

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ



December 14, 2025, A Service of Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday in Advent, Year A – 10:30am

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you today. Everything you need for the service is here in these pages and in the bible found in the pews. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at the ushers table or call the parish office (607-723-8032). At Good Shepherd you will find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

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Prelude

"Vision"

J. Rheinberger

The Processional

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people remain standing

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~Matthew 11:28

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy u - pon _____ us.



Christ, have mer - cy u - pon _____ us. Lord, have mer - cy,



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy u - pon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 595, LP pg. 707

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

1. Praise the LORD,
2. *Indeed, as long as I*
3. Put not your trust in princes, nor in any
4. *For when one breathes his last, he shall return again*
5. Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob

O my soul; *
have my being; *
child of man; *
to the earth; *
for his help *

1. while I
2. *I will sing*
3. for
4. *and in that day*
5. and whose hope is

live • I will
prais - es
there is no
all his
in the

praise the LORD
unto my God
help in them
thoughts — perish
LORD his God;

6. Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that | is there|in; *
who | keeps his | promise for | ever;
7. Who does right to those who | suf-fer | wrong; *
and | who__ | feeds the | hungry.
8. The LORD sets | prisoners | free; *
the | LORD gives | sight to the | blind.
9. The LORD helps | those who have | fallen; *
the | LORD__ | loves the | righteous.
10. The LORD cares for the strangers in the land;
he defends the | fatherless and | widow; *
but the way of the un|godly | he makes | crooked.
11. The LORD shall be | King for | evermore, *
even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
| Praise__ | the__ | LORD

The Second Lesson

James 5:7-20

Pew Bible pg. 1013, LP pg. 1202

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

Wait for the Lord

The people stand and sing, facing the procession

The musical score is written for a soprano voice and a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef, the same key signature and time signature, and provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 11:2-19

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Matthew Kennedy

The Nicene Creed

The people stand if able

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially President Trump, Governor Hochul, and Mayor Kraham that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to Stephen, Julian and Mark, our Bishops, to Matt, Jonathan, Warren, Roy, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, to Bob at St. Andrews, to Ife at Holy Trinity, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese.

In the ACNA: We pray for the Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean: for The Most Rev. Gilbert Ratelosoan Rakotondravelo, Archbishop.

In the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word: We pray for Glory of God Anglican Church | Cocoa, Florida, The Rev. Paul Young, for Volunteers in ADLW Churches, and for The Rev. Canon Henry Jansma

Reader Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission. Bless, we pray, the teachers and children of the Kuwinda Preschool.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. We pray especially for Christians in the Philippines, Mali, and Nigeria.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially those you might name now.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, praying that you will grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Your own additional prayers and thanksgivings are invited.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people:

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty,
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

~1 Timothy 1:15

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Offertory

They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

~Deuteronomy 16:16-17

If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. An offering plate will be passed and you are welcome to give your offering there. There is also an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a [PayPal](#) account. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.

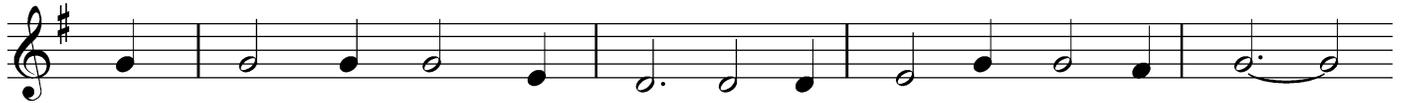
Offertory

Prepare the Way, O Zion

The people remain sitting



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is just and right so to do.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

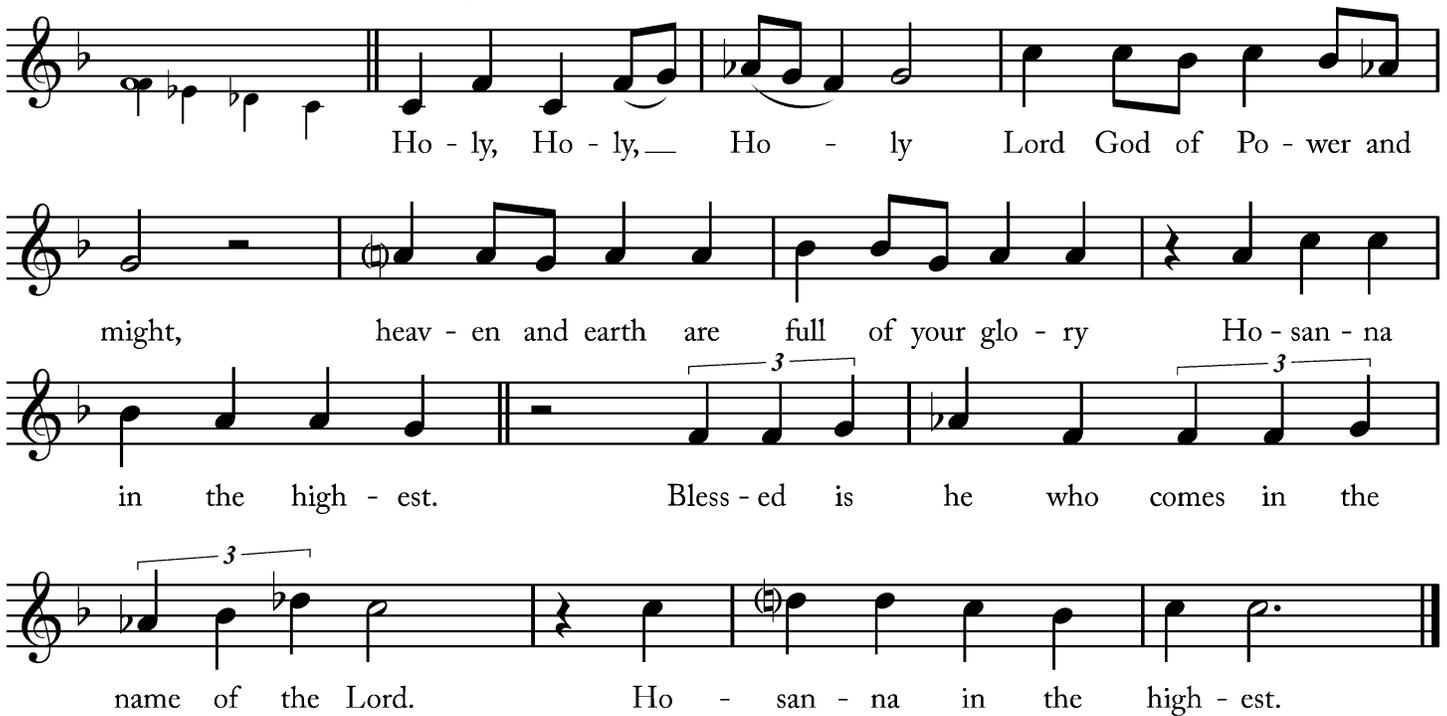
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The people remain standing and sing



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord God of Po - wer and
might, heav - en 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.

The Prayer of Consecration

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People together

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling, and say

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 Fraction

The people remain kneeling and say

Celebrant Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

We do not presume to come to this your Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table.
But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are unable to take communion for any reason, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a

wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come forward.

The Invitation

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Come Light Our Hearts

The people remain sitting or kneeling

CHORUS

For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. For

You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. Tru - ly our hope is in You,

3rd time to Coda ⊕

VERSE

tru - ly our hope is in You. 1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance
2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in You we

shines on all who look to You in the dark. Em - man - u - el
find more than e - nough. We come as we are; O heal and re -

D.C. al Coda

come, come light our hearts. For
-store, come light our hearts.

⊕ Coda

You.

Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

VERSE



1. Hark! A thrill-ling voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 2. Start - led at the so - lemn warn-ing, Let the earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 3. So, when next he comes in glo - ry And the world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us

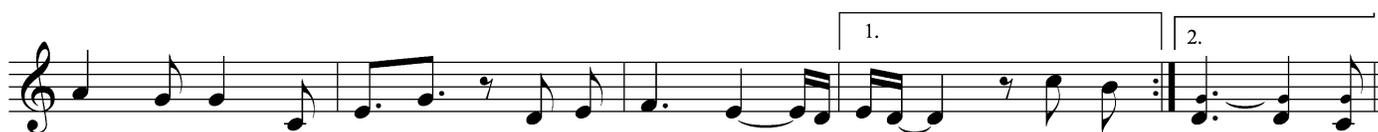


works of dark - ness, All you child - ren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing _____ skies.
 with his mer - cy And with words of love draw _____ near. _

CHORUS



See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, See the e - ver - last - ing light _____ Full of



grace the Lord is with us We will hope in _____ Him _____ See the Him _____ to

INT. & END



night (Ooo) _____

END



Ho - nor, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion _____ To the Fa - ther and the Son _____ With the e - ver -



liv - ing Spi - rit _____ While e - ter - nal a - ges run! While e - ter - nal a - ges run! _____ *to int.*

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recession

Come, Thou, Redeemer of the Earth

The people stand if able and face the recession

1 Come. Thou, Re - deem - er of the earth, And ma - ni -
2 Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the
3 Forth from that cham - ber go - eth he, That ro - yal
4 From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, To God the
5 O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy

fest thy vir - gin birth. Let ev' - ry age a - dor - ing
Spi - rit, thou art still The Word of God, in flesh ar -
home of pu - ri - ty, A giant in two - fold sub - stance
Fa - ther back he speeds. Runs out his course to death and
flesh - ly man - tle now; The weak - ness of our mor - tal

fall, Such birth be - fits the God of all.
rayed, The Sa - vior, now, to man, dis - played.
one, Re - joi - cing now his course to run.
hell, Re - turns on God's high throne to dwell.
state With death - less might in - vi - gor - ate.

Verse 6

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness glow with newborn light,
No more shall night extinguish day,
Where love's bright beams their power display.

Verse 7

O Jesus, virgin born, to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit ever more

The Dismissal

The people stand if able

Celebrant Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Thou of God the Father

J.S Bach

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Weekly Update, December 14, 2025

Ongoing Ministries

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:05 am in the Parish Hall to walk through the bible, verse by verse. It meets in person and is available online by livestream.

Shepherd's Bowl Good Shepherd offers a dinner to the church and wider community on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30. This is a great time to get to know others and enjoy a free and delicious meal.

Thursday Evening Bible Study This study meets in the sacristy at 6:15.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study meets at 6:30am for breakfast, study, and prayer. If you are interested, please email or text Matt or Jonathan, or contact the church office.

Women's Bible Study

This study meets in the parish hall at 5:15 on Wednesday evenings.

Good Shepherd Food Pantry

Having a bit of a hard time making ends meet? The Good Shepherd Food Pantry is for church members stocked by food provided by the congregation. If you could use some help, please feel free to pop into the food pantry (just off the kitchen). We also have a small basket in the freezer that might have a few items as well.

Everyone's generous donations are appreciated! Even a can or two can help.

Holy Group Squad (Young Adult Ministry)

Post high-school aged people meet together Sunday evenings (6pm) in the Sacristy for book studies and conversation.

Good Shepherd Youth Group meets Sundays at 6pm in the choir loft and is studying the book of Genesis. This is an engaging context for kids to grow in

- 1) Knowledge of scripture and doctrine
- 2) Faithfulness to Christ
- 3) Service to others

Christian Education for Everyone

Nursery care for babies is organized by parents during Christian Education. For more information, talk with Anna or stop in at the nursery.

Children are invited into specially prepared Montessori-style rooms where they pray, worship, learn from scripture, engage with liturgy, and become gradually oriented toward a full life in the church.

Younger teens cover a range of topics—the Bible, liturgy, church history, apologetics, the 39 Articles—in a three-year cycle. This is a discussion-style class that prepares them for confirmation.

Adults and older teens discuss and study topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

Morning Prayer meets online by Zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available at www.dailyoffice2019.com. Join the parish email list and find the zoom link in the weekly update. Hope to see you there!

Home Groups meet weekly around the Binghamton area. They study the readings for the Sunday coming up, pray, and build relationships. Check in with Jonathan Groves or Joe Kovac to get connected.

Week at a Glance Schedule, December 14, 2025 – December 21, 2025

Sunday	
8:00am	Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am	Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)
10:30am	Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available) Nursery Available (0-3) Children's Chapel (3-8 during the sermon)
12:30pm	Lunch (parish hall)
2-4:30pm	Ladies Christmas Tea <i>Manwaring Home</i>
4:30pm	Choir Practice
6:00pm	Holy Group Squad

Monday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
7:00pm	Evening Prayer

Tuesday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
9:05am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:00pm	Riverside Home Group
7:00pm	Zoom Home Group Evening Prayer

Wednesday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
6:30pm	Choir Practice
5:15pm	Women's Bible Study
7:00pm	Evening Prayer

Thursday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
5:30pm	Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
6:00pm	Endwell Home Group
6:15pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study
7:00pm	Evening Prayer

Friday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
6:30am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Saturday	
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Home Groups exist to glorify God and build up the church through weekly gatherings where members of Good Shepherd and non-members alike may come to grow in fellowship and discipleship around God's word.

Current locations and times of groups:

1) Riverside Group
Time: Tuesdays, 6:00pm
Host: Anna Dreher
Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

2) Endwell Group
Time: Thursdays 6:00pm
Host: Andrea Kovac
Location: 813 Biscayne Terrace, Endwell, NY 13760

3) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.
Time: Tuesdays, 7:00pm
Host: Scott Pineau

What's Happening at Good Shepherd

2025 Christmas Cookie Competition! The Winners of the 2025 Cookie Competition were all from the Manwaring Family!

1st place – Kariah Manwaring, Cinnamon Roll Crunch Cookie

2nd place – The Manwaring children, Classic Christmas Sugar Cookies

Thank you to the contestants, and the judges that had the tough job of choosing the winner!

Brio Concert *"Joy Has Come to Us!"* Free Christmas Concert with Brio Vocal Ensemble and Friends on December 21! Join Brio Vocal Ensemble for a free Christmas concert celebrating the birth of our Savior! The concert features choral selections, as well as music from organ, harp, flute and recorder. The program also includes congregational carols so everyone can join in the singing! The concert takes place Sunday, December 21, at 3 p.m. at Endwell United Methodist Church, 3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell. No tickets necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at intermission. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Tea Mark your calendars! The Women's Christmas Tea will be held this afternoon, Sunday Dec 14th, from 2-4:30pm at the Manwaring's home. Women of all ages from the church are invited. Please plan on bringing a favorite nibble to share with the group, but come and enjoy even if you don't.

Christmas Schedule

Ladies Christmas Tea	December 14, 2-4:30pm
Christmas Pageant	December 24, 5pm
Christmas Day	December 25, 11am

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer We pray for the Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean: for The Most Rev. Gilbert Ratelosen Rakotondravelo, Archbishop.

The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word We pray for Glory of God Anglican Church | Cocoa, Florida, The Rev. Paul Young, for Volunteers in ADLW Churches, and for The Rev. Canon Henry Jansma

For the Homebound Charles Mabula, Beverly Williams, Chuck Corse, Linda Baker-Gardner, Bruce Layman

For the Sick Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Sue, William and Arianna, Chuck, Helen & Dave, Sarah, Theresa, Griffy, Linda, John Chaney, Gail, Roger, Arlene, Jim, Nicole, Patricia, Joe L, Dave, Mamie, Kathy, Judy, Warren, Michael M, Craig, Karen, Patty, Kcaarin, Bruce

For those Experiencing Loss

For our Missionaries Pray for the teachers and children of the Kuwinda Preschool.

For the Persecuted Church Please pray for Christians in the Philippines, Mali, and Nigeria.

**Daily Lectionary, Year I
60 Day Psalter Cycle**

Monday December 15	Psalm 111, 112 Job 20 Rev 7
Tuesday December 16	Psalm 115 Job 21 Rev 8
Wednesday December 17	Psalm 119:1-24 Job 22 Rev 9
Thursday December 18	Psalm 119:49-72 Job 23 Rev 10
Friday December 19	Psalm 119:89-104 Job 24 Rev 11
Saturday December 20	Psalm 119:129-152 Rev 12
Sunday December 21	Psalm 118 John 14:1-7 Rev 13

Financial Snapshot

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry provides a financial snapshot based on the previous week's giving.

As of December 7

Anticipated budgeted giving to date	\$10,040
Actual giving to date	\$16,370
Difference	+ \$6,330

Happy Birthday!

December 15	Bryan Hill
December 17	Rachael Warner
December 18	Evelyn Kovac
December 20	Martin Donovan

Happy Anniversary!

December	Mark & Anna Dreher
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Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:

Advent IV, year A
Isaiah 7:10-17
Psalm 24
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

The Vestry of Good Shepherd

Sr. Warden: Tom Dinnel
Jr. Warden: Scott Pineau
Treasurer: Greg Myer
Mary Restino
Kariah Manwaring
Chris Jones
Bill Lane
Bryan Hill