

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 11, 2022 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please note there are cameras at the rear of the Sanctuary. This worship service is being livestreamed to [Facebook.com/gslcwoodstock](https://www.facebook.com/gslcwoodstock). 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 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" The Bells of Good Shepherd

-Judith Treisback

WELCOME

ADVENT LIGHTING—WEEK 3: THE LORD'S HIGHWAY

Holly Jones

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

"People, Look East"

ELW #248 vs. 1,2,3

GREETING

Assembly responds, "And also with you."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *Let us pray....*

Assembly responds, "Amen."

Sit

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 649

L The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:5-10 *(The Psalm will be chanted and the congregation will chant the even verses and refrain as indicated.)*

Refrain



A Happy are they who have the God of Jacob¹ for their help, whose hope is in the¹ LORD their God; **A**

G **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that¹ is in them; who keeps promis-¹ es forever;**

A who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to¹ those who hunger. The LORD sets the¹ captive free.

G **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who¹ are bowed down;**

the LORD¹ loves the righteous. Refrain

A The LORD cares¹ for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way¹ of the wicked.

G **The LORD shall¹ reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.¹ Hallelujah! Refrain**

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

Pew Bible pg. 1102

L The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

pg. 171

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:2-11

Pew Bible, page 887

☞ The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh 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

"Hark, the Glad Sound"

ELW #239

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

"Passacaglia in C Minor"

-Fred Gramann

The Bells of Good Shepherd

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

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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 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

ELW #242

Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Assembly responds, Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assembly responds, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

BLESSING

Assembly responds, Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

ELW #250

DISMISSAL

Assembly responds, Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The King Shall Come"

Thomas Eisnor

- David N Johnson

NEXT SUNDAY—One Blended Worship Service
Sunday, December 18th- enjoy "Christmas Around the World!" with our youth at a blended worship service at 10:30 AM. Get a peek into the different ways that cultures celebrate the holidays. All are welcome!



Advent Services
Wednesdays, 10 AM Facebook LIVE and 7:30 PM, Dec. 14 &, 21.

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

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 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.



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 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.

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— 83 10:45 AM — 96
Sunday School— 48 Online — 16
Pledges —90

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Max and Susan Epling in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.

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 the Eplings 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

TODAY



\$5/box. All proceeds will go towards youth summer service trips.

Soles 4 Souls (S4S) has been collecting new and gently worn shoes for years, and our GSLC youth have spent several mission trips sorting shoes at their facility in Nashville, TN.

We will be collecting new and gently used shoes for S4S during the month of January. Collection boxes, decorated by our GSLC youth, will be in the Fellowship Hall. A friendly competition of whose box gets the most shoes wins a prize for our youth. Now clean out that closet!

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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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The church office will be closed December 26 & 27 & January 2nd and 3rd.

BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK-No Sunday School beginning next week for the Christmas holidays. We will resume January 8th.

- 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.

YARN ANGELS

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 16th, from 11 AM to 1 PM, at the home of Susan Epling.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Tuscany, December 20th, 7 PM. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for a new Ladies Night Out Coordinator for 2023. Contact the church office, if you are interested.

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.



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WITH HOLY COMMUNION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Sign-Up in Entry Way to be a Worship Servant at our Christmas Services

- + Traditional Worship at 4:00 PM
- + Candlelight Praise Service at 7:00 PM
- + Traditional Candlelight Service at 9:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
Lessons and Carols Service w/ Holy Communion
(casual attire) 10:30 AM