

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE  
DECEMBER 5, 2021 | 10:45 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

(\*The assembly stands)

Gathering Music

Praise Team

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

“Emmanuel”

Words and Music by Steve Angrisano  
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4  
Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear. —  
Heav - en and earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near. — Sal - va - tion is draw - ing  
near. — O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind — in one the  
hearts of hu - man - kind; — Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,  
and be for us the King of Peace. Come, come, Em - man - u - el!  
Son of God, ap - pear. — Heav - en and earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing  
near. — Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near. — 4

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

\*Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God

and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God :

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built**

walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

- P** God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.
- C** Amen.

"We Prepare" Liturgy

Words and Music by Pam Weinelt & Tim Ferg  
© 2013 Pam Weinelt & Tim Ferg

We pre - pare  
In our rushed and  
for your com - ing.  
hur - ried world;

We pre - pare  
We are filled with  
for your call.  
rest - less - ness.  
We ac - cept your  
The Mes - si - ah

in - vi - ta - tion.  
comes to our world;  
Giv - en to us,  
Em - man - u - el  
one and all.  
God with us.

Pre - pare the way;  
o - pen our hearts.  
Pre - pare the way of the

**Fine** **2** *To verse*

Lord.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**P** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Word*

**\*Candle Lighting Song**

**"Christ Be Our Light"**

ELW 715 vs 2  
Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell  
© 1993 OCP Publications

Long-ing for peace,\_\_\_ our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for hope,\_\_\_  
man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone\_\_\_ has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing  
voice.\_\_\_\_ Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark -  
ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.\_\_\_\_

**\*Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

**P** Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear

the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,

**C** let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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\*Scripture Announcement

"Your Words"

Words and Music by Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark Lee, David Carr  
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The grass will with-er and the flow-ers will fall, but the  
word of our God will last for - ev-er. The grass will with-er and the flow-ers will fall, but the  
word of our God will last for - ev-er. Your words give us life that's nev - er end - ing.  
Your words bring us love that nev - er fails. Ev-'ry-thing else will fade a - way, but what  
will re - main are your words.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

"The Past Is Now"

Pastor Ruth



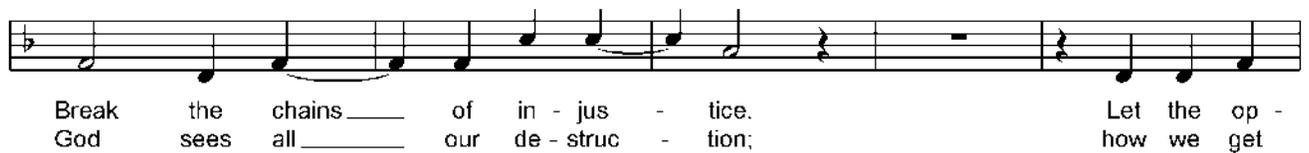
Build up, pre - pare the way. Re - move the ob -



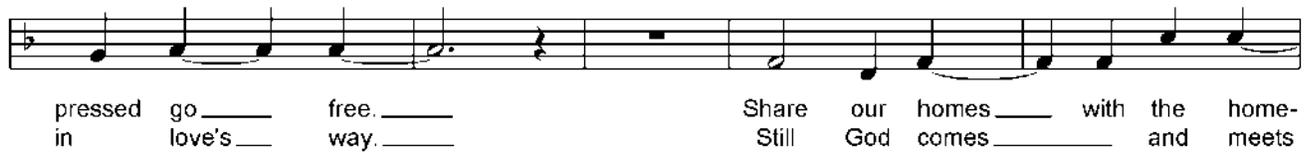
struc-tions from my peo - ple's way. Build - up, pre - pare the way.



God is near, God is here to - day. **3 Fine**



Break the chains of in - jus - tice. Let the op -  
God sees all our de - struc - tion; how we get



pressed go free. Share our homes with the home -  
in love's way. Still God comes and meets



less and our bread with the hun - gry.  
us with a stead - y heal - ing em - brace.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**☐ 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**

*(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

*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.*

Anthem

"Prepare The Way"

Praise Team

*by Jared Anderson*

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.**

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

- † 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.**

## "Lamb of God"

Music by Pam Weinelt  
Music ©2013 Pam Weinelt

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the  
world. Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God you take a-way the  
sin of the world have mercy upon 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.

# "Refiner's Fire"

Words and Music by Brian Doerksen  
© 1990 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

**6** **VERSE**



Pur - i - fy my heart, let me be as  
Pur - i - fy my heart, cleanse me from with -



gold and pre - cious sil - ver. Pur - i - fy my heart,  
- in and make me ho - ly. Pur - i - fy my heart,



let me be as gold, pure gold.  
cleanse me from my sin, deep with - in.

**CHORUS**



Re - fin-er's fire, My heart's one de - sire is to be ho - ly,



set a - part for You, Lord. I choose to be ho - ly,



set a - part for You my Mas - ter, Read - y to do Your will.

1. Repeat to VERSE



Read - y to do Your will.

2. Repeat to CHORUS 3. SONG ENDING

# "Drawn To The Light"

Words and Music by John C. Ylivasker  
© 1990 John C. Ylivasker



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

## *Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

# "Soon and Very Soon"

Words and Music by Andraé Crouch  
© 1976 Budjohn Songs/Crouch Music



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## \*Communion Blessing

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

**C** Amen.

**\*Prayer After Communion**

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Sending*

**\*Blessing**

**P** God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

**\*Sending Song**

**"Messiah"**

Words and Music by Larry Olson  
© Dakota Road Music



Some-one's shout-ing from the des-ert. \_\_\_\_      Some-one's shout-ing from the sea.  
Some-one's shout-ing from the cit-y. \_\_\_\_      I am young \_\_\_\_ I am cold.  
Some-one's shout-ing I am bro-ken. \_\_\_\_      Some-one's shout-ing make me whole.



Some-one's shout-ing from the moun-tain. \_\_\_\_      Some-one's shout-ing from the  
Some-one's shout-ing from the coun-try. \_\_\_\_      I am lone-ly I am  
Some-one's shout-ing come and change me. \_\_\_\_      Some-one's shout-ing save my



val-ley. \_\_\_\_      Mes-si-ah, come and be our king.  
old. \_\_\_\_  
soul. \_\_\_\_



Mes-si-ah, come and be our king.

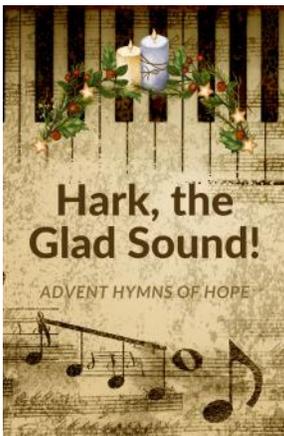
**\*Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Sending Music**

Praise Team



**Advent Services**

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM  
Dec. 8, 15

The Fellowship Committee will be serving desserts and drinks prior to the service

**FINAL DAY TO ORDER  
Christmas Poinsettias**

Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall and in Entryway. Cost is \$10. Place your order form and money in the slot outside the Office Coordinator's office. (Please note "Poinsettia" in memo line.)



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  
Thomas Eisnor .....Organist/Choir Director  
Pam Weinelt.....Praise Team Coordinator  
Open..... Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator

Janice Swinford ..... Sunday School Superintendent  
Maureen Harkins .....Office Coordinator  
Donna Garges..... Media Coordinator  
Aaron Frink..... Custodian

**Attendance Last Sunday**  
8:30 AM - 58  
10:45 AM - 64  
Sunday School - 22 Online - 30

*The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Mary Helen McCann.*

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 between services today, 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. **New Member Sunday to join Good Shepherd is scheduled for December 12th.**



**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.



**Family Christmas Eve Pageant**  
Be a part of this year's 5 PM Christmas Eve family Christmas program. We have begun recruiting, but we are still looking for Mary and Joseph, some villagers to interview, as well as; a few of the field reporters to do the interviewing. We could also use some artists to help make our manager scene and news desk. Interested? All ages are welcome to join us. Contact our director Rozalyn Mattocks today. [rozalynmattocks@gmail.com](mailto:rozalynmattocks@gmail.com)



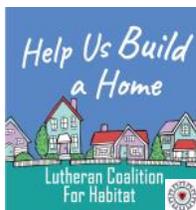
**MASK UPDATE**  
The GSLC Congregation Council and COVID Task Force are in agreement to relax our current mask mandate while indoors at Good Shepherd. **The wearing of masks is not required, but is highly recommended.**

**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.*



TODAY is 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 be in January 12, via Zoom.



**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!**

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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](mailto:sundayschool@gslutheran.org). Need more information on class specifics, visit our Sunday School page at [gslutheran.org](http://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 us serve the Lord

We have an urgent need for more people to assist on Sunday mornings for Altar Guild and Counters.

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 David and Melinda Mundis 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 Dec. 12 from 12:30 - 2 PM. Our lesson is on Wilderness to Land/10

Commandments. 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.



FX3 meets Dec.12, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Devotion: Advent; John the Baptist, Craft: Decorate Ornament, Christmas Cookie, Gingerbread House, Games: Superhero Charades, Newspaper Race JOIN US 3rd -5th graders!

**Saints and Sinners** will meet at Good Shepherd following the 10:45 AM service TODAY to carpool to Grace House. Bring a snack lunch for the ride down. We will go to the Varsity before heading back.



## Ladies Night Out



Tuscany Italian Restaurant  
December 21st, 7 p.m.

250 Cinema View  
Woodstock, GA 30189

Sign-up at Sign-Up Central and leave your cell phone number. Contact Sue Pence for more information.

## With Thanks and Gratitude

*Good Shepherd Congregation,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful cards, gifts,  
farewell and sending. I will be forever grateful  
for my family at Good Shepherd.  
With much love and God's peace,  
Cat Ontiveros*

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