

# EPIPHANY



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

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
JANUARY 2, 2022 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

\* PLEASE NOTE THE LAST TWO PEWS ON EITHER SIDE ARE RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SOCIAL DISTANCE.

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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

"Epiphany"  
-Garth Edmundson

Thomas Eisnor

*Stand 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.

**C** 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,

**C** **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.

**C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

ELW #302

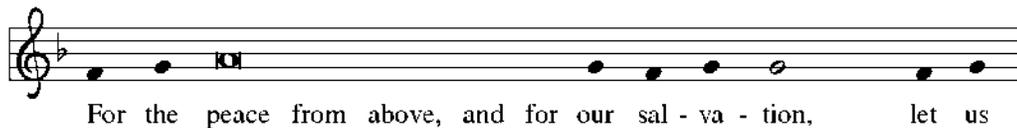
GREETING

**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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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



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



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.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, page 676

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14 (Read Responsively)

- A** Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- C** **May he judge your people with  
righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**
- A** May the mountains yield prosperity for the  
people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- C** **May he defend the cause of the poor of the  
people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.**
- A** May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all  
generations.

- C** **May he be like rain that falls on the mown  
grass, like showers that water the earth.**
- A** In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- C** **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**
- A** May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.
- C** **For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**
- A** He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.
- C** **From oppression and violence he redeems  
their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible, page 1065

At the conclusion of the reading:

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

"Alleluia"

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
We have observed his star | at its rising, \* and have come to | wor-ship him

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, page 877

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

"Searching for God"

Pastor Ruth

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

ELW #308

## 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.)*

*Sit*

## Meal

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"We Three Kings"

*by Alex Wyton*

Thomas Eisnor

*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](http://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** 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.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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

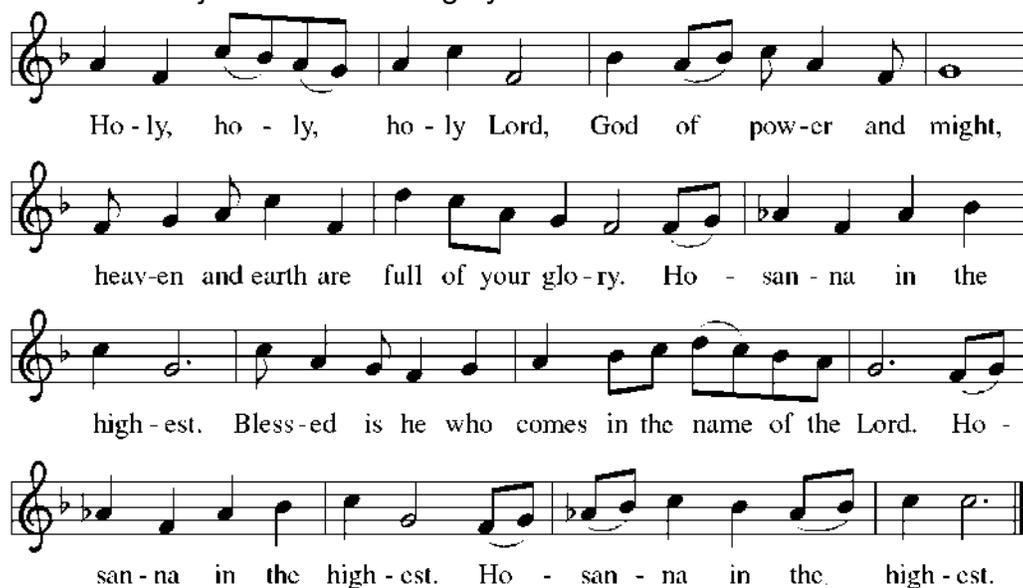
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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** 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

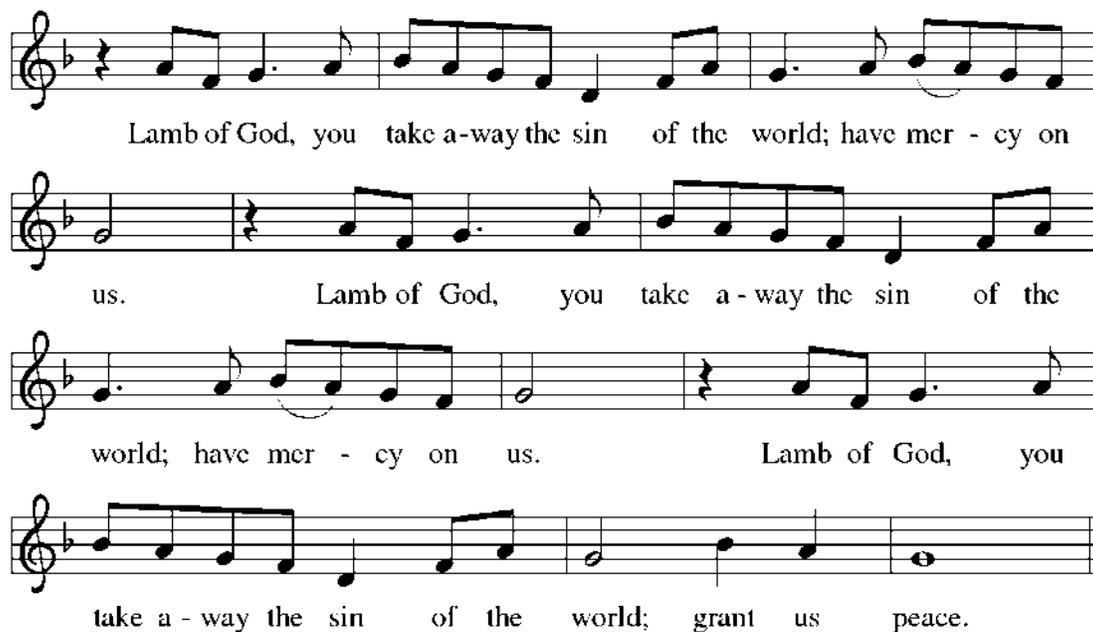
**P** The bread of life comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live.

*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

"Brightest and Best of the Stars"

ELW #303

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

- ☐ We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.
- ☑ **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, the Word made flesh.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

ELW #310

## DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Fantasia on *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*"

Thomas Eisnor

- D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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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Pastor Ruth Hamilton ..... Interim Pastor  
Thomas Eisnor ..... Organist/Choir Director  
Pam Weinelt..... Praise Team Coordinator  
Melina Thurmond... Youth/Family Ministry Coordinator

Janice Swinford ..... Sunday School Superintendent  
Maureen Harkins ..... Office Coordinator  
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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) enter sponsor code: [goodshepherdlutheran.org](http://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](http://gslutheran.org) for all the details

DATA DELETE RECYCLE  
Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

## 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

- President— Tony Endozo
- Vice President—John Bost
- Secretary—Holly Jones
- Treasurer—Carrie Escamilla
- Financial Secretary—Sharron Ryan

## Church Council Committee Liaisons

- Congregational Care: Ben Setzer
- Facilities/Maintenance: Ron Mixon
- Faith Formation: Holly Jones-Alena Ezell
- Fellowship: Barb Kidder
- Finance: Carrie Escamilla
- Outreach: Melinda Mundis
- Personnel: Matt Provost
- Stewardship: Sharron Ryan

- Worship & Music: John Bost

## Committee Chairpersons

- Caring for Creation: Barb Kidder & Reba Sumner
- Congregational Care: open
- Facilities/Maintenance: Steve Ebert & Steve Frink
- Faith Formation: Led by Janice Swinford
- Fellowship: Barb Kidder
- Outreach: open
- Personnel: Eric Ficken & Jenny Champion
- Mutual Ministry: Tim Ferg, Julie Hackett, Cathy Mattocks
- Stewardship: – Mitch Grexa & Valerie Whiteman
- Worship & Music: Paul Christensen

