you shine up-on us.



Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world, You shine up - on us.



Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world you shine up-on us. —

Remain standing and face the baptismal font at the rear of the church.

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

G Amen.

P Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of peace,

G **We confess that we are not at peace— with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy,**

mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: In the name of † Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

G Amen.

*Song of Mercy

"Lord Have Mercy"

Words and Music by Steve Merkel
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CHORUS

Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy

on _____ me. Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy

Fine *VERSE*

on _____ me. I have built an al - tar where I

wor - ship things of _____ man. _____ I have tak - en jour - neys that have

drawn me far _____ from You. _____ Now I am re - turn - ing to Your

mer - cies ev - er - flow - ing. Par - don my trans - gres - sions; help me

To Chorus

_____ love You _____ a - gain. _____

*Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, page 676

At the conclusion of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible, page 1065

At the conclusion of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Scripture Announcement

"Alleluia"

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, I am the light of the world.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, I am the light of the world. **Fine**

Those who fol-low me will not walk in dark-ness. Those who fol-low me

will have the light of life.

on
sic

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, page 877

At the conclusion of the reading:

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Homily

"Searching for God"

Pastor Ruth

*Song of the Day"

"Light Shines In The Darkness"

Words and Music by Larry Olson & Hans Peterson
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Refrain

Oh the light shines in the dark-ness and the light will not

be o-ver-come. In this world bro-ken and scat-tered the

light will not be o-ver-come. **Fine** *Verses*

As our lives are turn - Tears through-out cre - a -

ing, and our hearts are year - ing, through the days of hurt -

tion, torn a - part re - la - tions, wounds a - cross the na -

to Refrain

ing, deep in the night still the flame burns bright.

tions, hope may seem gone still the flame burns on.

***NICENE CREED**

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

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly

human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Merciful God," worshipers respond with the words, "Receive our prayer.")

***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.)



Offering

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.

Song During Offering

"Little Light"
by Hans Peterson

Praise Team

***Offering Prayer**

A Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

***Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer**

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

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.

***Invitation to Communion**

P The bread of life comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live.

- † 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

- aise.
- † 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.**

"Lamb of God"

Music by Pam Weinelt
Music ©2013 Pam Weinelt

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer-cy u-pon us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world have mer-cy u-pon us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

"Shine On Us"

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith
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Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us, Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. That we may be saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, Let Your light shine on us. Let Your grace fall on us.

"Arise Shine"

Words and Music by Steven Urspringer & Jay Robinson
© 1983 Priesthood Publications

A - rise, shine, for thy light is come. A - rise, shine,
for thy light is come. And the glo - ry of the Lord is
ris - en, the glo - ry of the Lord is come, the glo - ry of the Lord is
ris - en up - on thee. A - thee.

"For Unto Us A Child Is Born/Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Words and Music by George Frideric Handel,
Paul Baloche and Michael Rossback
© Integrity Worship Music | Integrity's Hosanna! Music | Leadworship
Songs | Michael Rossback

For un-to us a child is born, a Son is giv-en, a Son is giv-en.
For un-to us a child is born, a Son is giv-en, a Son is giv-en, the Mes-
si-ah, oh, to see him, to see him high and lift - ed up, shin -
- ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your pow-er and love as we sing
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. ly. You are high and lift - ed up,
shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your pow-er and love

1. I wan-dered so aim - less, — life filled with sin, I would - n't let my
 2. Just like a blind man I wan-dered a - long, Wor - ries and fears I
 3. I was a fool to — wan - der and stray, Straight is the gate and

dear Sav - ior in; Then Je - sus came like a strang - er in the night
 claimed for my own; Then, like the blind man that God gave back the sight
 nar - row the way; Now I have trad - ed the wrong for — the right

Praise the Lord! — I saw the light. I saw the light, — I saw the
 Praise the Lord! — I saw the light.
 Praise the Lord! — I saw the light.

light, — No more in dark - ness, no more in night; — And now I'm so

hap - py, no sor-row in sight — Praise the Lord! — I saw the light. —

light. —

*Dismissal

A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

G Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Praise Team

Closed January 3.

**Holiday
Office
Hours**



Two-Can Sunday is **TODAY**. Thank you for showing your kindness to those in need by bringing in your food donations that support our local food pantries.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The staff of Good Shepherd would like to express their sincere gratitude for the generous Christmas gifts that were given by the congregation. We continue to be humbled and blessed by your abundant love and support.

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)
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Donna Garges Media Coordinator
Aaron Frink..... Custodian

Attendance	
Christmas Eve: 3 PM - 33	Online: 9 PM - 32
5 PM - 110	
7 PM - 77	Christmas Day - 25
9 PM - 94	Dec. 26 - 66
Online: 5 PM - 26	Online: 11



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.**

The new 2022 flower calendar is now available in the Administrative Hallway. Be sure to fill out a form and make a payment when you sign-up on the chart. Flowers are \$40. Please write "flowers" in the memo line of your check.

Look for the January 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.

COLLEGE REUNION EVENT
Are you a confirmed member of Good Shepherd home from college for the holidays? We would like to gather you all together after the 10:45 AM service, TODAY, for donuts and conversation. We want to give you an opportunity to share your views with the Call Committee about Good Shepherd and its future, but most of all, we just want to create a space to get together and catch up with each other. Come to church and stay a bit to visit your old GSLC friends!

Yarn Angels will meet next on January 10th, at Jennifer Taylor's home 11-1PM. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Jennifer or the church office. We work on all different types of projects that benefit "The Encouragement Project." You can read more about this organization on the Yarn Angels page on our website, under the Community tab.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE is Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 8am to 1:00 pm.

One lucky winner will be entered into a drawing to win an amazing trip for 2 to the 2022 Super Bowl experience in Los Angeles. All donors will also be entered into the Big Game at Home Package to enjoy an awesome viewing experience at home.

All presenting donors will also receive a LONG SLEEVE SHIRT LIKE THE ONE PICTURED and a coupon from Cheeseburger Bobby's. For more information, to schedule an appointment, & to do RAPIDPASS, go to www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: goodshepherdlutheran.org.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLE DAY
BRING THOSE OLD AND NO LONGER USED ELECTRONICS TO GOOD SHEPHERD
January 22—10 AM -2 PM
Proceeds from this event will go toward the enhancement of our Audio-Visual Ministry for live-streaming worship & events
Visit gslutheran.org for all the details

Sunday School Classes - Resume today at 9:45 AM

High School Youth—Please plan to attend Sunday School on January 2nd. During regular class time, you can offer your input for the future of GSLC with Call Committee members. We want to hear what you have to say and this is your time to be heard. Don't miss this great opportunity.

Faith Stories is starting a new study on January 9th titled, "Wholehearted Faith", by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. Books are available for purchase on Amazon and other booksellers.

Weekly Bible Studies:

Monday Lunch and Learn: Mondays, lunch at noon, study at 12:30 PM—Meeting Room. Contact the church office if you are interested. **No class Jan. 3rd a new study is starting Jan.10th.**

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](#). **New study starts in Jan 5th titled "How We Got The New Testament"** from Select Learning.

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. **Class resumes January 6th.**

FILL THE HOLE

Our donut calendar for 2022 is now available. We are hopeful to resume Fellowship at some point soon. Please consider taking a future week and help provide the sweet treats for Fellowship after services. Donuts are \$30. Forms are located in the Administrative Hallway. Make checks out to GSLC and put "Donuts" in the memo line.



Confirmation class please continue to sign the worship tracker form outside the Youth Ministry office to get points for attending worship. Remember to pick up a worship note and turn in after the service to Pastor Ruth's box. We meet next on January 9, from 12:30—2. Our lesson will be on Samuel and Saul. A preparation guide will be sent via e-mail this week.

FX3 meets next, January, 9, from 12:30 to 2PM. We will focus on the Baptism of Jesus/ Holy Spirit our activities will be a building challenge called Boats that Float (water bottles) we will also play games of Hangman and Frosty Says. If you are a 3rd—5th grade come join our fun time.



JANUARY IS A 5-SUNDAY MONTH

We have several members involved in the Cherokee County school system who have looked to us for help. During months that have 5 Sundays, we will be collecting items for our local schools all month long.



For this 5-Sunday month of January, we will be collecting the following supplies: **coats, scarfs, reusable (clear) water bottles, pencils, notebook paper, plastic 2-pocket school folders - (any color), Kleenex, wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels.**

We will have a designated container in Fellowship Hall to drop off your items. Please DO NOT use the Two-Can Cart or MUST Barrel. If you prefer to drop at door, just ring the bell during office hours and a member of the staff will bring the items inside.

2022 Church Council Officers

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- Vice President—John Bost
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- Worship & Music: John Bost

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- Fellowship: Barb Kidder
- Outreach: open
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