

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



December 15, 2024, A Service of Holy Eucharist

Advent III – 10:30am

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. 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 (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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December 15, 2024 – Advent III

Prelude

Veni Emmanuel

Leo Sowerby

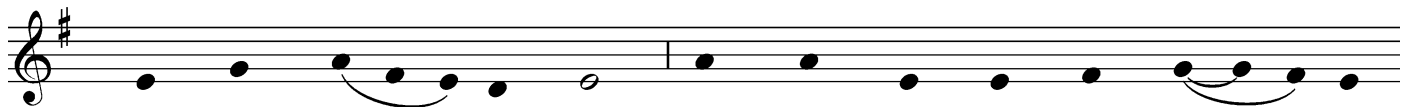
The Processional

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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



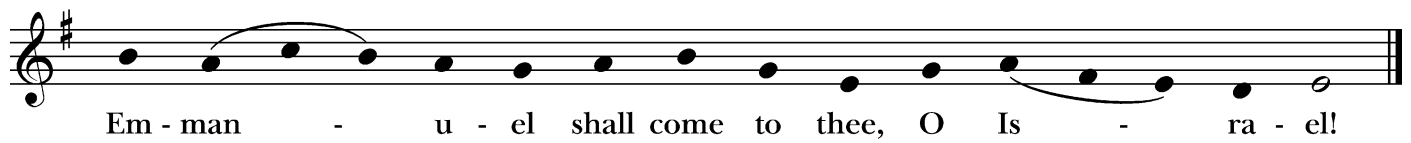
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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.**

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 Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on 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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pew Bible pg. 789, LP pg. 939

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85 (*Prayer for peace and justice*)



- 1 LORD, you have been gracious to your **land**; |
you have turned away the captivity of **Jacob**. ||
 - 2 You have forgiven the offence of your **people** |
and covered all their **sins**. ||
 - 3 You have taken away all your dis **pleasure** |
and turned yourself from your wrathful indig **nation**. ||
 - 4 Restore us then, O God our **Savior**, |
and let your anger cease from **us**. ||
 - 5 Will you be displeased at us for **ever**, |
and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to a **noth**er? ||
 - 6 Will you not turn again and **quicken us**, |
that your people may rejoice in **you**? ||
 - 7 Show us your mercy, O **LORD**, |
and grant us your sal **vation**. ||
 - 8 I will hearken to what the LORD God will **say**, |
for he shall speak peace unto his people, ' and to his saints, that they turn not a **gain**. ||
 - 9 For his salvation is near to those who **fear him**, |
that glory may dwell in our **land**. ||
 - 10 Mercy and truth have met to **gether**; |
righteousness and peace have kissed each **other**. ||
 - 11 Truth shall flourish out of the **earth**, |
and righteousness shall look down from **heaven**. ||
 - 12 Indeed, the LORD shall show **goodness**, |
and our land shall give its in **crease**. ||
- (repeat second half of chant)*
- 13 Righteousness shall go be **fore him**, |
and he shall direct his going in the **way**. ||

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible pg.985, LP pg. 1166

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

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second line.

The Gospel

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

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 3:7-20

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. 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 to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you 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.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to Steve, Julian, and William, our Bishops, to Matt, Jonathan, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, and to Ife, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese.

(In the ACNA we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In the ADLW we pray for Church of the Holy Trinity Anglican, Syracuse, New York, and for the seminarians of our diocese.)

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 work of Life Choices and for women and families in difficult situations.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. This week we pray for Christians in Northern Mozambique.

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 Biden, 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.

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, and for those we 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, praying you will grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

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

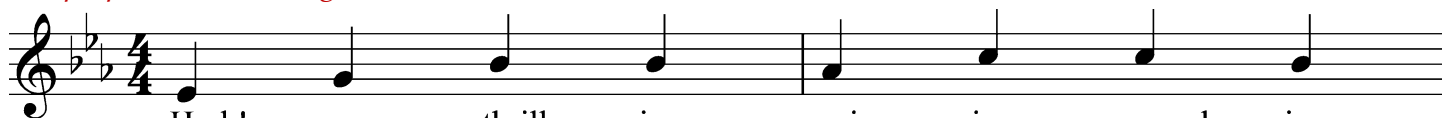
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

~2 Corinthians 9:6-7

If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attendee 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.

The Offertory Music *Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

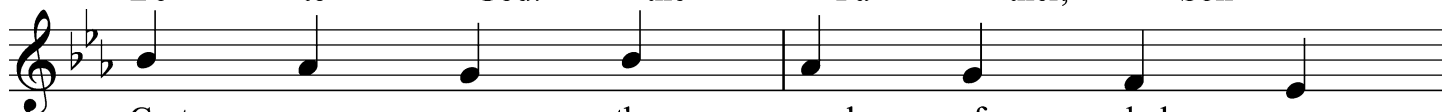
The people remain sitting



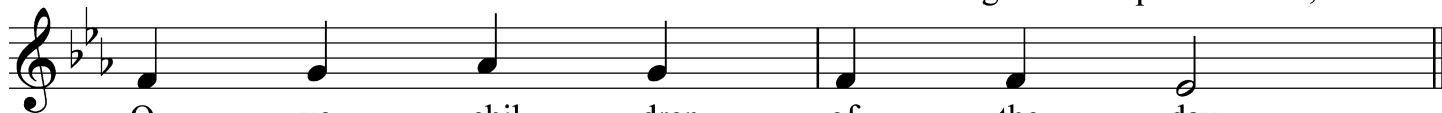
Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing;
Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing,
See, the Lamb so long ex - pect - ed
so when next he comes in glo - ry
Ho - nor, glo - ry, might, and bles - sing



Christ is nigh, it seems to say,
from the dark - ness we a - rise;
comes with par - don down from heaven.
and the world is wrapped in fear,
Be to God: the Fa - ther, Son



Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
Christ, our sun, all ill dis - pel - ling,
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
he will shield us with his mer - cy,
And the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit,



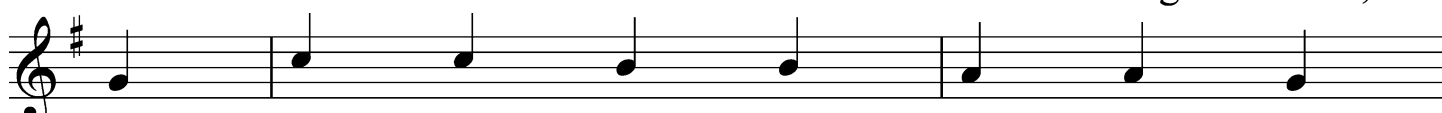
O ye chil - dren of the day.
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - given;
and with words of love draw near.
While e - ter - nal a - ges run.

The Presentation of the Gifts

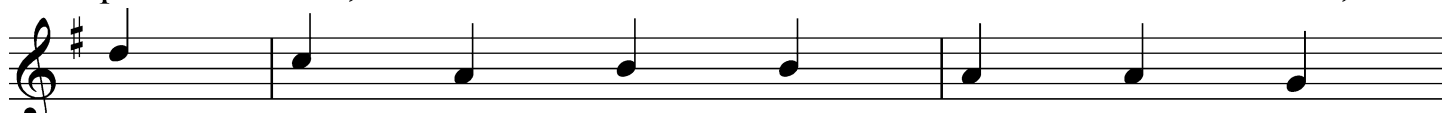
The people stand, if able, and sing



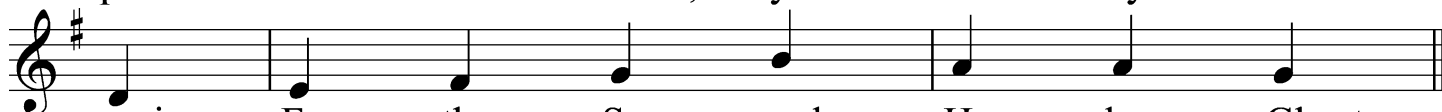
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;



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

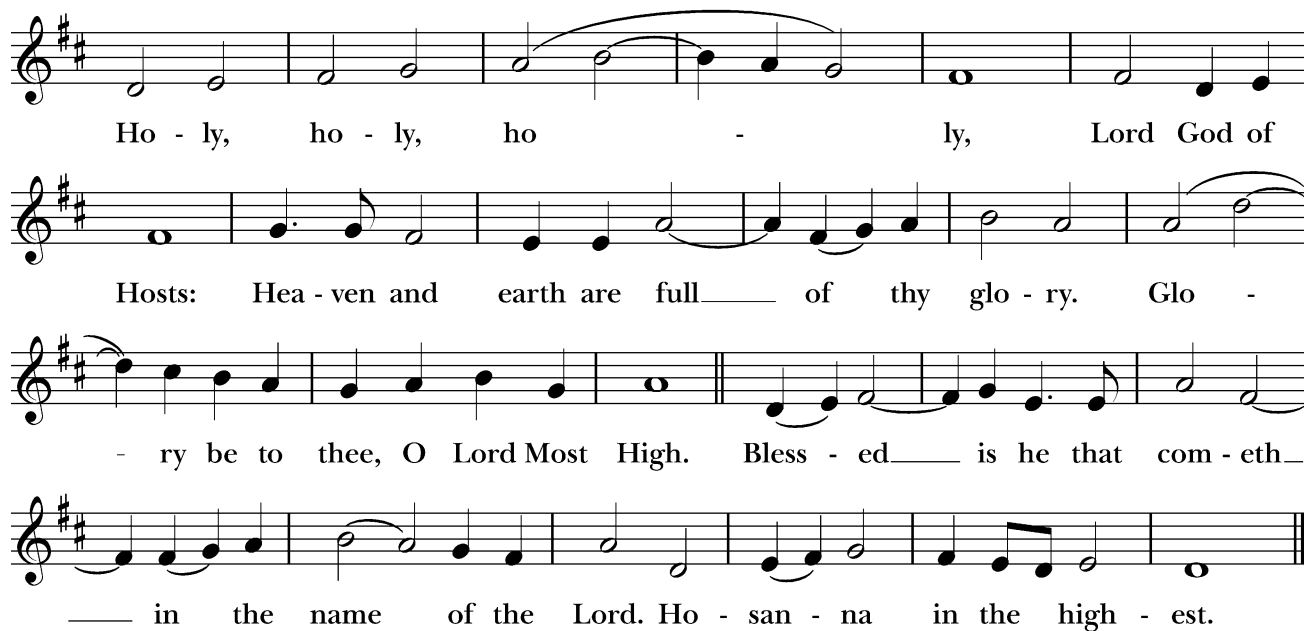
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is just and right so to do.**

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
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
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; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so 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 forever. **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.**

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

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy 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

A Child Will Lead Us All

Drew Miller

The people remain sitting or kneeling

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come Thou long - ex - pec - ted Je - sus,
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er,

Born to set Thy peo - ple free From our fears and sins re - lease us,
 Born a child, and yet a King Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee
 Now Thy pre - cious king - dom bring

Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the saints Thou art
 By Thine own e - tern - al Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone

18

Dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart
By Thine all - suf - fic - ient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glor - ious throne

23

Come Thou long - a-wait - ed Em -

26

man - u - el.

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

*Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

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

Blest Be the King Whose Coming

The people stand if able and face the recession

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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

To God We Render Thanks and Praise

Thank you for worshiping at Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!

We would be so grateful if you would deposit your used bulletins in one of the recycling bins located near the exits of the sanctuary or parish hall as you pass by.

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Weekly Update, December 8, 2024

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. They are currently in I Kings.

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 and is studying the book of Philemon.

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. This class is currently in the Book of Psalms.

Women's Bible Study meets at 4:30pm on Friday afternoons in the Parish Hall. They are currently studying the book of Luke. Text Anne for a zoom link if you can't make it in person.

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 look for a weekly email invitation in your inbox.

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 or Joe Kovac to get connected.

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

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

The youth group meets in the choir loft.

Christian Education for Everyone

Children

For children aged 1-12 Good Shepherd offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—a program of prayer, worship, and scripture in specially prepared Montessori-style rooms—The Pen (1-3), The Pasture (3-6), The Vineyard (6-9), and The Tabernacle (7-12).

Teens

Teens aged 12 through 14 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 kids for confirmation.

Adult Class

Discussion and study on topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

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.

Food Pantry current needs are: peanut Butter, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Corn and Baked Beans

Week at a Glance Schedule, December 15, 2024 – December 22, 2024

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)
12:30pm Pastries on the Portico
4:30-6pm Choir Rehearsal
6-7:30pm Youth Group
Holy Group Squad

Monday

7:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

7:00am Morning Prayer
9:05am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
3:30-4:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday

7:00am Morning Prayer
6:30-8pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

7:00am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
6:15pm Beginners Bible Study

Friday

7:00am Morning Prayer
6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
4:30pm Women's Bible Study

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)
12:30pm Pastries on the Portico
1:30-4pm *Ladies Christmas Tea*
Hosted by the Manwarings
1412 Hawleyton Rd., Binghamton, NY
13903
4:30-6pm Choir Practice
6-7:30pm Youth Group
Holy Group Squad

What's Happening at Good Shepherd

New Parish Hall Access Change In an effort to help secure the parish hall while the children meet for children's chapel, beginning in January, the doors to the parish hall will be closed during the sermon until the Peace. If you need to get to the restroom or kitchen downstairs during the service, please exit the sanctuary through the front left door by the side entrance to the church.

Parents with nursery-aged children, you are welcome to continue dropping off or picking up your babies and toddlers in the nursery through the back stairs at any time. Thank you for helping children's chapel be a safe and distraction-free space where young children can learn to focus on worshipping the Lord together.

"We Celebrate His Birth!"

Join Brio Vocal Ensemble on December 22 as We Celebrate His Birth with a free Christmas concert featuring choral pieces, an organ prelude, harp music, and bassoon selections. The program also includes congregational carols so everyone can join in the singing!

The concert takes place at 3 p.m. at Endwell United Methodist Church, 3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell. No tickets necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at intermission.

Potluck Schedule

The first Sunday of most months is a potluck or cooking competition. Bring a dish to pass, or just come and have lunch after the 10:30!

If you're a person that enjoys competition, or judging other people (heh), please see Steph or Claudia to sign up as a judge for cooking competitions.

**Please keep in mind that dates and themes are subject to change.*

Good Shepherd's Women's Group (The Mary & Martha Guild)

Summer and Autumn Dates

December 22 1:30-4pm Christmas Tea @ the Manwaring home, 1412 Hawleyton Rd. Bing., NY 13903.

Please feel free to bring a dish of finger food or sweets to share and enjoy an afternoon of tea and fellowship with the ladies of Good Shepherd.

Christmas Schedule

December 24 – Christmas Pageant, 5pm

December 25 – Christmas Service 11am

Communion Change As Good Shepherd continues to grow, we find a need to change the way that communion is administered. You will notice that there are now two stations for both bread and wine. Please be patient as we institute this new system.

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) Hawleyton Group

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Host: Kariah Manwaring

Location: 1412 Hawleyton Rd. Bing., NY 13903

2) Riverside Group

Time: Mondays, 6:00pm

Host: Anna Dreher

Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

3) Endwell Group

Time: Thursdays 6:30pm

Host: Andrea Kovac

Location: 813 Biscayne Terrace, Endwell, NY 13760

4) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Host: Scott Pineau

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer

This week we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word

This week we pray for Church of the Holy Trinity Anglican, Syracuse, New York, and for the seminarians of our diocese.

For the Homebound

Charles Mabula, Susan Dewing, Beverly Williams, Chuck Corse, Linda Baker

For the Sick

Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Joe, Sue, William and Arianna, Lin, Helen & Dave, Jeremy, Sarah, Ronnie, Theresa, Angel, Griffy, Linda, Emily, Gail.

For our Missionaries

Please pray for the work of Life Choices and for women and families in difficult situations.

Happy Birthday!

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

Happy Anniversary!

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| December 16 | Mark & Anna Dreher |
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Financial Snapshot

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry has decided to provide a financial snapshot based on the budget report that is submitted at the meeting each month. You can find that info below.

October

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| YTD Giving & Revenue | \$337,732 |
| YTD Expenditures | \$305,046 |
| YTD Gain/(loss) | \$32,686 |

Daily Lectionary, Year II
60 Day Psalter Cycle

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| Monday December 16 | Psalm 116, 117 Isa 59 Luke 17:20-end |
| Tuesday December 17 | Psalm 119:25-48 Isa 60 Luke 18:1-30 |
| Wednesday December 18 | Psalm 119:73-88 Isa 61 Luke 18:31 – 19:10 |
| Thursday December 19 | Psalm 119:105-128 Isa 62 Luke 19:11-28 |
| Friday December 20 | Psalm 119:153-176 Isa 63 Luke 19:29-end |
| Saturday December 21 | Psalm 120, 121 Isa 64 Luke 20:1-26 |
| Sunday December 22 | Psalm 124, 125, 126 Isa 65 Luke 20:27 – 21:4 |

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:

Mic 5:2-5a
Ps 80:1-7
Heb 10:1-10
Luke 1:39-56

The Vestry of Good Shepherd

Sr. Warden: Tom Dinnel
Jr. Warden: Scott Pineau
Treasurer: Chris Emmons
Mary Restino
Kariah Manwaring
Chris Jones
Sarah Dreher
Bill Lane