

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 22, 2024

*8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.*

\*You are invited to stand

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland”

Chase Petersen

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

WELCOME

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God of mercy,

**C** we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

**P** God of might,

**C** we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

**P** God in our midst,

**C** we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

**P** A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

ELW #254

**\*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.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **A** Amen.

## WORD

### ADVENT BLESSING

- L** Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin. As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved. O house of David, come,
- A** let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.

### CANDLELIGHTING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW # 257 vs. 4

### FIRST READING

- L** A reading from Micah 5:2-5a

*At conclusion of reading*

**Micah 5:2-5a**

*Pew Bible, Page 849*

- L** The Word of the Lord. **A** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: LUKE 1:46b-55 *(Sung responsively, R indicates Refrain to be sung by all.)*

### REFRAIN



- A** My soul proclaims the greatness<sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in<sup>1</sup> God my Savior,
- A** **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your<sup>1</sup> lowly servant. From this day all generations will<sup>1</sup> call me blessed:**
- A** you, the Almighty, have done great<sup>1</sup> things for me and holy<sup>1</sup> is your name.
- A** **You have mercy on<sup>1</sup> those who fear you, from generation to<sup>1</sup> generation. R**
- A** You have shown strength<sup>1</sup> with your arm and scattered the proud in<sup>1</sup> their conceit,
- A** **casting down the mighty<sup>1</sup> from their thrones and lifting<sup>1</sup> up the lowly.**

**A** You have filled the hungry<sup>l</sup> with good things  
and sent the rich<sup>l</sup> away empty.

**A** the promise made<sup>l</sup> to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil-<sup>l</sup> dren  
forever. **R**

**G** You have come to the aid of  
your<sup>l</sup> servant Israel,  
to remember the prom-<sup>l</sup> ise of  
mercy,

## SECOND READING

**L** A reading from Hebrews.  
*At conclusion of reading*

**Hebrews 10:5-10**  
*Pew Bible, Page 1095*

**L** The Word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sung*)

front of ELW pg. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL READING

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

**Luke 1:39-45**

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

*Pew Bible, Page 932*

*At conclusion of reading*

**L** The gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to you, O Christ**

## MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

**ELW #251**

## \*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

*The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "Lord in your mercy," 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 gesture of God's peace.)*



## OFFERING

*The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received. For online giving, see the QR code on the back page.*

## OFFERTORY

**"The Hungry Have Been Filled"**

*-Michael Trotta*

**Drew Dickerson**

**Chase Petersen**

## \*OFFERING HYMN

**"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"**

**ELW #247**

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **☑** Amen.

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

**Front of ELW pg. 144**



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

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

*Continues on next page*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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**

**\*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** *(Sung)*

Front of ELW pg. 146

☑ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### “We Are Waiting For Jesus”

ACS #905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

### “Canticle of Turning”

ELW #723

#### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ Let us pray. Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. ☑ Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING

#### \*BLESSING

☐ God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever. ☑ Amen.

\*DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

Chase Petersen

-J.S. Bach



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**Christmas Services**  
 Christmas Eve | Dec. 24  
 Traditional Worship | 4 pm | 9 pm  
 Praise Worship | 7 pm  
 Christmas Day | Dec. 25  
 Lessons & Carols | 10 am  
*Christmas Eve services include candle lighting*  
*All services include holy communion*  
 1208 Rose Creek Dr. Woodstock GA | [gslutheran.org](http://gslutheran.org)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS | DECEMBER 22, 2024

*We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.*

### Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM – 106

10:45 AM – 97

Online – 31

***The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of our Lord, and are given by Tom & Mary Wilson celebrating this amazing congregation. To help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway, the cost is \$40.***

**Thank you to Tom & Mary Wilson for providing the 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.*

### VISITORS and GUESTS

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following each service for coffee and refreshments.

## This Week

Sun	12/22	8:30   10:45 AM	Worship Services
		9:45   11:45 AM	Fellowship
		12:00 PM	Youth & Family Mtg.
Mon	12/23	7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Tues	12/24	4:00 & 9:00 PM	Traditional Christmas Eve Worship
		7:00 PM	Praise Christmas Eve Worship
Wed	12/25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship   Lessons & Carols
Thur	12/26	Office Closed	
		7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Fri	12/27	Office Closed	
Sun	12/29	8:30   10:45 AM	Worship Services
		9:45   11:45 AM	Fellowship

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Rev. Karen Boda ..... Interim Pastor  
Pam Weinelt ..... Praise Team Coordinator  
Chase Petersen ..... Organist/Choir Director

Donna Garges ..... Media Coordinator  
Carrie Escamilla ..... Bookkeeper  
Alissa Wells ..... Office Coordinator  
Aaron Frink ..... Custodian

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