

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026

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

“Ye Holy Angels Bright”

Anna Kate Peed

-John Darwall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **A** Amen.

P Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)

P Reconciling God,

A we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace.

We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news.

Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.
Amen.

P God’s grace upon grace flows over you. † Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

A Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

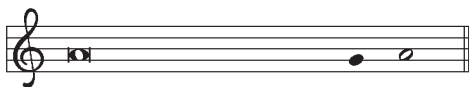
“O Word of God Incarnate”

ELW #514

***GREETING**

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

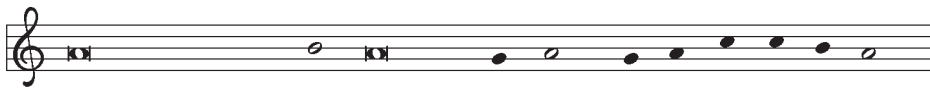
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



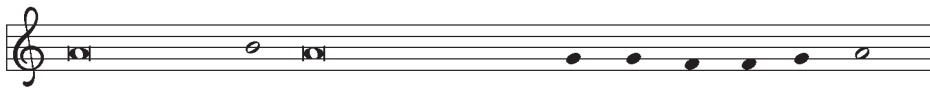
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, 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 ∞

FIRST READING

- L** A reading from Isaiah.

At conclusion of reading

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, Page 676

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14 *(please read responsively)*

- A** Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- G Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.**
- A** May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.
- G May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.**
- A** May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- G May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**
- A** May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- G In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**
- A** May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- G May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.**
- A** For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
- G He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.**
- A** From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

SECOND READING

- L** A reading from Ephesians.

At conclusion of reading

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

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible, Page 1065

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.

*GOSPEL READING

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 2:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

Pew Bible, Page 877

At conclusion of reading

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

SERMON

“Lessons From the Magi”

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF DAY

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

ELW #510

*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**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** 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

"All Through the Night"

Anna Kate Peed

-Stephen Burtonwood

***OFFERING HYMN**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #185

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray. God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

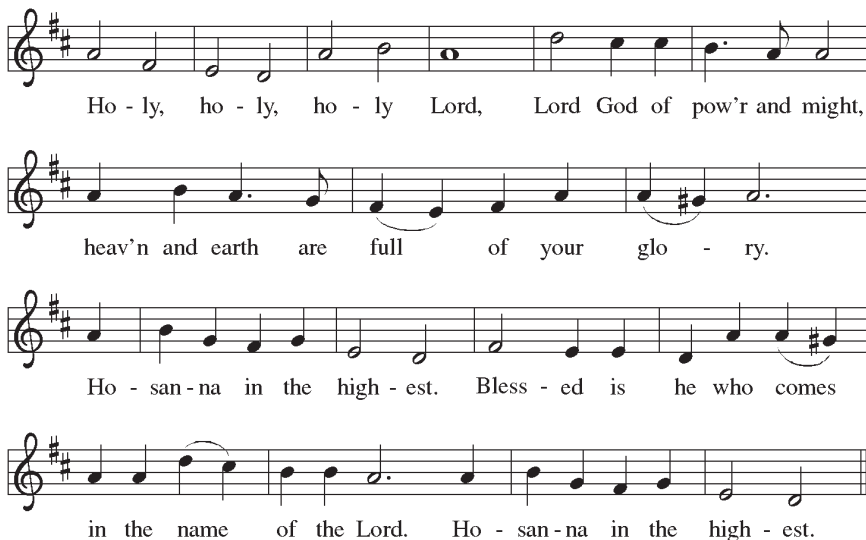
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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**

***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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

ELW #737

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW #294

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

A Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **A** Amen.

∞ SENDING ∞

***BLESSING**

P The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, †bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

***DISMISSAL**

A Glory to God in the highest!

C **And peace to God’s people on earth!**

A Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Greet the Rising Sun”

Anna Kate Peed

-Jacob B. Weber

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