

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

10:45 AM Praise 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

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise Team

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.**

***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. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

INTRODUCTION

ADVENT SONG

"Even So Come"

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, and Jason Ingram © Publishing | Sixsteps Songs | Worship Together Music | Openhands Music | So Essential Tunes | Lily Makes Music | Remaining portion is unaffiliated

Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Verse 2

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come
God we wait You're coming soon
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

THE JOURNEY BEGINS ADVENT

SCRIPTURE READING FOR ADVENT:

At the conclusion of the reading:

📖 The word of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 40:1-11

Pew Bible, page 653

CHRISTMAS SONG

"Go Tell It On The Mountain (It's Christmas)"

Words and Music Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and John W. Work, Jr.; © 2015 Capitol CMG Paragon | S. D. G. Publishing | sixsteps Songs | Worship Together Music

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born *Repeat*

CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE READING FOR CHRISTMAS:

At the conclusion of the reading:

📖 The word of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:26-35

Pew Bible page 931

EPIPHANY SONG

"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"

Words and Music by Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash and Scott Cash; © 2020 Angie Feel Good Songs | Bay19 | Capitol CMG Genesis | Capitol CMG Paragon | Scott Cash Publishing Designee | We The Kingdom Music

Verse 1

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Chorus

Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

EPIPHANY

SCRIPTURE READING FOR EPIPHANY:

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible page 877

LENT SONG

"Beauty for Ashes"

Words and Music by Chris McClarney and Brenton Brown; © Thankyou Music

Verse

Love met me in the ruins
Of all my past mistakes
Love walked me to the river
Love broke apart these chains
Love spoke a new tomorrow
Opened my eyes to see
Love washed away this sadness
Love came and rescued me

Chorus

You turned my mourning into dancing
You turned my sorrow into praise,
Yeah
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes

Bridge

Oh (I) thank You God
I'm overwhelmed by Your incredible love
You make ev'rything new
Oh thank You God
For all You've done and yet to do
Oh You make ev'rything new

Final Chorus

You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes

LENT

SCRIPTURE READING FOR LENT:

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Isaiah 53:1-5, 9-11

Pew Bible page 670

EASTER SONG

"He Lives"

Words and Music by Anthony Skinner, Chris McClarney and Jonathan Smith; © Bethel Music Publishing SESAC | Thirsty Boots Music | Capitol CMG Genesis | Tiny Hits | Be Essential Songs | Cashagamble Jet Music

Verse 1

See the tomb where He laid
See the stone rolled away
He is risen He is risen He's alive
See His hands see His feet
Touch His scars and believe
He is risen He is risen He's alive
Oh He's alive

Final Chorus

He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus
He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus lives Jesus lives
He is risen He is risen
He's alive

EASTER

SCRIPTURE READING FOR EASTER:

Colossians 3:1-4

At the conclusion of the reading:

Pew Bible page 1073

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

PENTECOST SONG

"Holy Spirit"

Words and Music by Ken Canedo; © 1998, 2002 spiritandsong.com

Chorus

Holy Spirit come into our lives
Holy Spirit make us truly wise

Verse 1

Spirit of love and compassion
Give hope to all the poor
Spirit of justice and mercy
Come open ev'ry door *Chorus*

Verse 2

Spirit of strength and of healing
Bend stubborn heart and will
Spirit of trust and of caring
O melt us warm our chill *Chorus*

PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE READING FOR PENTECOST:

John 20:19-22; Acts 2:1-4

At the conclusion of the reading:

Pew Bible page 989; 992

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

ORDINARY DAYS SONG

"Build My Life"

Words and Music by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman and Pat Barrett; © 2016 Kaple Music | Capitol CMG Genesis | Housefires Sounds | Said And Done Music | sixsteps Music | Thankyou Music | Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs | Martin, Karl Andrew | Bethel Music Publishing

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who
You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

ORDINARY DAYS

SCRIPTURE READING FOR ORDINARY DAYS:

John 15:1-5, 9

At the conclusion of the reading:

Pew Bible page 983

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

CHRIST THE KING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MEDITATION

"God's Time"

Pastor Karen Boda

*SONG OF DAY

"King of Kings"

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood and Jason Ingram; © 2019 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia | Fellow Ships Music | So Essential Tunes

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus 1

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Final Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings
Praise forever to the King of kings

*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, "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.)

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.

✧ MEAL ✧

*OFFERING SONG

"King of Glory"

Praise Team

By Brett Younker, Matt Maher, Jason Ingram, Kristian Stanfill and Hank Bentley

*OFFERING PRAYER

Ⓐ 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.**

*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

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"Prepare the Way"

Words and Music by Bethany Wohrle, Chris Cleveland, Dante Bowe, Ethan Hulse and Justin Amundrud"; © 2019 Bethel Worship Publishing | Maverick City Publishing | Centricity Songs | Curb Songs | Be Essential Songs | Bethel Music Publishing

Verse 1

We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory
Spirit of God come do it again
Miracle-working power
Moving in signs and wonders
Spirit of God come do it again

Chorus

Prepare the way He's coming through
Ready or not our God's on the move
We're gonna see heaven on earth
Come Holy Spirit awaken Your church

Verse 2

God You're just getting started
A testimony of more to come

Spirit of God come do it in us
We join in the faith of heaven
And prophesy Your kingdom here on earth
Spirit of God come do it in us

Final Chorus

Prepare the way He's coming through
Ready or not our God's on the move
We're gonna see heaven on earth
Come Holy Spirit awaken Your church
We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory
Spirit of God come do it again

"Beautiful One"

Words and Music by Tim Hughes; © 2002 Thankyou Music

Verse 1

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are

Chorus 1

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Verse 2

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart
to sing

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Words and Music by Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard; Add'l Words and Music by Rita West Gernon © 2018 NOVUM PUBLISHING

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring

How marvelous how wonderful You are

Chorus 2

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Bridge

My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
Beautiful One
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
Beautiful One *Chorus 2*

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Bridge

You're our joy
You're our hope
Repeat

Ending

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace
G 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 SONG**

"Unto Your Name"

"Words and Music by Pat Barrett and Ben Smith; © 2013 Capitol CMG Genesis | Housefires Sounds | Bread & Wine Sounds

Verse

Mighty in battle (You're) perfect in love
Awesome in wonder faithful and just
Matchless in mercy wisdom and strength
You can be trusted in all of Your ways
We're singing out

Pre-Chorus

Oh You are holy
Oh King of glory
Oh all of Heaven and Earth cry out

***DISMISSAL**

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

***SENDING MUSIC**

Chorus

Oh unto Your name glory and honor
Unto Your name wisdom and power
Unto Your name all of the saints sing praise

Bridge

Your name is worthy of praise
Oh Your name is worthy of praise
(To Chorus)

PRAISE TEAM

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

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