

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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—please silence your cell phones

∞ GATHERING ∞

PRELUDE

“Reflections on

Anna Kate Peed

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come””

-Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)

P Faithful God,

G you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **G Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW #434

*GREETING

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

∞ WORD ∞

INTRODUCTION

HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
THE JOURNEY BEGINS—ADVENT
SCRIPTURE READING FOR ADVENT:

ELW #257 vs. 1

Isaiah 40:1-11
Pew Bible, page 653

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

HYMN “In the Bleak Midwinter”
CHRISTMAS
SCRIPTURE READING FOR CHRISTMAS:

ELW #294 vs. 1

Luke 1:26-35
Pew Bible page 931

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

HYMN “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
EPIPHANY
SCRIPTURE READING FOR EPIPHANY:

ELW #308 vs. 1

Matthew 2:1-12
Pew Bible page 877

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
LENT
SCRIPTURE READING FOR LENT:

ELW #351 vs. 1

Isaiah 53:1-5, 9-11
Pew Bible page 670

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
EASTER
SCRIPTURE READING FOR EASTER:

ELW #365 vs. 1

Colossians 3:1-4
Pew Bible page 1073

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

HYMN “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”
PENTECOST
SCRIPTURE READING FOR PENTECOST:

ELW #582 vs. 1

John 20:19-22; Acts 2:1-4
Pew Bible page 989; 992

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

HYMN “Let All Things Now Living”
ORDINARY DAYS
SCRIPTURE READING FOR ORDINARY DAYS:

ELW #881 vs. 1

John 15:1-5, 9
Pew Bible page 983

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“God’s Time”

Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF DAY**

“O Christ What Can It Mean For Us?”

ELW #431

***NICENE CREED**

☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Assisting Minister will close 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

Please sign the “Who’s Who in the Pew” pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.

OFFERING ANTHEM

“Come Ye Thankful People Come”

Anna Kate Peed

-Fred Bock

***OFFERING HYMN**

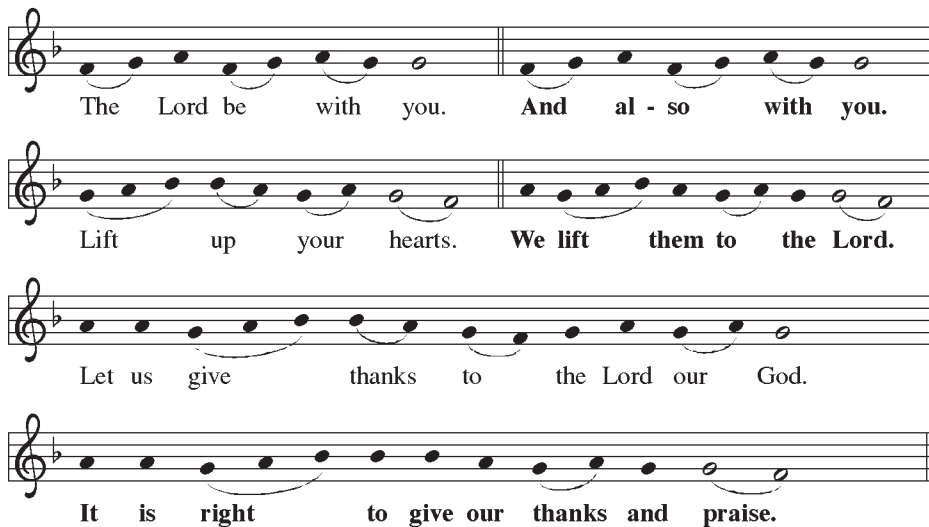
“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #181

*OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

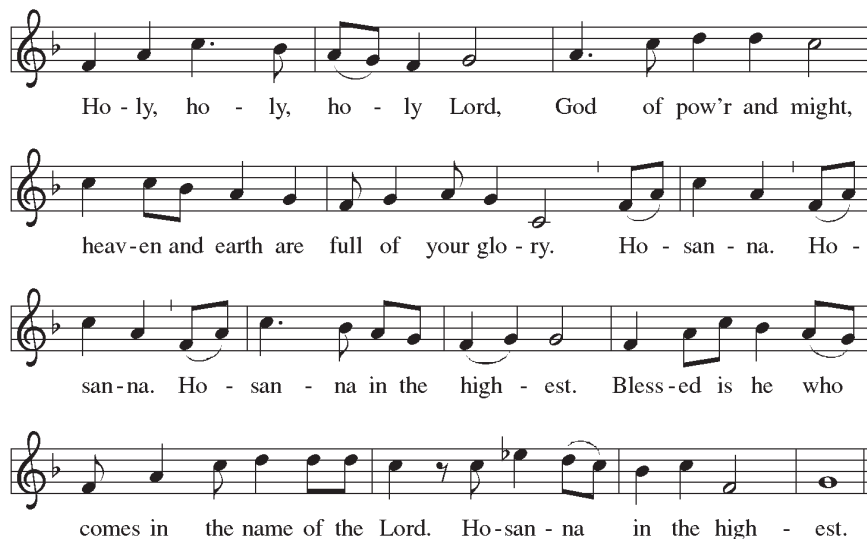
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

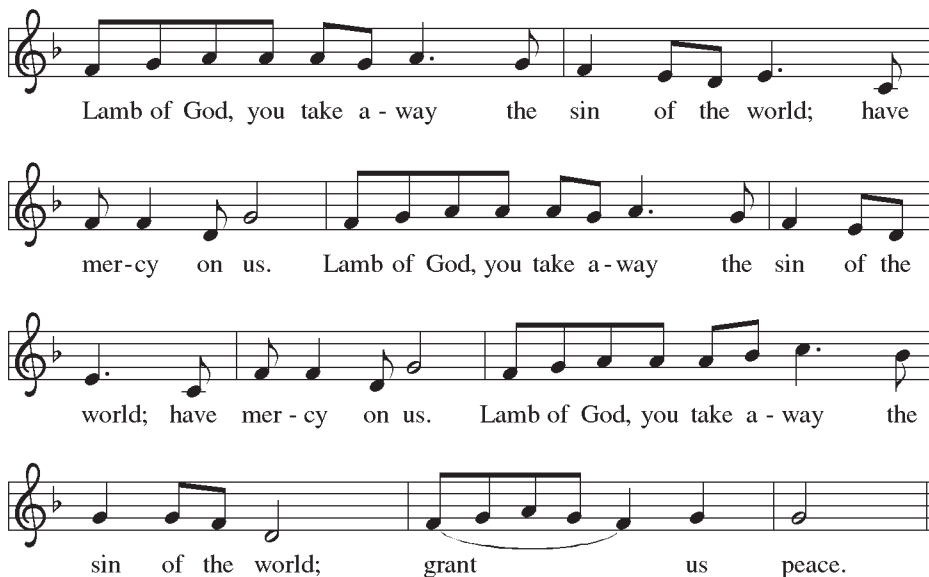
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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



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.

COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lord Christ, When You First Came to Earth”

ELW #727

“The Head That Was Once Crowned”

ELW #432

*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**

- A** Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **G Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

- P** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.
G Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

ELW #855

***DISMISSAL**

- A** Go in peace. Share the harvest.
G Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Anna Kate Peed

-Dale Wood

Join us for Advent Worship on Wednesdays

Noon and 7:30 pm



Luke's Gospel begins: "In the time of Herod..." This detail may seem minor, but it reveals the fearful world Jesus entered, one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty, and instability. And yet, throughout the stories of Christ's birth, the angels deliver a surprising message: "Do not fear." When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called into God's story, they do not deny their fears—they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news, and say, "Here I am, Lord."

Travel with us through Advent as we ask: is it possible to be fearless in a fearful world? Can we acknowledge our fears while also insisting on hope?

This sermon series will be based on Sanctified Art's Advent 2025 series, What do you fear?

Week 1, December 3

Text: Luke 1:5-13, Lamentations 3:55-57

Theme: We long for God to break in

Week 2, December 10

Text: Matthew 11:1-11, Isaiah 43:19-21

Theme: When we're running out of hope, God is at work

Week 3, December 17

Text: Luke 1:26-39, Jeremiah 1:4-10

Theme: Even in our fear, we are called forward

Credit: sanctifiedart.org, Sanctified Art, Advent 2025: What do you fear?

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