

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



December 7, 2025, A Service of Holy Eucharist

The Second 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

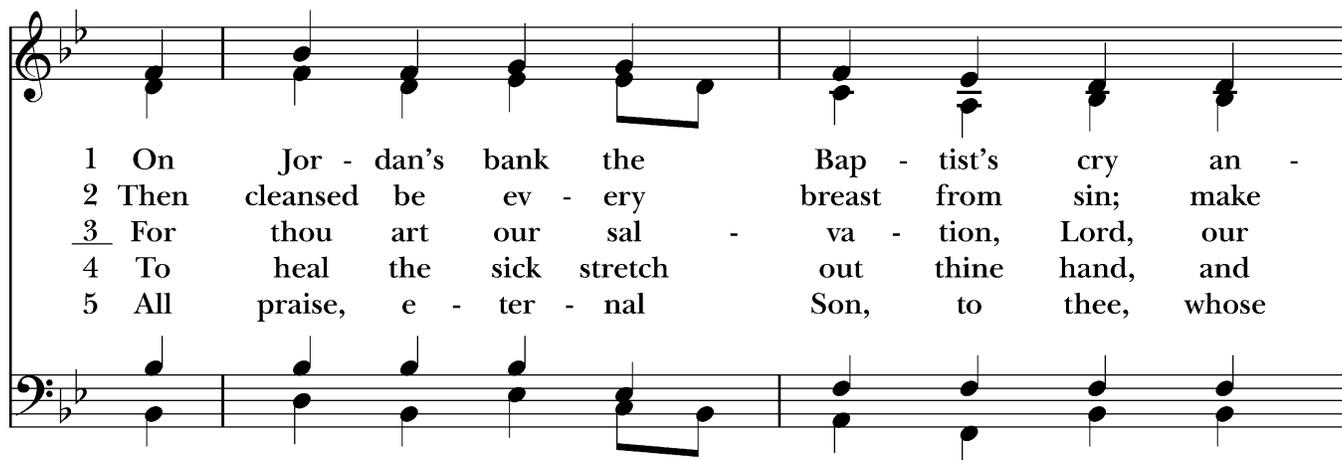
Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

J.S. Bach

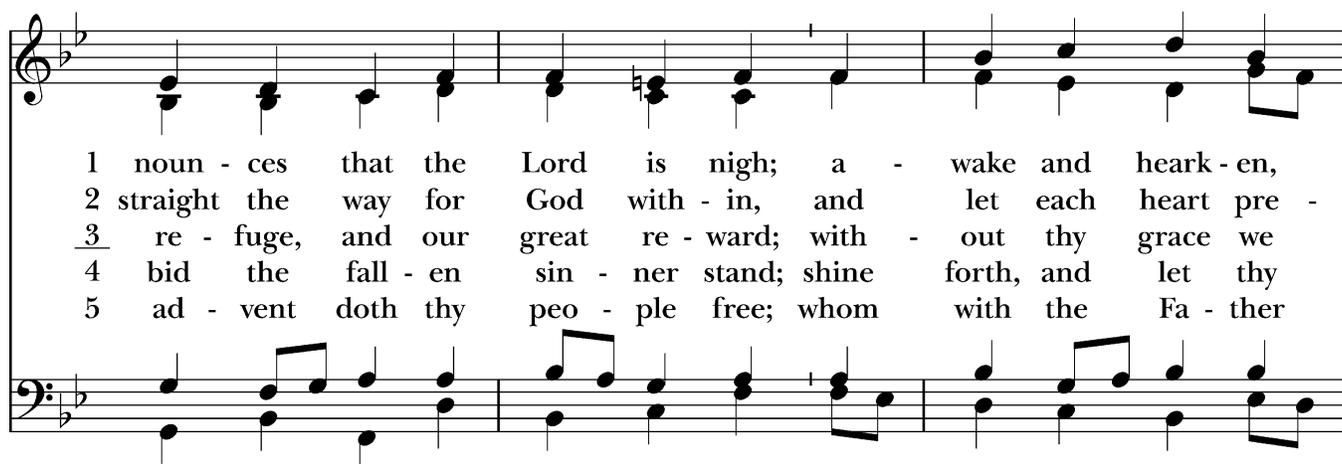
The Processional

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

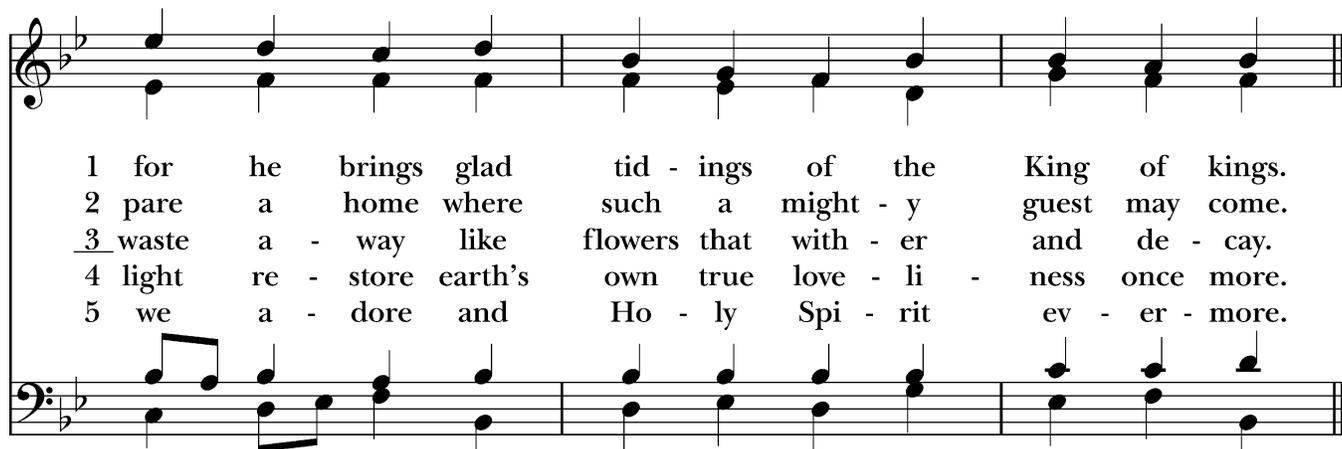
The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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.**

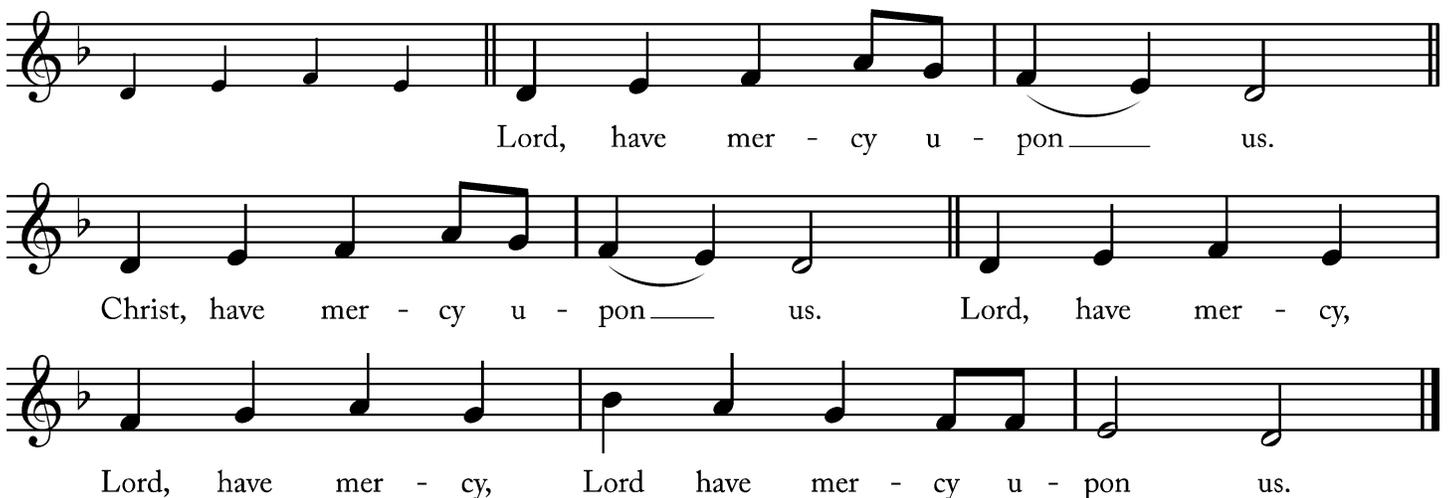
~Matthew 11:28

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given

us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 575, LP pg. 683

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-15

1. Give the King your judgments, O God,*
2. *Then shall he judge your* people with righteousness*
3. The mountains also shall bring peace,*
4. *He shall vindicate the* poor a - mong the people,*
5. They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon en - dure,*

1. and your righteous - ness to the King's son.
2. *and de* - fend the poor with justice.
3. *and the little hills* righteous - ness to the people.
4. *defend the children of the* poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
5. from one gene - ra - tion to an - other.

6. He shall come down like the rain up-|on the mown | grass, *
 even as | showers that | water the | earth.
7. In his time shall the | righ-teous | flourish, *
 even an abundance of peace, so | long as the | moon en-|dures.
8. His dominion shall be also from one sea | to the | other, *
 and from the river | unto the | world's ___ | end.
9. Those who dwell in the wilderness shall | kneel be-|fore him; *
 his | enemies shall | lick the | dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the | isles shall give | presents; *
 the kings of Arabia and | Se-ba | shall bring | gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall | down be-|fore him; *
 all | nations shall | do him | service.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:1-13

Pew Bible pg. 949, LP pg. 1128

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 Gospel

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

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Jonathan Groves

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 Global Anglican Future Conference: for its General Secretary, Archbishop Laurent Mbanda and his wife, Chantal; for its Vice Chairman, Archbishop Miguel Cavalcanti and his wife, Juliane; and for its General Secretary, Bishop Paul Donison and his wife, Monika.

In the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word: We pray for Church of the Resurrection in Halfmoon, New York, The Rev. David Haig, The Ven. Henry Baldwin, Deacon Susan Plaske, for The Sisters of St. Mary Eastern Province, and for The Rev. Godsgift Igbina.

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, Bob and Joyce Carlson and for their continued work with Africa International University.

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.

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.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

~John 3:16

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

And Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

~Luke 10:2

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

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

The people remain sitting



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

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

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff contains a bass line of quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The treble staff melody is: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The bass staff bass line is: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, D2. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff melody is: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The bass staff bass line is: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, D2. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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 — a -
way — the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, — you take — a - way — the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb — of God, — you take — a -
way — 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 *Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us*

The people remain sitting or kneeling

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
* 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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

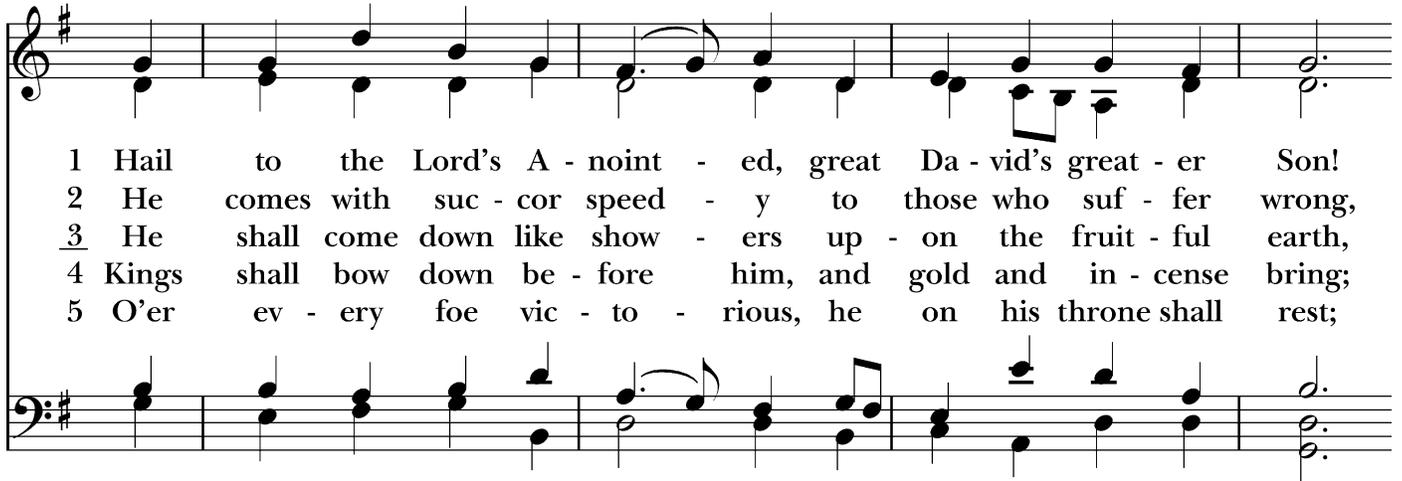
Celebrant

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.**

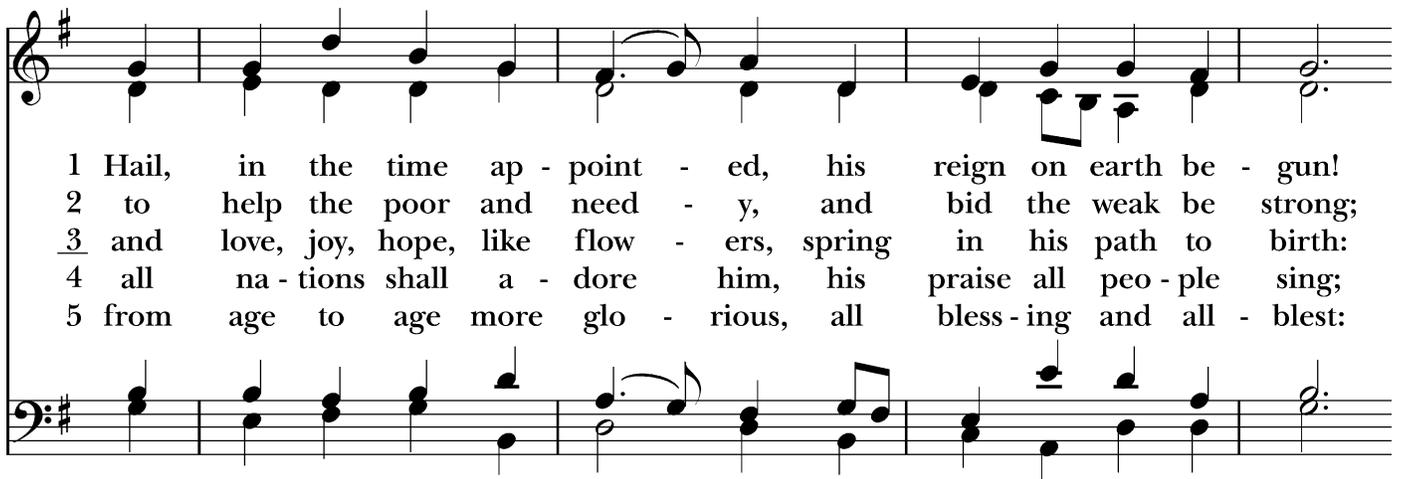
The Recession

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The people stand if able and face the recession



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - ges - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

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

J.S Bach

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

Did you have trouble reading the bulletin? Large Print copies are available upon request at the usher's table in the entryway.

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Weekly Update, December 7, 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. We are currently in the book of Proverbs.

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. This class is currently in the Book of Genesis.

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 7, 2025 – December 14, 2025

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| 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) |
| 4:30pm | Choir Practice |
| 6:00pm | Holy Group Squad Youth Group |

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| Monday | |
| 7:00am | Morning Prayer |

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

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

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

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

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| Saturday | |
| 10-3pm | St. Nick Fair |

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| 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 Youth Group |

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!

Christmas Tea Mark your calendars! The Women's Christmas Tea will be held this year on 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

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| St. Nick Fair | December 13, 10-3pm |
| Ladies Christmas Tea | December 14, 2-4:30pm |
| Christmas Pageant | December 24, 5pm |
| Christmas Day | December 25, 11am |

2025 St. Nick Fair It's time for the 4th annual St. Nicholas Fair! The fun winter market with gifts, food, music, and more, will be held on December 13th, from 10-3. This year we will be raising funds for CHE Nicaragua, a ministry that our church has partnered with for many years that provides physical resources and the Gospel to communities all over Nicaragua.

We are looking for physical handmade goods as well as services to auction to our church family. There are many areas where you can be involved, large or small. Contact Angel Groves or Anna Dreher for more information.

Lord willing, this will be a great blessing to CHE Nicaragua, and a wonderful day to be together. Come prepared to purchase Christmas gifts and enjoy delicious food in the day's cafe, while supporting an important cause!

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!

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer We pray for Global Anglican Future Conference: for its General Secretary, Archbishop Laurent Mbanda and his wife, Chantal; for its Vice Chairman, Archbishop Miguel Cavalcanti and his wife, Juliane; and for its General Secretary, Bishop Paul Donison and his wife, Monika.

The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word We pray for Church of the Resurrection in Halfmoon, New York, The Rev. David Haig, The Ven. Henry Baldwin, Deacon Susan Plaske, for The Sisters of St. Mary Eastern Province, and for The Rev. Godsgift Igbina.

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

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

For those Experiencing Loss Please pray for the Barrett family.

For our Missionaries Pray for Bob and Joyce Carlson and for their continued work with Africa International University.

For the Persecuted Church Please pray for Christians

Happy Birthday!

December 8 Denise Toulson
December 9 Peyton Alexander Finch
December 11 Bruce Layman

Happy Anniversary!

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:

Advent III, year A
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146
James 5:7-20
Matthew 11:2-19

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

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| Monday December 8 | Psalm 95, 96 Job 18 Rev 1 |
| Tuesday December 9 | Psalm 99, 100, 101 Job 19 Rev 2:1-17 |
| Wednesday December 10 | Psalm 103 Job 20 Rev 2:18—3:6 |
| Thursday December 11 | Psalm 105:1-22 Job 21 Rev 3:7-end |
| Friday December 12 | Psalm 106:1-18 Job 22 Rev 4 |
| Saturday December 13 | Psalm 107:1-22 Rev 5 |
| Sunday December 14 | Psalm 108, 110 Rev 6 |

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 November 30

Anticipated giving YTD: \$5,020
Giving received YTD: \$3,259
Difference YTD (Gain or loss) (-\$1,761)

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