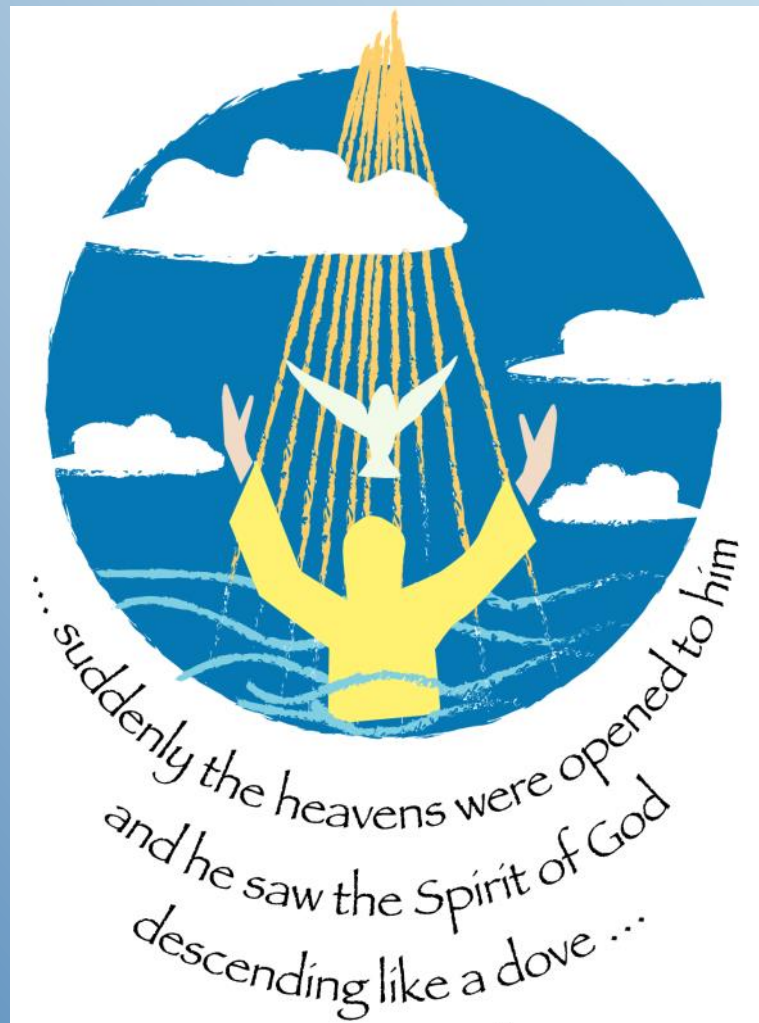


# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



**PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**JANUARY 8, 2023 | 10:45 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.

*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

*Stand*

### Epiphany Blessing

*Assembly responds, “Amen.”*

### Inscription

### Procession

*(Pastor will process to each designated area and begin with the words, “Christ, bless this...(Entryway, Sanctuary, Font, Pulpit, Altar).” The congregation will respond with the phrase “O Christ, bless this...” (Entryway, Sanctuary, Font, Pulpit, Altar).*

### Prayer of Blessing

**P** Let us pray....

*Assembly responds, “Amen.”*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C Amen.**

**P** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

7 VERSE

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the

dark - ness. You give hope. You re-store ev-'ry heart that is bro - ken. And

CHORUS

great are you, Lord. It's your breath in our lungs, so we

3rd time to CODA ⊕

pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's your breath in our lungs, so we

1. 3 Repeat to VERSE

pour our our praise to you on - ly. You give

2. 7 BRIDGE

pour out our praise to you on - ly. And all the earth will

shout your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones wil sing, "Great

1. Repeat BRIDGE 2. To CHORUS

are you, Lord!" And Lord!" It's your

⊕ CODA 8

pour out our praise to you on - ly.

**\*Greeting**

The Assembly responds: "And also with you."

**\*Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Assembly responds: "Amen."

**Word**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible pg. 657

At the conclusion of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible pg. 1002

At the conclusion of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible, page 879

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.**

Sermon

Pastor Rosy Rivera

Song of Day

**"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"**

Words and Music by Russell Fragar  
© 1997 Russell Fragar | Hillsong Publishing

**CHORUS**

Ho-ly Spir-it, rain down, rain down; O\_

Com- fort-er and Friend, How we need your touch a-gain; Ho-ly Spir-it

rain down, rain down; Let your pow-er fall, let your

voice be heard, Come and change our hearts as we stand on your word; Ho-ly Spir -

**Last time to CODA**  $\oplus$

1. it, rain down. Ho-ly Spir-it down.

2. it, rain down. Ho-ly Spir-it down.

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**VERSE**

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, No mind can know what  
 God has in store, So o - pen up heav - en, o - pen it wide,  
 O - ver your church o - ver our lives. Ho - ly Spir - it,

**D.S. al Coda (to Chorus) §**

**⊕ CODA**

down. Rain down, rain down. Rain.

**\*Nicene Creed**

*The Nicene Creed can be found in the back cover of the ELW hymnal.*

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Merciful God," worshipers respond with the words, "receive our prayer.")*

**\*Peace**

*The Assembly responds: "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](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.*

**Song During Offering**

**"The River"**

**Praise Team**

*by Brian Doekersen, Michael Hansen and Brian Thiessen*

**\*Offering Prayer**

*The Assembly responds: "Amen."*

**\*Great Thanksgiving (hymnal pg. 152)**

Dialogue

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

Invitation to Communion

**Communion**

# Communion Songs

## "In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty  
© 2002 ThankyouMusic



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light my strength my song. This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fin - al



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of  
ness scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on that  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort -  
cross as Je - sus died the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me. For I am  
hell no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from his hand. 'Til he re -



er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on him was laid. here in the death of Christ I live.  
his and he is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

1, 2, 3.



4.  
2. In Christ a  
3. There in the  
4. No guilt in  
stand.

## "Unwavering"

Words and Music by Matt Maher  
© 2006 spirittandsong.com | Thankyou Music



1. Bless - ed are the poor, the king - dom is theirs. A - live in the  
2. Bless - ed are the right - eous on bend - ed knee, bound in this



prom - ise to be dead to the world. Bless - ed are the  
free - dom, com - mit - ted to you. Bless'd are those who

meek see in awe of you Fa - ther, the word at your  
 the heights of glo - ry, found in the

**CHORUS**

right hand, Spir - it of truth. Un - wa-ver-ing is your voice, un - wa-ver-ing  
 val - ley, in suf - fring for you.

is your hand, un - wa-ver-ing is the heart that bled for the sins of man. Un - wa-ver - ring  
 is your will, un - wa-ver - ing is your plan, the fount of sal - va - tion on which we will

1. Repeat to VERSE 2 **3**  
 stand. 2. Bless - ed are the

2. Repeat to CHORUS 3. Final Coda **3**  
 stand. un - wa - ver - ing stand.

"A City on a Hill

Words and Music by Elias Dummer, Jick Herbert and Ben Cantelon © 2013 Thankyou Music

**CHORUS 1**

We will Shine! Light of the world:  
 we can't hide it, this beau-ti-ful light, it shines for all of the world  
 to be-lieve we can be a cit-y on a hill. We will

**CHORUS 2**

shine! Light of the world: we can't hide it, this beau-ti-ful light it

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shines \_\_\_\_\_ for all of the world \_\_\_ to be-lieve we can be \_\_\_ a cit-y on a hill,  
a cit - y on a hill.

Post Communion Blessing  
The Assembly responds: **"Amen."**

Prayer After Communion  
The Assembly responds: **"Amen."**

Installation of Council Leaders and Liaisons

*Sending*

Announcements

\*Blessing  
The Assembly responds: **"Amen."**

\*Sending Song

"We Are"

Words by Isaac Watts and Music by Chuck Butler, Ed Cash, James Tealy and Hillary McBride  
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**PRE-CHORUS**

Wake up sleep - er, lift your head. We were meant for more  
than this. Fight the shad - ows, con - quer death, make the most of the time

**CHORUS**

we have left. We are the light of the world, we are the ci - ty on a hill.  
We are the light of the world, and we got - ta, we got - ta, we got -

**BRIDGE**

- ta let the light shine. We are the light, we are the light, we are the light,  
 — so let your light shine bright - er. We are the light, we are  
 — the light, we are the light. — Je - sus, you are the light you are  
 — the light, you are the light. — We will lift you high and shine, shine,

**FINAL ENDING**

— shine. — We are the light of the world, we are the  
 cit - y on a hill. — We are the light of the world, and we got -  
 - ta, we got - ta, we got - ta let the light shine. We are the light of the world, —  
 we are the cit - y on a hill. — We are the light of the world, and we got -  
 - ta, we got - ta, we got - ta let the light shine. —

\*Dismissal

The Assembly responds: ***"Thanks be to God."***

Sending Music

Praise Team

**GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF**

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

Melina Thurmond....Youth/Family Ministry Coordinator  
..... & Office Coordinator  
Carrie Escamilla..... Bookkeeper  
Aaron Frink ..... Custodian

**Attendance Last Sunday**

8:30 AM - 40 10:45 - 44  
Online - 21  
Pledges -92

*The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Tom and Mary Wilson to celebrate the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran!*

Please sign our attendance book in each pew, including 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 Champion Family for the contribution for fellowship this morning.

**November Income & Budgeted Giving Summary**

**Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Actual Income: \$46,334.79  
Budgeted Income: \$ 45,043.78  
Pledges Collected: 92  
Ahead \$ 1,291.01

*If you have any questions, please contact our Financial Secretary Sharron Ryan. Thank you!*

**2023 Flower and Donut Calendars**

Our donut and flower calendars for 2023 are now available. Donuts are \$30. Flowers are \$40. Forms are located in the Administrative Hallway. Make checks out to GSLC and put "Donuts" or "Flowers" in the memo line. Please be sure to submit a dedication with the flower reservation.



**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!

**Look for the January 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](mailto:office@gslutheran.org)*

**Committee Sunday** is scheduled for January 22! **We will have one combined service at 10:30 AM.** The Stewardship Committee is hosting a ministry fair where you can learn all about our committees and ways your can serve at Good Shepherd. You won't want to miss this interactive event.



**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.

Coming Soon...more information about future plans with congregational care. We are searching for Stephen Ministers! If you have ever served as a Stephen minister, Stephen Leader or Facilitator, please contact Pastor Rosy.



**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.

**BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK**-Sunday School at 9:45 AM—Various classrooms  
 † Spark lectionary based lessons (ages 0-12th grade).  
 † Coffee & Conversation: rm. 118—**new study entitled "Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant"**. These studies will focus on prophets in the Old Testament.  
 † 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](http://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. New study coming mid-January.

**Word on Wednesday**—Kick off the New Year and join us as we begin the study, "Messy Spirituality: God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People" by Mark Yaconelli Wednesday, January 11, 2023. We will continue to meet via Zoom (a format that yields the most consistent attendance!) at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Lori Peters, small group leader, via the church office.

**Theology on Tap:** New location at Game Day. Every other week, next date is January 18th at 7 PM. Join us for fun, fellowship and answers/discussions challenging your faith. All are welcome.

**Thursday Bible Study**— 10 AM with Pastor Rosy. Encounter a unique picture of revival through Ezekiel's prophecies in this 8-week Bible study, *An Unexpected Revival: Experiencing God's Goodness through Disappointment and Doubt*. God chose to spark revival through people who seemed counted out, cast aside, and disregarded. However, God pursues us with His goodness desiring to bring revival to our broken hearts.

### YARN ANGELS

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

### 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.



### NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class will meet for five Sundays, beginning January 15th and use the study "Come and Grow with Us". The study will introduce new and prospective members (or current members) to Christian faith and Lutheran practices in a nonthreatening, airy, user-friendly format. All are welcome to attend. Classes will be in between services in the small room adjacent to the Entryway. New Member Sunday will be March 5th.



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.

### The Birthday Bash is Back!

It's a fun way to celebrate everyone's birthday at one time. We will have lunch after the Praise service. There are 12 tables, one for each month of the year. Those attending sit at the table that has the month of your birthday. We serve pizza, salad and drinks **and** there is a cake for each table. Sign-up to make a cake and Sign up to RSVP. A fun way to meet new and/or get reacquainted with other members! To RSVP:



<https://bit.ly/GSLCBirthdayBash>

To Bake A Cake:

<https://bit.ly/GSLCBakeCake>



Pastor Rosy will be doing House Blessings during Epiphany from January 9-26. You do have to sign up using the link below. You do not have to be home when she comes by. She will be using chalk to mark the exterior portion of your home door frame. If you'd like a home blessing in the new year, use the link below to sign up!

EPIPHANY HOUSE



<https://doodle.com/bp/rosalinarivera/home-blessings>

If your address has changed in the last year, please email Pastor Rosy to ensure she is blessing the correct home!

**Outreach Book Collection** Outreach is collecting new and gently used children's books this month. There are three bins in the Fellowship Hall dividing the books by Baby Books, Picture Books and Chapter Books. We will be donating them to The Encouragement Project. They donate them to children that do not have any books, school EIP programs and other organizations that work with high risk children.

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*\*pending*