

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 4, 2022 | 8:30 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.

Gathering

- PRELUDE "Fantasia on O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Thomas Eisnor
-Gene Clarke
- WELCOME
- ADVENT LIGHTING—WEEK 2: STAND AS A SIGNAL Champion Family
Stand
- GATHERING HYMN "People, Look East" ELW #248 vs. 1,2
- GREETING
Assembly responds, "And also with you."
- PRAYER OF THE DAY
P *Let us pray...*
Assembly responds, "Amen."
Sit

Word

- FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10 Pew Bible pg. 627
L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
- PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (*The Psalm will be chanted and the congregation will chant the even verses and refrain as indicated.*)

Refrain



- A Give the king your jus-^ltice, O God, and your righteousness to^l the king's son;
- C **that he may rule your^l people righteously and the^l poor with justice,**
- A that the mountains may bring prosperity^l to the people, and the^l hills, in righteousness.
- C **Let him defend the needy a-^lmong the people, rescue the poor, and crush^l the oppressor. Refrain**
- A May he live as long as the sun and^l moon endure, from one generation^l to another.
- C **Let him come down like rain upon^l the mown field, like showers that wa-^lter the earth.**
- A In his time may the^l righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall^l be no more.
- C **Blessed are you, LORD God, the^l God of Israel; you alone do^l wondrous deeds!**
- A And blessed be your glorious^l name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A-^lmen. Amen. **Refrain**

- SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13 Pew Bible pg. 1035
L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible, page 878

☞ The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Rosy Rivera

Stand

HYMN OF DAY

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

ELW #264

APOSTLES CREED *(located inside front cover of hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, "God, in your mercy," worshipers respond with the words, "hear our prayer.")

PEACE

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always. ☞ **And also with you.**

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

Sit

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Prepare"

-Dale Peterson

Chancel Choir

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

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/donate. We also encourage you to sign-up for SIMPLY GIVING or online giving through the VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT app for consistent reoccurring gifts.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

DIALOGUE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER *(located in the front cover of the hymnal)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ELW #254

Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Assembly responds, Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assembly responds, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

SENDING HYMN

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!"

ELW #246

DISMISSAL

Assembly responds, Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates!"

Thomas Eisnor

- Franklin D. Ashdown



Advent Services
 Wednesdays, 10 AM
 Facebook live and 7:30 PM,
 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

Wednesday Evening 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.

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.

ADVENT DEVOTION-Pastor Rosy will be leading short FACEBOOK LIVE Advent sessions, including a time of lighting Advent candles, song, devotion and prayer every Wednesday, at 10 AM on our Facebook page. Each session will be about 20-30 min. Join us online for devotion and singing some beloved Christmas Carols (yes, during Advent!).



Week 1: Psalm 96: 6
 Week 2: Philippians 1: 3-11
 Week 3: Luke 1: 46-55
 Week 4: Philippians 3: 3-11

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.



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
..... & Office Coordinator
Donna Garges..... Media Coordinator
Aaron Frink..... Custodian

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30— 67 10:45 AM — 83
Sunday School— 25 Online — 16
Pledges —90

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Brenda Kvitén-Schumaker in celebration of Bridget’s birthday.

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,

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 Brenda Kvitén-Schumaker for the contribution for fellowship this morning.



October YTD Budgeted Giving Summary *
Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Actual Income: \$42,995.30
Budgeted Income: \$ 42,719.38
Pledges Collected - 90
Ahead \$ 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!

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

HOLIDAY OUTREACH

This Holiday season, we will be sponsoring 29 children from Clark Creek Elementary School in Acworth. Starting today, there will be a tree with each child’s name on an angel and their basic needs for the holiday season. All you have to do is take one of the kids ornaments, buy them a gift, (wrap it, place the angel back on the gift, and place it in the box next to the tree. All gifts can be donated until December 11th (no later!).

If you are not sure about sponsoring a child for the holiday season, we will also be collecting monetary gifts for the school to help clear up late fees for school lunches and their after school program. There is a “life-size lunchbox” next to the holiday donations that you can place your donations in. If you are writing a check, please make sure you make it out to either “after school program” or “school lunches”. If you have any questions, you can contact Susan Epling.



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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.



Read your Sheep Buzz! It gets delivered to your e-mail inbox every Friday around 3 PM. Want to get a text when it gets sent? Join our Remind Text Notifications group. On your mobile device simply text (including the @ symbol) @gslc1 to 81010.

Christmas Poinsettia’s LAST DAY

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.

BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday School at 9:45 AM—Various classrooms
- + Spark lectionary based lessons (ages 0-12th grade).
 - + Coffee & Conversation: rm. 118
 - + Faith Stories: rm. 117
 - + 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: Praying through Advent. Are you searching for peace in a hectic world? Join us via Zoom on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM as we study selected readings for Advent from the lectionary. For more information, contact study leader, Lori Peters via the church office.

Theology on Tap: We will break until January.

Thursday Bible Study— 10 AM with Pastor Rosy. Our study's focus will be centered around the book, *Underdogs and Outsiders*, by Tom Fuerst. Books available on Amazon.

A "BIG" thank you to all that came out on Saturday, November 26 to help decorate the church for the Christmas season.

Brooke Myers, Olivia Myers, Gwen Myers, Heidi Myers, Susan Epling, Molly Maher, Reba Sumner, Jenny Champion, Lily Champion, Diane Mau, and Steve and Beth Ebert.



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.



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.



Support us when you shop this holiday season

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at smile.amazon.com. You shop. Amazon donates.



All you need to do is shop at smile.amazon.com and designate Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Woodstock Inc. as your designated charity and a percentage of your purchase is automatically sent to the church.

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 our one blended service at 10:30 AM.

