

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 28, 2024 | 8:30 AM

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Gay Lyn Ferry

- Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. **C** **God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**P** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**C** Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

ELW #310

\*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.

**C** 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. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Word

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Pew Bible, Page 174

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111 (*sung responsively*)

**A** Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

**C** Great are your | works, O Lord, pondered by all who de- | light in them.

**A** Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

**C** You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.

**A** You give food to | those who fear you, remembering forev- | er your covenant.

**C** You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations.

**A** The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

**C** They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.

**A** You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever; holy and awesome | is your name.

**C** The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Pew Bible, Page 1043

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

front of ELW pg.151

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

\*GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28

Pew Bible, Page 910

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

A. L. Panhorst

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Cast Out, O Christ"

ACS #1016



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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**\*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, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "receive our prayer.")*

**\*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**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**"Shine On Us."**

*- Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith, Arr. Benjamin Harlan*

**Chancel Choir**

**\*OFFERING SONG**

**"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"**

**ELW#184**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**☐ Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. ☐ Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

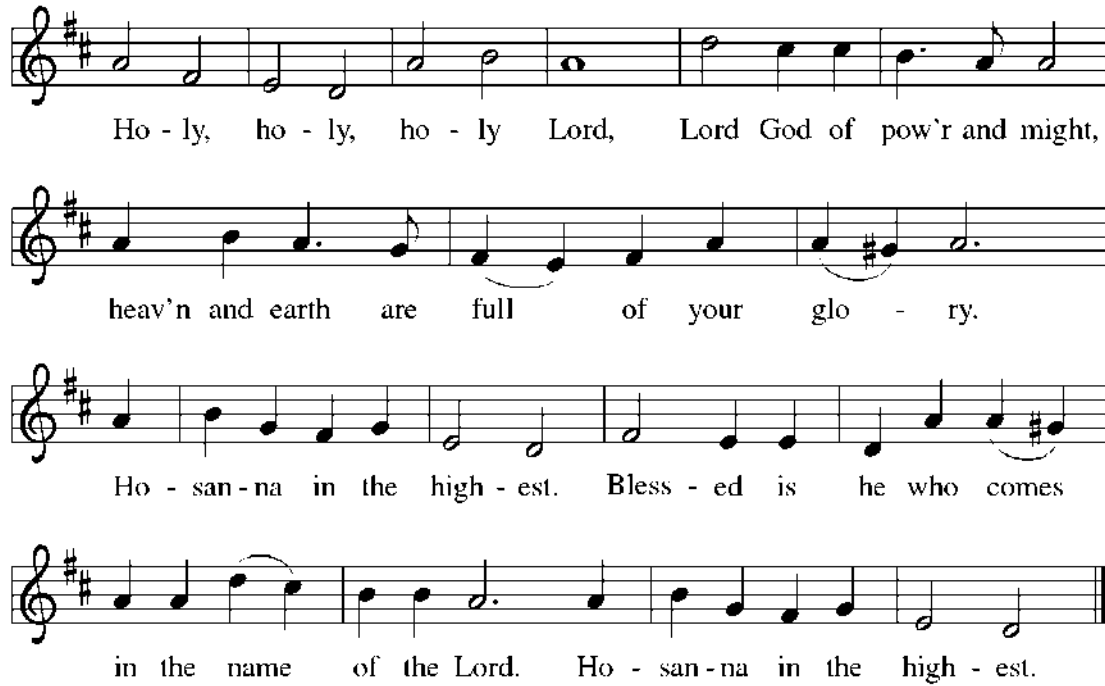
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

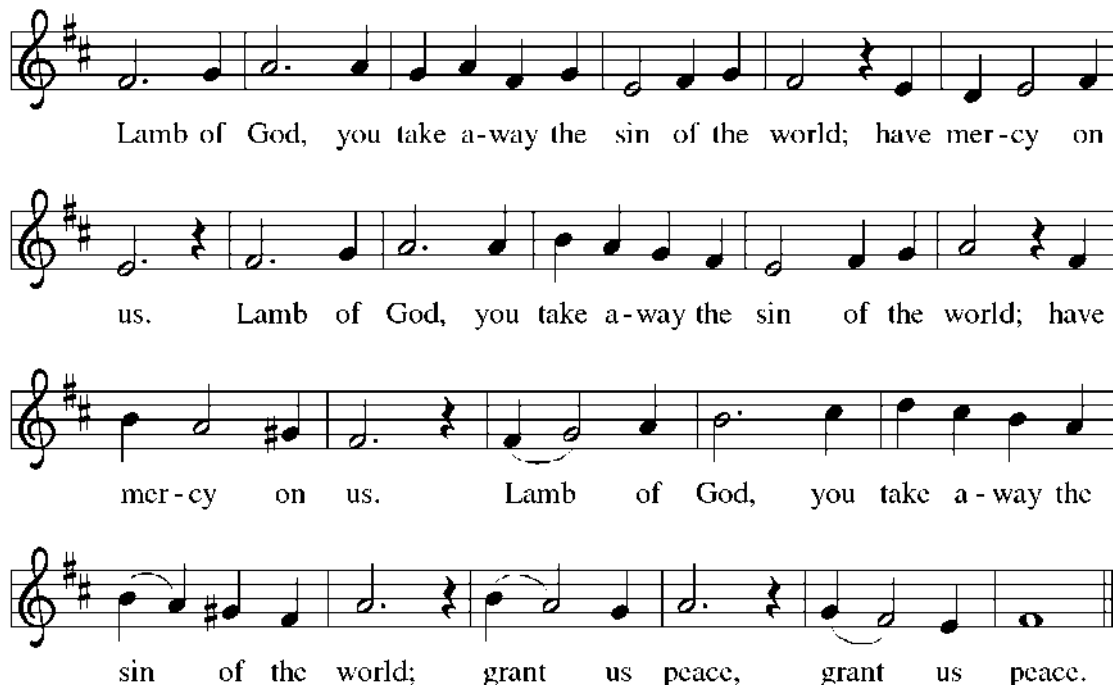
**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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

“Healer of Our Every Ill”  
“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

ELW #612  
ELW #886

\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

\*COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by our power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sending*

\*BLESSING

**P** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, **+** bless you and remain with you always. **C Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN “Jesus Shall Regin” ELW#434

\*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. You are God’s beloved. **C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “There Is A Balm in Gilead” Gay Lyn Ferry  
- Anthony Giamanco

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### Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 73

Online - 6

10:45 AM - 71

*The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God, and are given by Tom Williams in memory of Marchia Williams. If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form, the cost is \$40. **We have lots of open dates for January and February!***

Thank you to Linda Drage 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	1/28	8:30 AM/10:45 AM	Worship (Youth 10:45 AM)
		9:45 AM	New Member Class   Rm. 115
		9:45 AM	Fellowship Meeting
		9:45 AM	Sunday School (younger ages)
		12:30 PM	Confirmation
		4:00 PM	Lenten Study Leader Training
		5:00 PM	Bowling Stars & Strikes
Tues	1/30	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Wed	1/31	10:00 AM	Word on Wednesday   F. Hall
		11:30 AM	Lunch & Learn   Mtg. Room
		1:00 PM	Staff
		6:30 PM	Bells of Good Shepherd
		6:30 PM	Lenten Study Leader Training
Thurs	2/1	10:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study   F. Hall
Sat	2/3	9:00 AM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Sun	2/4	8:30 AM/10:45 AM	Worship
		9:45 AM	Pancake Fundraiser   F. Hall
		9:45 AM	New Member Class   Rm 115
		9:45 AM	Outreach Meeting   Mtg. Rm
		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		12:30 PM	Confirmation
		3:00 - 6:00 PM	Conversation Circle   F. Hall

### **BAPTISM**

**Olivia Michele Smucygz and Logan Edward Smucygz**, daughter and son of Edward and Frances Smucygz, will enter the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at the 10:45 AM service today. Their sponsors are Angel Martinez and Barbra Smucygz.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Today, at 9:45 AM and on February 4th if you are interested, join us for a new member class. We will discuss what it means to be Lutheran, a little about the ELCA and the Southeastern Synod and a lot about what makes Good Shepherd so great. If you are interested, feel free to let Pastor Karen know or just come to the class in room 115 down the Education Hallway.

### Additional Event Dates

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

<b>Feb 11</b>	Rev. Michael Schulte from The Collective
<b>Feb 14</b>	Ash Wednesday   Noon   7:30 PM
<b>Feb 18</b>	New Member Sunday
<b>Feb 15</b>	Worship Matters Studies begin
<b>Feb 21</b>	Soup & Salad   6:45 PM
<b>Feb 21</b>	Wednesday Lent Services 12 PM   7:30 PM



### **LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

Be sure to leave your memories on the timeline in Fellowship Hall. General timeframes are all we are looking for, not specific dates.

The final date to attend the Long-Range Planning Task Force conversation circles is next Sunday, February 4, 3 PM—6 PM. If you have not attended a conversation circle event, we would love to hear your voice.

### **STAY CONNECTED AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

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