

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 7, 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*

Please silence your cell phones-This service is streamed live on Facebook and will be posted to YouTube.

\*You are invited to stand

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## ✧ GATHERING ✧

**PRELUDE**

**“God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman”**

**Anna Kate Peed**

*-Unkown*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)*

**P** Long-expected God,

**C we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

**P** God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness. † You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

**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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming, nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND BLESSING

- L** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation. **G Amen.**

## ADVENT SONG      "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"      ELW #240 vs 2

### ✧ WORD ✧

#### FIRST READING

- L** A reading from Isaiah.

*At conclusion of reading*

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

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

*Pew Bible, Page 627*

#### PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *(please read responsively)*

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| <p><b>A</b> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.</p> <p><b>G</b> <b>May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.</p> <p><b>G</b> <b>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.</p> | <p><b>G</b> <b>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.</p> <p><b>G</b> <b>Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.</p> |
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#### SECOND READING

- L** A reading from Romans.

*At conclusion of reading*

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

**Romans 15:4-13**

*Pew Bible, Page 1035*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

- The holy gospel according to Matthew.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**
- The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Matthew 3:1-12**  
*Pew Bible, Page 878*

SERMON “Before It’s Too Late” Pastor Karen Boda

\*HYMN OF DAY “Comfort, Comfort, Now My People” ELW #256

\*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, “God of grace,” worshippers will respond with the words, “hear 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

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

**"What Child Is This?"**

-Arthur Ephross and Janann Stark

**Alan Boda, Violin**  
**Lily Champion, Flute**

## \*OFFERING HYMN

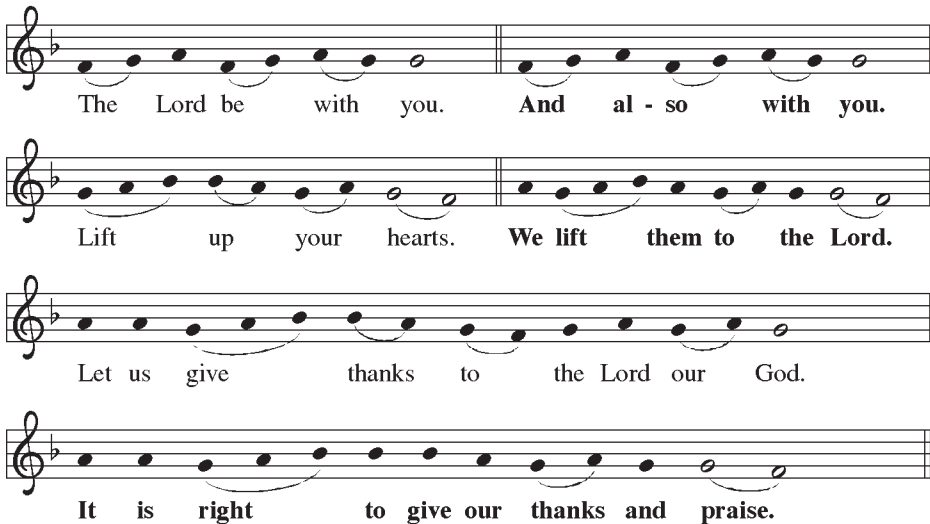
**"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

**ELW #181**

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **G 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

“All Earth is Hopeful”

ELW #266

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

ELW #488

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray. God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## ✧ SENDING ✧

### \*BLESSING

**P** May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

**C** Amen.

### \*SENDING HYMN

“The King Shall Come ”

ELW #260

### \*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Keep Awake.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*POSTLUDE

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Anna Kate Peed

*-Fred Bock*

# Join us for Advent Worship on Wednesdays

## Noon and 7:30 pm



**L**uke'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 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?

## Christmas Worship

**DEC 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH  
CANDLE LIGHTING & COMMUNION

**4 PM & 9 PM**

PRASIE WORSHIP WITH  
CANDLE LIGHTING & COMMUNION

**7 PM**

**DEC 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

LESSONS & CAROLS

**10 AM**



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## WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

8:30 AM Traditional Worship | 10:45 AM Praise Worship  
Facebook Live at [facebook.com/gslcwoodstock](https://facebook.com/gslcwoodstock)

9:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Studies (Through Dec. 21 for adult classes;  
Last day for youth classes is Dec. 7 All classes resume January 4, 2026)

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