

SUNDAY/**PRAISE**

*A Community Worship Gathering
Sunday, December 12, 2021—11:00 AM
Third Sunday of Advent*



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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Building up God's people, through His word, for His world.

We especially welcome our guests who are worshiping here today. What a privilege to greet you! If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to participate in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation and to indicate your presence among us, please fill out a Welcome Card. Also, visit our website at www.gslcva.org.

Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church. Holy Communion is celebrated in all indoor services on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday/PRAISE, an informal worship service featuring contemporary music, is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and communion is celebrated on fourth Sundays. Holy Communion is part of every outdoor worship service, each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

To the members of our church: The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our young ones and give their parents an encouraging smile or a helping hand.

To the parents of young ones, here are few suggestions for worshiping with your children: Relax! God put the wiggles and giggles in kids; don't feel like you have to suppress it in His house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor, ushers, communion assistants, etc. Sing the hymns and songs, pray, and voice the responses out loud. Children learn worshipful behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the worship service with your child or stand up and walk around the back of the room, feel free to do so, but please come back and be reminded of what Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." And finally, if you so choose...

We have a staffed nursery for children (infants through age four), as well as a parents' room next to the nursery, where parents can stay with their young ones who may need a break from the service. This room is also a comfortable and private place where mothers may nurse their babies. Parents may drop off their children in the nursery for all or part of the service after signing in with our nursery attendant.

We offer Sunday School and a variety of Bible studies and spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. An Adult Education class will meet in the Fellowship Hall; children and youth meet in designated areas on the lower level of the church.

Flowers on the visitor center table in the church entry area are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under "Flower sponsorships."

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GATHERING SONG: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

***Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel***

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

(Instrumental verse)

Chorus

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Chorus

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: King of Kings

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory

Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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

Chorus

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

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old

Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

"King of Kings"

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

[We confess together] Holy Lord, we confess that we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. Forgive us, O God, for being sinful, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM GOD'S WORD: Isaiah 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

³**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

READING FROM GOD'S WORD: Luke 3:7-18

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

KIDS' MESSAGE: The Joy of Christmas

Pastor James

RESPONSE SONG: Receive our King

Light my heart like a candle
Let it burn for only You
Join my song with the angels
Tell ev'ryone the news

That You came as a child
Beside us in our struggle
Now we come lifting high
The Name that's like no other

***Jesus, Wonderful Counselor
Prince of Peace
Son of God, here with us
We receive our King***

Turn my eyes to the wonder
Let me see You as You are
Be my life, be my center
In my night, be the brightest star

For You came as a child
Beside us in our struggle
Now we come lifting high
The Name that's like no other

Chorus

*Prepare Him room
Let the light of the world shine through (4x)*

Chorus (2x)

Light my heart like a candle
Let it burn for only You

"Receive Our King"
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MESSAGE: Mission from the Wilderness

Pastor James

OFFERINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

(Please take this opportunity to fill out the Welcome Card)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The people respond after "Lord, hear our prayer" by singing:

Band: You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father
You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father

People: ***Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy***

The 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.

BLESSING & SENDING

SENDING SONG: Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

***Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope***

(Repeat)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

Chorus (2x)

***Jesus Christ, my living hope
O God, You are my living hope***

"Living Hope"

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

WORSHIP LEADER	Pastor Jotham Johann
PREACHER	Pastor Gary James
USHERS	Jim Micsan Goodwyn Morgan
GREETER	Kelly Nield
GUEST WELCOME	Jeannie Johns
PRAISE TEAM	Lisa Barker (Violin) Maryanne Perkel (Cello) Scott Dyer (Guitar) Julian Berkowitz (Drums) Kathy Otterbacher (Vocals) Dan Lamaestra (Leader; Piano, Vocals) Steve Mutter (Bass)
A/V SUPPORT	Jeff Donahue
LIVESTREAM MANAGER	Matt Hardy
AUDIO ENGINEER	Scott Shepherd
KITCHEN HELPERS	Goodwyn Morgan

Would you like to be a part of the SUNDAY/PRAISE community and serve in our worship gatherings?

Greeters, ushers, singers, musicians, AV support, and others are needed. If you are interested, please contact us!
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About Good Shepherd...

Our Vision

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

Worship

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

Serve

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Look at our Community Service Opportunities & Events listing to find a way to serve.

Grow

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge and understanding, we also want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

Connect

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows. We build strong ties when we gather for worship as well as for events throughout the week. Look inside for many opportunities for connection.

For more information...

Visit us online at gslcva.org to discover more about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. There you can view our complete calendar of events and opportunities; find out about our various ministries and programs; set up and manage your online giving; learn about Good Shepherd Preschool; and more!

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