



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Worship Schedule: 9:00am

Education Hour: 10:30am

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:00-11:00am

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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 20, 2020

The Greeting of Peace

Opening Song: **How Deep the Father's Love For Us** **GSLC 45**

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.**

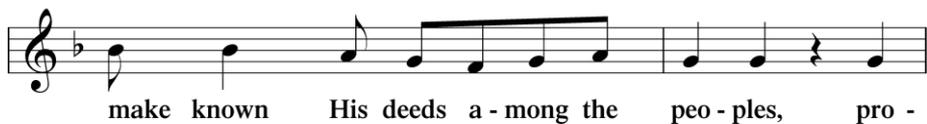
Old Testament Canticle

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



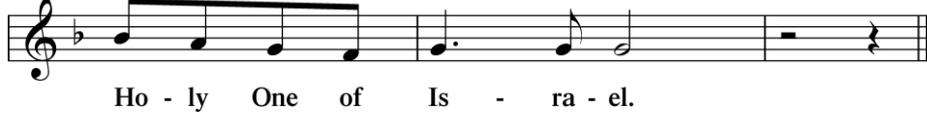
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



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**

Psalms 111 (antiphon v. 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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Epistle: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Holy Gospel: **John 1:19-28**

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 the Altar

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

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking

These words. "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357

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 reasonable 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 Canticale

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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Let this be the summary of this article, that the little word “Lord” simply means the same as Redeemer, that is, he who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and keeps us there. The remaining parts of this article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished – that is, how much it cost Christ and what he paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under his dominion. That is to say, he became a human creature, conceived and born without sin, of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, so that he might become Lord over sin: moreover, he suffered, died, and was buried so that he might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owed, not with silver and gold but with his own precious blood. And he did all this so that he might become my Lord. For he did none of these things for himself, nor had he any need of them. Afterward he rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father. The devil and all his powers must be subject to him and lie beneath his feet until finally, at the Last Day, he will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc.

But the proper place to explain all these different points is not in the brief children’s sermon, but rather the longer sermons throughout the whole year, especially at the times appointed for dealing at length with such articles as Christ’s birth, passion, resurrection, ascension, etc. Indeed, the entire gospel that we preach depends on the proper understanding of this article. Upon it all our salvation and blessedness are based, and it is so rich and broad that we can never learn it fully.

**Those Serving the Lord today and
next week December 19/20 & 26/27**

12/19:

Elder: Dan Radel

12/20:

Music: Beth Steuck

Elder: Scott Peterson

12/25:

Elder: John Gunter

12/26:

Music: Beth Steuck

Elder: Scott Peterson

This Week at Good Shepherd

12/19 – 12/27

Saturday

5:30pm – Service of Prayer and Preaching

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9am – Service of Prayer and Preaching
15 Minutes After Service – Education Hour

Wednesday

Thursday

6:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Friday

9:00am Christmas Day Service

Saturday

5:30pm – Divine Service III

First Sunday After Christmas

9am – Divine Service III
15 Minutes After Service – Education Hour

Attendance for Dec. 12/13, 2020

Saturday Worship Service: 23

Sunday Worship Service: 56

Sunday School: N/A

Wednesday Advent Service: 49

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full

Of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name

Of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor, what are its divisions and whence derived?

It consists of two verses, of which –

The *first* is from Isaiah the prophet, who heard it sung by the Seraphim before the throne of God.

Read Isaiah 6:2,3.

The *second* was sung by the multitudes which went with Christ on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). The same words are in the hymn (Psalm 118) which our Saviour is supposed to have chanted with the disciples at the institution of the Holy Supper.

The *first* is heaven's hymn of praise. The *second* is earth's hymn of praise. Thus is fulfilled, "Heaven and earth are full of thy glory."

Each verse closes with *Hosanna in the highest*.

An Explanation of the Service Proper: The Office of the Word, The Service: The Holy Supper – The Sanctus, 141

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 Verses: **Psalm 51:6; Ephesians 4:29**

Catechism: **The Sacrament of the Altar: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?**

Daily Readings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: **Is. 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matt. 1:18-25**

Readings for next Sunday: **Isaiah 11:1-5 or 2 Samuel 7:1-16;**

Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 2:22-40

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- **Sickness/Illness/Recovery:** Diane, aunt of Lisa Haen; Sarah Nelson; Lorraine Gullickson; Caitlyn Ramey; Orla Timm; David Sturrock; Floyd Brecheisen, brother of Gay Brockberg; Shirlene Schwab; Carol Nienkirk; Ruth Timm; Jon Gerken; Bob Meffert; Jean Peirce; Esther Schrunk; Karen Geske; Phyllis, sister-in-law of Bob Meffert; Hester, sister of David Sturrock; Tobias Haugen, grandson of Mavis Ochsendorf; Del Determan, friend of the Pratts; Larry Pratt; Michael White, the husband of Mary Meffert's niece; Joshua Grau, godson of Bob Meffert; Bonnie, mother of Lisa Haen
- **Military:** Zach Hendrickson
- **With Child:** Sarah Bartz; Sarah Stefanic

HYMN OF THE MONTH: **"Once He Came In Blessing"** **LBS #333**

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

Advent Devotionals may be picked up on the resource table.

Today is the last day to submit a video to Sheila Tabaka for this year's Christmas program.

Marshall Food4Kids has some more volunteer opportunities in January if you wanted to share them with your congregants. You can reserve a slot here:

<https://volunteer.marshallfood4kids.org/>

As of Dec. 14, the following dates have open slots from 6:30pm-7:30pm:

Tuesday, Jan. 5 Wednesday, Jan. 13 Tuesday, Jan. 26

REMINDER...We will not be resuming Sunday School until after the new year

a. Winter Quarter lessons has been placed in your mailbox, for each child with their name on their packet. Please spend some time on these lessons. We are in our second unit of the Old Testament Bible stories. Many of these stories will be familiar to you and you may really enjoy revisiting them with your child.

b. Also, I will set out the ARCH books in the Fellowship Hall, with a sign out sheet. Feel free to grab one or 5 to read over the next month with your child. Bring 'em back and grab more as you like. These are a great supplement to lessons or just fun to read.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT-Our Mission Project for the 2020-2021 Sunday School year is the Marshall Kitchen Table Food Shelf. Please bring your non-perishable food items and unused, sealed toiletries to church and set in the shopping cart. We will be collecting items throughout the school year. If you would like us to pick up your items, please contact Sheila.tabaka@smsu.edu and we will stop by when it's convenient for you. Thank you!

The Youth Group is selling HyVee gift cards. Please contact Cory Brockman if you would like to purchase a card and we can have those prepared and ready for either service on Saturday evening or on Sunday morning. Thank you for supporting the Youth!!

TALK RADIO & PODCASTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Here are some of the topics for the next two weeks: The Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," Christ's Birth Foretold in Micah, Early Church Fathers on the Birth of Christ, The Christmas Hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," Holiday Depression, The New Year Hymn "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year," The Top Religion Stories of 2020 and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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