



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am

Education Hour: Sunday @ 10:30am

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We, the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, believing the Bible to be God's inspired and inerrant Word, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord, and affirming that we are saved by Grace through faith in Him alone, offer the following as our statement of mission:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we, as ambassadors for Christ, must strive to make disciples of all nations; Using the gifts the Lord has given to each of us, we must help the saints to grow in unity of faith through regular worship attendance, the partaking of the Sacraments, the study of God's Word, and by ministering to the spiritual needs of others; we will persevere in prayer and thanksgiving for all the opportunities and blessings which God places before us.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent (Rorate Coeli)
December 19, 2021**

Opening Versicles (Advent)

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.**

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

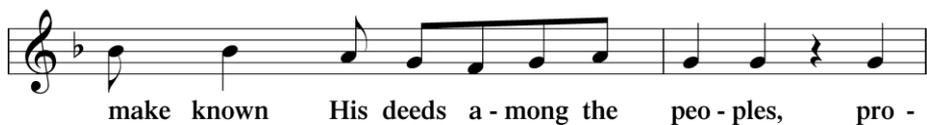
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

C *Refrain*

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Children's Message

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading: **Deuteronomy 18:15-19**

Psalm 111 (antiphon vs. 9)

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

**⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

Epistle: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Holy Gospel: **John 1:19-28 or Luke 1:39-56**

Responsory (Advent)

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

As The Head Of The Family Should Teach It In A Simple Way To His Household

Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." Titus 3:5-8

Sermon

Prayer

LSB 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
 sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.
Refrain
 Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Song: **“Jesus Messiah”** **GSLC 59**

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Pastor, what other prayers may be used?

1. The Suffrages or the Litany.

What are the Suffrages?

The name is derived from the Latin, *suffragium*, meaning, assent. The Suffrages were probably so called, because in them the people assent by responding to the petitions which are offered. They are the prayers of certain Hours as appointed in the Breviary, as the book was called, which contained the daily Services of the Church. The prayers for Lauds and Vespers were combined and arranged into the general suffrages. The Morning suffrages are the prayers for Prime; the evening Suffrages, those for Compline. The Morning and evening Suffrages are especially well adapted for family worship. The General Suffrages are for use at Matins and Vespers in the same manner as the Litany.

An Explanation of the Service Proper: The Office of the Word, The Service: Matins and Vespers— 233-234.

**Those serving the Lord today and
next week December 19th & 26th**

12/19

Music: Beth Steuck

Elder: Scott Peterson

Acolyte: Carter Manthei

Ushers: Jason & Jayden Manthei

Counters: Randy Thordson

Servers: N/A

12/22 Midweek Service

Music: Beth Steuck

Acolyte: Jaxen Stauffer

Servers: N/A

12/24 Christmas Eve Service

Music: Beth Steuck

Acolyte: Alex Sturrock

12/25

Music: Beth Steuck

Elder: Dan Radel

Acolyte: Ian Brockberg

Ushers: Open

12/26

Music: Beth Steuck

Elder: John Gunter

Acolyte: Grant Ling

Ushers: Jason & Jayden Manthei

Counters: Kathy Dahl

Servers: N/A

**This Week at Good Shepherd
12/19th – 12/26th**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9am – Service of Prayer and Preaching &
PRAISE BAND

10:30am – Education Hour

4:30pm – Christmas Program

Monday

Tuesday

7pm AA Meeting

Wednesday

7am – Men's Bible Study @ McDonald's

5:30pm – Confirmation

5:30 pm – Hand Chimes

5:45 pm – Midweek Meal

7pm – Advent Service

Thursday

Pastor's Day Off

Gerri will be in Office

Friday

7pm Christmas Eve Service

Saturday

9am Christmas Day Divine Service

Sunday

9am – Divine Service III

10:30am – Education Hour

Sunday, December 12th, 2021

Attendance: 96

Communicants: 75

In the second place, what ought to impel and arouse us to pray all the more is the fact that God has made and affirmed a promise; that what we pray is a certain and sure thing. As he says in Psalm 50 (:15), "Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you," ...and Christ says in the Gospel in Matthew 7:7-8), "Ask, and it will be given you," etc.... "For everyone who asks receives." Such promises certainly ought to awaken and kindle in our hearts a longing and love for prayer. For by his Word, God testifies that our prayer is heartily pleasing to him and will assuredly be heard and granted, so that we may not despise it, cast it to the winds or pray uncertainly.

The Book of Concord – The Lord's Prayer, 19-20

The Congregation at Prayer

How to use this bulletin for daily prayer all week long.

Reading God's Word and offering up our prayers to God should be part of our daily routine. Below is an outline for a simple daily devotion.

Also included is a portion of the Small Catechism for the week and the prayers of our parish.

Invocation: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Introit: **Bulletin Insert**

Learn by Heart Bible: **Psalm 128:1-2; James 3:5**

Catechism: **The Lord's Prayer: The Sixth Petition**

Daily Readings:

Sunday: **Is. 40:1-17; Rev. 7:1-17**

Monday: **Is. 40:18-41:10; Rev. 8:1-13**

Tuesday: **Is. 42:1-25; Rev. 9:1-12**

Wednesday: **Is. 43:1-24; Rev. 9:13-10:11**

Thursday: **Is. 43:25-44:20; Rev. 11:1-19**

Friday: **Is. 44:21-45:13, 20-25; Dan. 10:1-12:13; Is. 48:1-22; Rev. 12:1-17**

Saturday: **Is. 49:1-18; Matt. 1:1-17**

Readings for next Sunday: **2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:21, 51-60;**

Matthew 23:34-39

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- **Birthdays:** Clark Davis 12/24
- **Sickness/illness/Recovery:** Luis Rubio, son-in-law of Dick & Barb Werner; Anita Johnson, sister of Kathy Brockberg; Marge Meffert, sister of Bob Meffert; Carolyn Bayerkohler; Carol Nienkirk; Joanne Christoffer; Diane, Aunt of Lisa Haen; Jon Gullickson; Lorraine Gullickson; David Sturrock; Floyd Brecheisen, brother of Gay Brockberg; Shirlene Schwab; Ruth Timm; Jon Gerken; Bob Meffert; Jean Peirce; Esther Schrunk; Karen Geske; Hester, sister of David Sturrock; Tobias Haugen, grandson of Mavis Ochsendorf; Del Determan, friend of the Pratts; Larry Pratt; Joshua Grau, godson of Bob Meffert; Bonnie, mother of Lisa Haen
- **Family of:** Fern Norgaard, grandmother of Kelli Radel

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

#333 "Once He Came In Blessing"

COLLECT (**Bulletin Insert**)

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LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING: **The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.**

Announcements

****The Christmas Program will be today December 19th at 4:30 pm.****

Spiritual Discipline for December: Daily read one chapter from the Bible. If you are looking to work through an entire book, read through Proverbs.

Join us on Wednesday night @7 for Evening Prayer as we consider God's love for His people according to the book of Malachi.

This week's Advent meal will be a potluck. Please join us and bring something as able.

Good Shepherd is providing members an opportunity to contribute funds to LCMS Disaster Relief for victims of tornadoes and disasters. An offering plate will be placed in the narthex for 3 weeks. Make checks to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and indicate that the money is for disaster relief. Thank you for your response.

LWML MN South District Grant - MN South District Student Aid Scholarships - \$30,000 - The MN South District offers scholarships to LCMS students studying at one of the Concordia University System universities or seminaries to become professional church workers. The training and equipping of men and women for full-time professional ministry in the Church is imperative to carrying out Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. The training that mission workers receive in the Concordia University System helps them devote themselves to serving the people of the world post-graduation. This grant would continue to provide aid to current and future mission workers confronted with rapidly rising tuition costs. To contribute to this grant, please put your donation in the LWML mites box in the narthex.

Ushers Needed - looking for ushers to do 2 weeks at a time, please contact Kerry Kerr.

New Reading Material Available – New Kids' December Devotionals!! Check out the table today in the Narthex.

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If you missed being here last Sunday and would like a bulletin, they are available in the foyer on the free materials table.