

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Parents of small children: Children can and do encounter Jesus during worship. For your convenience, please know that our entryway and a nursery (Room 113) are equipped with an audio reception of the service. We also have activity bags available for their use during worship. Please see an usher for more information.

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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.

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and we are blessed you are here! If you need any assistance during worship or otherwise, please seek out one of our ushers. If this is your first time with us, please introduce yourself so we can give you a token of our appreciation for spending the morning with us.

* indicates to stand

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Praise Team

Welcome

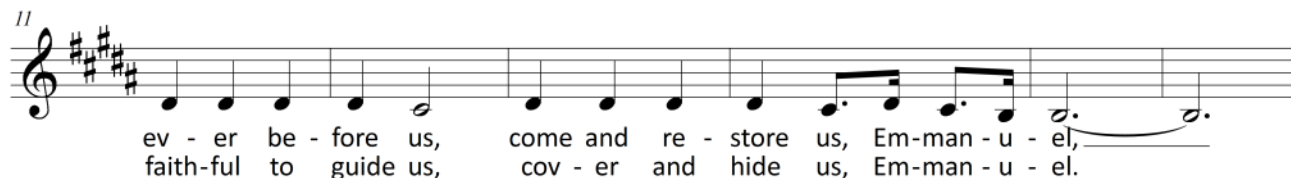
ADVENT LIGHTING—Week 1: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122

The Fennell Family

*Candlelighting Song

"Come, Emmanuel"

Words and Music by Twila Paris © 2011 Capitol CMG
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43

par - dons and wins us, come and reign in us, Em-man - u - el.

49

Come and speak to us, fill and re-new us, come and live through us, Em-man - u -

55

el, Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el.

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Assembly responds: **Amen.**



Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible, Page 1034

At the conclusion of the reading:

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44**

Pew Bible, page 903

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Kenny

***Gospel Song**

"Even So Come"

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, and Jason Ingram
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8 VERSES

1. All of cre - a - tion, all of the earth make straight a high-way, a
2. There will be jus - tice, all will be new. Your name for-ev - er,

path for the Lord; Je-sus is com - ing soon.
faith-ful and true. Je-sus is com - ing soon.

CHORUS

Like a bride wait-ing for her groom, we'll be a church read-y for you. Ev-'ry heart

CHORUS

Like a bride wait-ing for her groom, we'll be a church___ read-y for you. Ev-'ry heart

long-ing for our king, we sing: E-ven so___come, Lord Je - sus come.

E-ven so,___come Lord Je - sus come. God we

wait; you're com - ing soon,___ E-ven so,___come, Lord Je - sus come,

E - ven so___ come, Lord Je - sus come.

*Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed can be found in the front cover of the ELW hymnal.

*Prayers of Intercession

The Assembly responds with the following refrain after "God in your mercy," "hear our prayer."

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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



Offering

Please sign and pass the "Who's Who in the Pew" attendance book down your pew row. Please include service time of attendance. 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

"Awaken"

Praise Team

By Sarah Reeves, Jeremy Bose and Sarah Hart

*Offering Prayer

The Assembly responds: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving (hymnal pg. 172)

Dialogue

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer (ELW hymnal, inside front cover)

*Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

"Messiah"

Words and Music by Larry Olson
©1989 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.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Interlude

Oh oh

Verse 3

O come Thou Key of David come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

"Prepare the Way"

Words and Music by Charlie Hall and Louie Giglio;
© sixsteps Music | worship.together.com songs;

INTRO

Pre-prepare the way, pre-prepare the way, _____

3 pre-prepare the way of the Lord. _____ Pre-prepare the way, _____

6 **CHORUS**
pre-prepare the way, _____ pre-prepare the way of the Lord. _____ Je - sus,

10 Je - sus, Je - sus, _____ Je - sus _____ Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, _____ Je -

16 *2nd time Fine* **VERSES**
- sus. _____
1. You are the light of the world, you are the light of the world,
2. You are the king of the earth, you are the king of the earth,

19 you are the light of the world, Je - sus. You are the light of the world,
you are the king of the earth, Je - sus. You are the king of the earth,

22 1.
you are the light of the world, you are the light of the world, Je - sus.
you are the king of the earth, you are the king of the earth, Je

25 2. **BRIDGE**
sus. _____ Je - sus, _____ Je - sus, Je - sus, _____ Je - sus, Je - sus, _____ Je - sus, Je - sus,

29 _____ Je - sus, _____ Je - sus, Je - sus, _____ Je - sus, Je - sus, _____ Je - sus, Je - sus. _____ *to beginning*

Post Communion Blessing

The Assembly responds: **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

The Assembly responds: **Amen.**

Sending

Announcements

*Blessing

The Assembly responds: **Amen.**

*Sending Song

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin and Daniel Carson
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1. Good__ news of great__ joy__ for ev-'ry wom-an ev-'ry man:
2. Un - to you a child is born,___ un - to us, a son is giv'n:



___ This will be__ a sign to you:___ a
___ Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare his throne,___ let



ba-by born in Beth - le - hem.___ Come and wor-ship,___ do not be a-fraid.
ev-'ry na - tion un - der heav'n___ Come and wor-ship,___ do not be a-fraid.



___ My soul, my soul mag-ni-fies___ the Lord.___



My soul, my soul mag - ni - fies___ the Lord,___ my soul



mag - ni - fies___ the Lord.___ He has done great things for me great things



___ for me.___ My for me.___

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.



WELCOME BACK PASTOR KENNY

Pr. Tom Kenny retired in 2015, as pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Johns Creek, Ga. He had served there, as pastor, for 27 years.

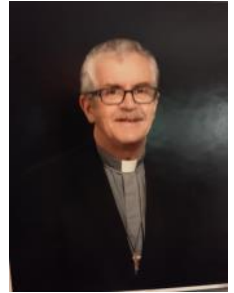
Prior to coming to Ga. Tom served as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran in Hialeah, Florida. That was a 10 year assignment.

Tom grew up in a Roman Catholic family in Co. Cork, Ireland. He was ordained to the Priesthood and immigrated to the US in 1967. Tom served a couple of parishes in Miami, notably, St. Louis Catholic in Kendall, Florida.

Tom joined the American Lutheran church in 1970 and married Barbara that same year. They have one daughter and two granddaughters who live in North Carolina.

Since retiring, Tom has enjoyed serving several Lutheran congregations in the Atlanta area. Churches served are Redeemer, Atl. St. Stephen and Messiah, Decatur.

"I love to tell the Story of Jesus and His Love."



Wednesday Advent Service Theme 2022 "Wait Upon the Lord"

The season of Advent is characterized by waiting; waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas.

In this worship series for Advent, we look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us.



Advent Services

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

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

Week 1 (Nov. 30) - Wait Upon the Lord with Faith (Galatians 3:8): Abraham and Sarah waited with faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, and we wait with faith for the birth of God's Son, Jesus, trusting that he will come at Christmas to save all people.

Week 2 (Dec. 7) - Wait Upon the Lord with Hope (Psalm 130:5): The prophet Isaiah declared the coming of the Lord, which gave the people of Israel hope for the future. We wait with hope for the future because we know what the future holds, a Savior.

Week 3 (Dec. 14) - Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing (Isaiah 25:9): Elizabeth rejoiced as she waited for the coming of her son, John the Baptist. And Mary rejoiced as she waited for the birth of her son, Jesus. In the same manner we rejoice as we wait for the coming of the Son of God.

Week 4 (Dec. 21) - Wait Upon the Lord with Gratitude (Psalm 9:1): Zechariah's waiting days for John the Baptist's birth were filled with great gratitude for the Lord's promise about to be fulfilled. In these remaining waiting days before our Savior's birth, we are ever more grateful for the arrival of the Promised One.

WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM; FOR RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES VISIT GSLUTHERAN.ORG/SERMONS

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

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Rev. Rosalina "Rosy" Rivera..... Pastor
Thomas Eisnor..... Director of Music Ministry
Pam Weinelt..... Praise Team Coordinator

Melina Thurmond.... Youth/Family Ministry Coordinator
Open Office Coordinator
Donna Garges..... Media Coordinator
Aaron Frink Custodian

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30— 59 10:45 AM — 96
Sunday School—31 Online — 13
Pledges —90

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Vic and Linda Rowell.

Please sign our attendance book in each pew.
Please include the service time you are attending.
If you are online, click the link to sign-in for worship in the description section of the video you are viewing,

October YTD Budgeted Giving Summary *

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Actual Income: \$42,995.30
Budgeted Income: \$ 42,719.38
Pledges Collected - 44
Behind: (\$ 275.92)

If you are behind with your current pledge/offering, we ask that you please catch up! The work of GSLC cannot be completed without the support of the congregation! Thank you!

Advent Calendars are in the Entryway for you to use during the Advent season. Please take one per family. Use the instructions on the back of the calendar to create a manger scene on Christmas Day. We are also looking for families to light the Advent wreath during Sunday worship. Please sign up in the Entryway.



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LIKE YOUR FELLOWSHIP TIME?

Please sign-up in the Administrative Hallway to help purchase refreshments for fellowship after the worship services. The cost is \$30/ Sunday.

Thank you to Linda and Vic Rowell for their contribution for fellowship this morning.



Look for the December Sunday Servants online—

Check the Sunday Servant Schedules. A link is available on our website home page. *Please let the office know if you will be taking any time away so we accurately create schedules. Send your notice e-mail to office@gslutheran.org*

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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.



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Christmas Poinsettia's

Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall and today's bulletin. Cost is \$12. 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 4th.

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BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK

Sunday School at 9:45 AM—Various classrooms

- + Spark lectionary based lessons (ages 0-12th grade).
- + Parent's Perspective: rm. 120
- + Coffee & Conversation: rm. 118
- + Faith Stories: rm. 117

A new study started last Sunday titled "Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US". Book available on Amazon.

- + Men in Mission: rm. 116

Get all the details on our Sunday School page on our website, gslutheran.org/sunday-school.

Monday's Lunch and Learn: If you'd like to begin with lunch and fellowship come at noon, otherwise we will begin our study at 12:30 PM. We will be doing *Embracing Advent: Rediscovering Christmas in the Chaos*, by Jen Ludwig. Books available on Amazon. We will start Nov. 28th for 4 weeks, ending Dec. 19th. We will break for the Holidays.

Word on Wednesday: Lori Peters leads the group and will continue to meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Our study will be: *Truly Present, Practicing Prayer in the Liturgy* by Lisa E. Dahill.

Theology on Tap: We will break until January.

Thursday Bible Study— 10 AM with Pastor Rosy. We will begin *Underdogs and Outsiders*, by Tom Fuerst Dec. 1. Books available on Amazon. No Class this Thursday.

CARING FOR CREATION

We are now collecting used eyeglasses to be donated to the Lion's Club. There is now a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.



Many of you know that we have a Benevolence Fund. This fund allows us to assist people in our community with utilities, groceries and emergency fuel for vehicles. We currently have depleted most of these funds and would like to ask members to prayerfully consider giving funds specifically for benevolence. You can also purchase gift cards for gas or groceries and donate those too. If you are writing a check, please indicate in the memo line "Benevolence". Thank you to those who have already contributed to this fund.



Two-Can Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, December 4!

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.



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to our weekly
Lamb Buzz

Looking for all the news for our Youth? Be sure to read your [Wednesday](#).

[Weekly Lamb Buzz](#) Email. Some exciting things are happening at GSLC for all ages of our youth. Access each week on our website under the Youth Tab or sign-up to be on the e-mail list.

A Blizzard of Blessings -WINTER VBS

Registration for winter VBS to be offered Monday, January 2—January 4, from 9 AM—1 PM is open at gslutheran.org.

Or use this QR code to register. Use Sign-up Central online to volunteer.



The Girl Scout Troup 7843 is hosting a craft festival beginning at 9 AM, here at GSLC on Dec. 3. Come out and support the Troup.



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Cookie WALK

December 11th between services

Time to get your baking skills on! Join in on the fun and bake some holiday treats for our first annual Cookie Walk. Make some treats, bring them in, and fill up a box, as much or as little as you want, for \$5! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or online to bake a sweet treat.

All proceeds go towards the Youth Service Trips.

If you are interested in being a part of this year's Christmas pageant please contact Mel. This year our Family Service, which will include the Christmas pageant, will be on Dec. 18th at 10:30 AM.

