



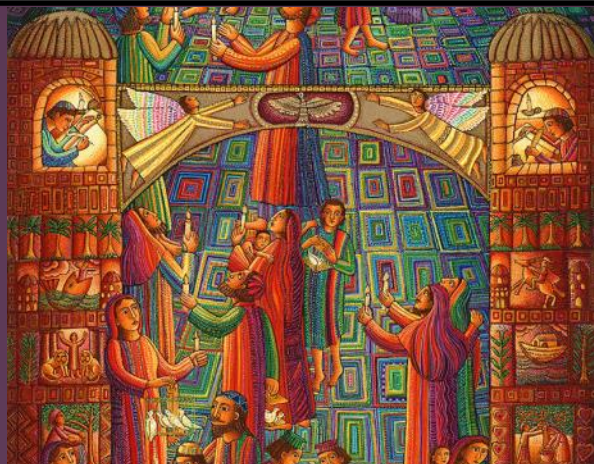
WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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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.

(* The Assembly Stands) Note: Hymns marked "ELW" are in the back of the book with numbers at the top of the page.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
- Douglas Wagner

Gay Lyn Ferry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.
- C Amen.**
- P** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin. God of life,
- C you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**
- P** Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.
- C Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

"Love Has Come"

ELW #292

*GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*KYRIE (sung)

front of ELW pg.147

- A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.**

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

G **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Pew Bible, Page 678

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 (*sung responsively*)

A Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

**G Praise the Lord, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

A Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**G Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

A Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
who commanded, and they | were created,

**G who made them stand fast forev- | er and
ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

A Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

G fire and hail, | snow and fog,

tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

A mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

**G wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

A sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

**G young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

A Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is
over | earth and heaven.

**G The Lord has raised up strength for the
people and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the Lord. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, Page 1061

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

front of ELW pg.151

**☞ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

Pew Bible, Page 933

☞ The holy gospel according to Luke.

☞ Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

ELW #313

*APOSTLES’ CREED

☞ 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 Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, “Hear us, O God,” worshippers respond with the words, “your mercy is great.”)

*PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God’s peace.)

Meal

OFFERING

The “Who’s Who in the Pew” pads are passed as the offering is received.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

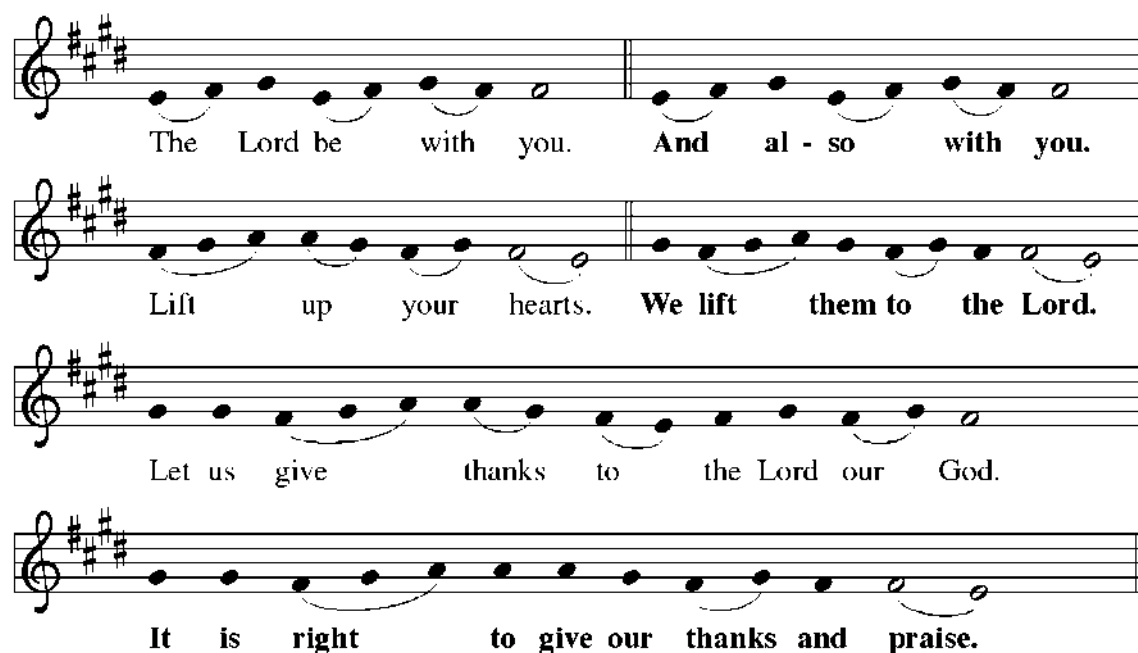
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*OFFERING PRAYER

- A** God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **C Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION



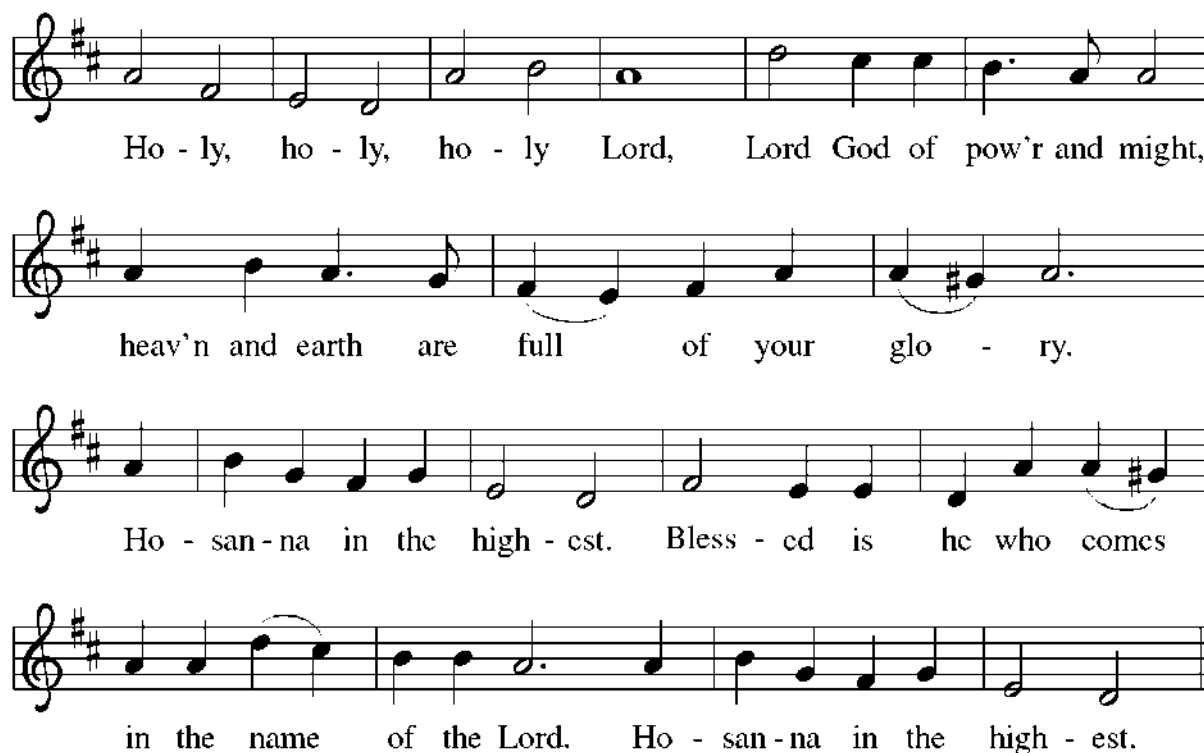
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right...praise your name and join your unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER

☒ 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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

ELW #272
ELW #295

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☒ **Amen.**

*COMMUNION PRAYER

☒ God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☒ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

*BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **A** Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"The Bells of Christmas"

ELW #298

*DISMISSAL

A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **A** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

- Mary McDonald

Gay Lyn Ferry

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Rev. Karen Boda Interim Pastor
Gay Lyn Ferry..... Supply Organist
Pam Weinelt Praise Team Coordinator
Melina Thurmond Youth/Family
..... Ministry Coordinator
..... & Office Coordinator
Donna Garges Media Coordinator
Carrie Escamilla Bookkeeper
Aaron Frink..... Custodian

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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.

Attendance Last Sunday

10 AM - 61
4 PM - 176 Online - 37
7 PM - 122
9 PM - 90
Christmas Day - 18

*The new 2024 Altar flower calendar is up in the Administrative Hallway.
If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form, the cost is \$40.*

Thank you to Patricia Mote for providing donuts/snacks for Fellowship this morning.
If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway, the cost is \$30.

This Week

Sun	12/31	8:30/10:45 AM	First Sunday of Christmas
Mon	1/1	Office Closed	
Tues	1/2	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Sanctuary
Wed	1/3	1:00 PM	Staff Mtg
		6:30 PM	Bells of Good Shepherd
Thu	1/4	10:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study F. Hall
		6:30 PM	Executive Council
Sat	1/6	8:00 AM - 1 PM	Blood Drive
		9:00 AM	Praise Team Rehearsal
		10:30 AM	Remove decorations
Sun	1/7	8:30 AM/10:45 AM	Second Sunday of Christmas
		9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School
		10:00 PM	How to spot a scam F. Hall
		12:00 PM	Personnel Mtg
		12:30 PM	Confirmation

Additional Event Dates

Sign-up sheets are available at gslutheran.org
([Sign-up Central Online](#)) or
Sign-up Central in Fellowship Hall

Jan 14	Council Installation
	Ministry Fair F. Hall 9:45 AM
Jan 16	Ladies Night Out Longhorn's 7 PM
Jan 21	Coffee w/Council F. Hall 9:45 AM
Jan 27	LRPTF Circle Conversations 10 AM - 1 PM
Jan 28	Family Fun Night Bowling 5 PM



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church **BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, January 6th
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Come give to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for You & a guest to Super Bowl LVIII in Vegas!
Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities & more!
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