

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



### **December 21, 2025, A Service of Holy Eucharist The Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year A – 10:30am Annunciation**

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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# A Service of Holy Eucharist

December 21, 2025 – The Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year A

## Annunciation

### Prelude

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

J. Brahms

### The Processional

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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



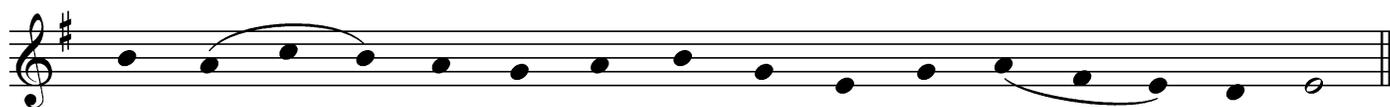
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, 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.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*The people remain standing*

*Celebrant* Surely the Lord is coming soon.

*People* Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

*Revelation 22:20*

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.**

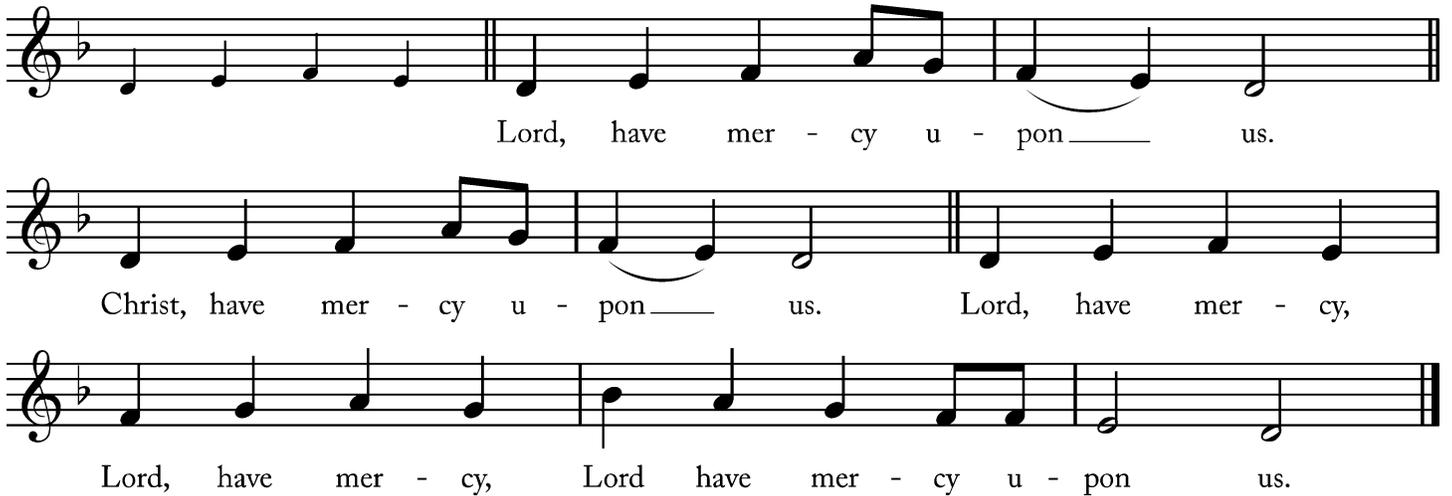
*~Matthew 11:28*

## 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit for the reading of the lessons.*

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 7:10-17**

Pew Bible pg. 572, LP pg. 679

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24

1. The earth is the LORD's and  
2. *For he has founded it up*  
3. Who shall ascend the  
4. *He who has clean hands and a*  
5. He shall receive blessing

all that is in it, \*  
on the seas \*  
hill of the LORD? \*  
pure heart, \*  
from the LORD \*

1. the compass of the world and  
2. *and established it upon the*  
3. Or who shall  
4. *and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor*  
5. and righteousness from the

those who dwell there - in.  
riv - ers of the deep.  
stand in his ho - ly place?  
sworn to de - ceive his neighbor.  
God of his sal - vation.

6 This is the generation of | those who | seek him, \*

even of those who seek your | face, O | God of | Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you ever-|last-ing | doors; \*  
and the King of | glo-ry | shall come | in.

8 “Who is the | King of | glory?” \*

“It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the | LORD, \_\_\_ | mighty in | battle.”

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you ever-|last-ing | doors; \*  
and the King of | glo-ry | shall come | in.

10 “Who is the | King of | glory?” \*

“The LORD of hosts, | he is the | King of | glory.”

## The Second Lesson

### Romans 1:1-7

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible pg. 939, LP pg. 1116

## 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." and "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 Matthew.

*People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*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 Diocese of the Great Lakes: for Bishop Mark Engel and his wife, Terri; and Bishop Allen Kannapell and his wife, Lisa.*

*In the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word: We pray for Holy Cross Anglican Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and for The Rev. Greg Hardy. We also pray for Women's Ministry Leaders in ADLW, and for Deacon Barbara 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, Carrie Nelson and her work with InterVarsity Campus Ministries.

*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 Iran, 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.

**H**eavenly 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*

**A**lmighty 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*

**A**lmighty 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*

**H**ear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*~1 John 2:1-2*

## 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

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High.

~Psalm 50:14

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

### The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns

*The people remain sitting*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

## 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*

**O**ur 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*

**W**e 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 — a —  
way — the sin of the world; have mer - cy 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

*"Behold the Lamb"*

A. Peterson

*The people remain sitting or kneeling*

*"Lo, How A Rose"*

(Emily Hutchinson & Jim Hull)

## 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 Long Expected Jesus*

*The people stand if able and face the recession*

1. Come, thou long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and yet a King,

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 born to reign in us for - e - ver, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 by thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## 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

*"Jesu, meine Freunde"*

J.S. Bach

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## Weekly Update, December 21, 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](http://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 21, 2025 – December 28, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	
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)
4:30pm	Choir Practice
6:00pm	Holy Group Squad Youth Group

<b>Monday</b>	
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<b>Tuesday</b>	
6:00pm	Riverside Home Group
7:00pm	Zoom Home Group

<b>Wednesday</b>	
5:00pm	<b>Christmas Pageant</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	
11:00am	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>

<b>Friday</b>	
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<b>Saturday</b>	
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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

### Christmas Schedule

Christmas Pageant	December 24, 5pm
Christmas Day	December 25, 11am

As is the custom at Good Shepherd, all bible studies and morning prayer will be cancelled during the week of Christmas and New Year (12/22-1/4). All studies will resume on January 5.

Most of the staff takes a much-needed rest during the week of New Year's. If at all possible, please refrain from contacting them unless you have an emergency. The offices will still be open and happily humming along.

**Christmas Pageant** Please join us on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm as the young people and choir of Good Shepherd remember the birth of our savior.

**Christmas Flowers** Each year Good Shepherd decorates the sanctuary for Christmas Eve and Day with many flowers.

This year, we continue the tradition of inviting the congregation to join us. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of flowers, please make a separate contribution earmarked "Christmas Flowers" and fill out a slip at the usher's table.

**Brio Concert** "Joy Has Come to Us!" Free Christmas Concert with Brio Vocal Ensemble and Friends this afternoon, 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!

**St. Nick Recap** This year's St. Nicholas Fair was very well attended. There were many wonderful moments of fellowship and fun. I'm told the highlights of the day were the children's auction, and Jim Hull's rendition of 'You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch'.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of Good Shepherd, we were able to send just over \$5200 to CHE Nicaragua, praise God!

**The 152<sup>nd</sup> Good Shepherd Annual Meeting** has been scheduled for Sunday, January 25 directly after the 10:30 service.

If you are a member of Good Shepherd, please make every effort to attend. The meeting is generally close to one hour, and a potluck lunch will be served. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass, but stay, have lunch, and attend the meeting even if you don't.

**Please Pray For...**

**ACNA Cycle of Prayer** We pray for the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: for Bishop Mark Engel and his wife, Terri; and Bishop Allen Kannapell and his wife, Lisa.

**The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word** We pray for Holy Cross Anglican Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and for The Rev. Greg Hardy. We also pray for Women’s Ministry Leaders in ADLW, and for Deacon Barbara 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, Bob

**For those Experiencing Loss**

**For our Missionaries** Pray for Carrie Nelson and her work with InterVarsity Campus Ministries.

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

**Happy Birthday!**

December 22                      Jonah Carlton

**Happy Anniversary!**

December 23                      James & Liz Hull

**Next Sunday’s Lectionary Readings:**

**Holy Innocents, year A**

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Psalm 124

Revelation 21:1-7

Matthew 2:13-18

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

<b>Monday December 22</b>	Psalm 122, 123 Rev 14
<b>Tuesday December 23</b>	Psalm 127, 128 Rev 15
<b>Wednesday December 24</b>	Psalm 132, 133 Rev 16
<b>Thursday December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i></b>	Psalm 19 or 45 Isa 9:1-7 Rev 17
<b>Friday December 26 <i>Stephen</i></b>	Psalm 136 Acts 6:8—7:6,17-41,44-60 Rev 18
<b>Saturday December 27 <i>John</i></b>	Psalm 139 Rev 19 John 21:9-25
<b>Sunday December 28 <i>Innocents</i></b>	Psalm 140 Jer 31:1-17 Rev 20

**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 14**

Anticipated budgeted giving to date	\$15,060
Actual giving to date	\$21,034
Difference (gain/loss)	+ \$5,974

**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