

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



December 8, 2024, A Service of Holy Eucharist Advent II – 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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Prelude

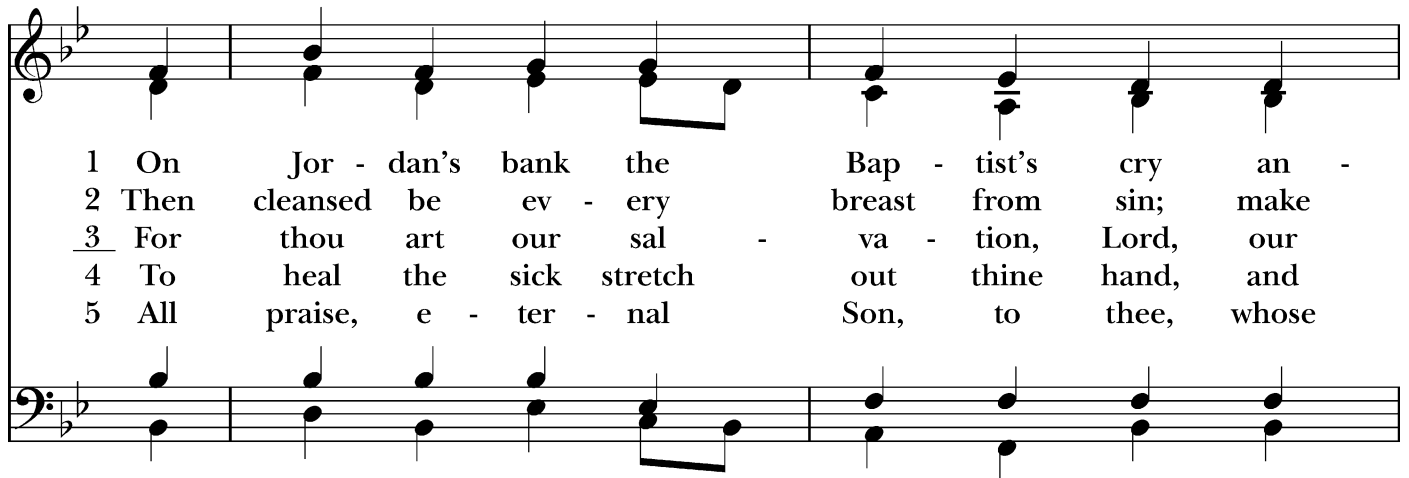
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J. S. Bach

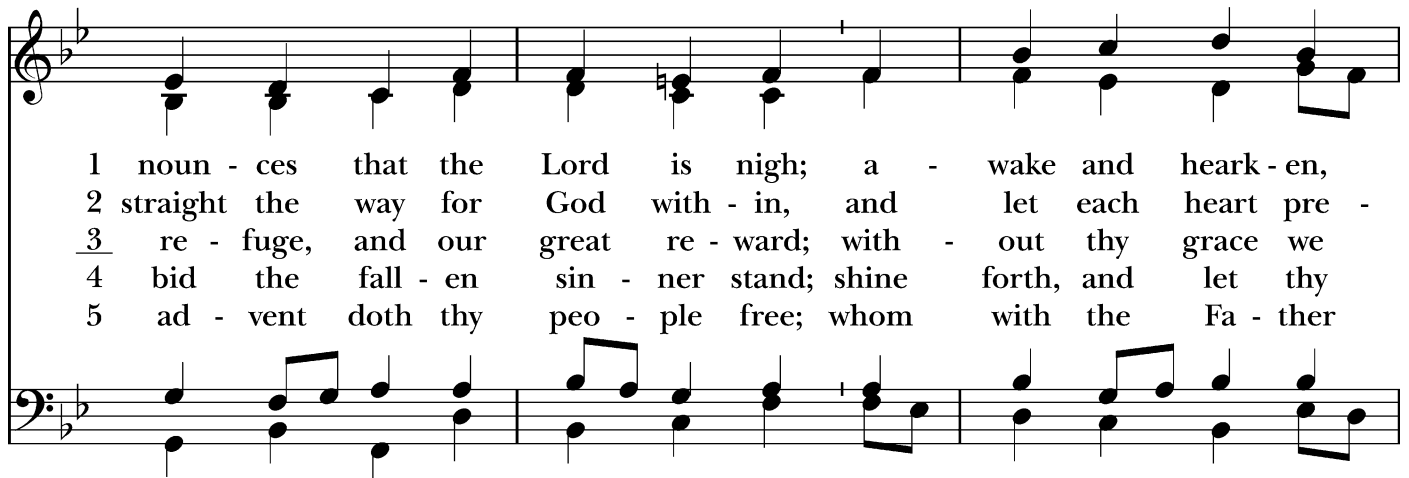
The Processional

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

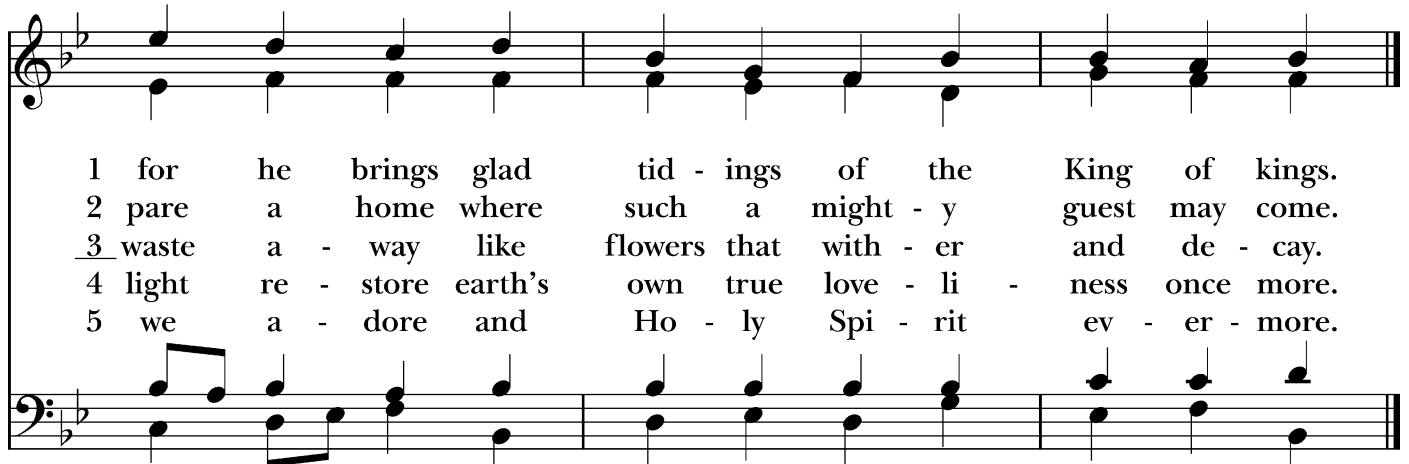
The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession



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 hear - 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.**

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.

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

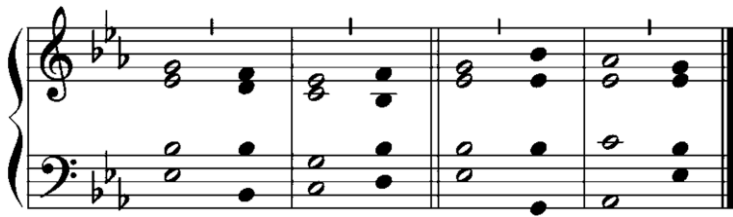
Malachi 3:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 802, LP pg. 954

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 (*Song of the returning exiles*)



- 1 When the LORD overturned the captivity of **Zion**, |
then were we like those who **dream**. ||
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with **laughter** |
and our tongue with shouts of **joy**. ||
- 3 Then they said among the **nations**, |
"The LORD has done great things for **them**." ||
- 4 Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us al **ready**, |
whereof we re **joyce**. ||
- 5 Overturn our captivity, O **LORD**, |
as when streams refresh the deserts of the **south**. ||
- 6 Those who sow in **tears** |
shall reap with songs of **joy**. ||

(repeat second half of chant)

7 He who goes on his way weeping and bears good ' seed |
shall doubtless come again with joy, ' and bring his sheaves with ' him. ||

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 4:8-21

Pew Bible pg.956, LP pg. 1136

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 G major (one sharp) and common time. The first system contains the first line of the text, and the second system contains the second line. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some rests. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Gospel

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

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 3:1-6

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In the ADLW we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd Catonsville, Maryland, and for Persecuted and suffering Christians around the world.)

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. This week we pray for Christians in Myanmar.

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.

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

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

~Matthew 7:21

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.

The Offertory Music *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

Musical score for 'The Presentation of the Gifts' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, 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.**

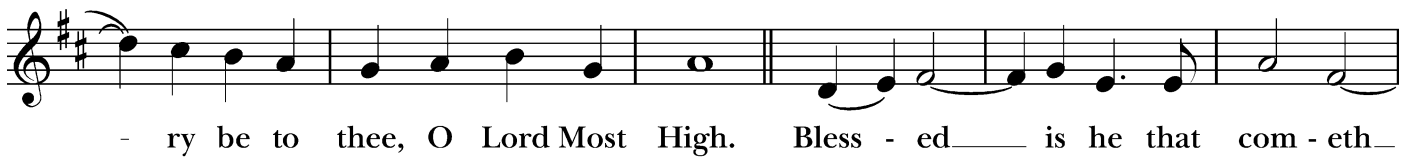
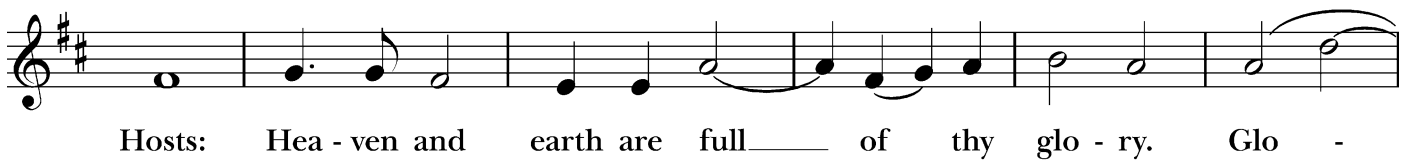
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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



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.

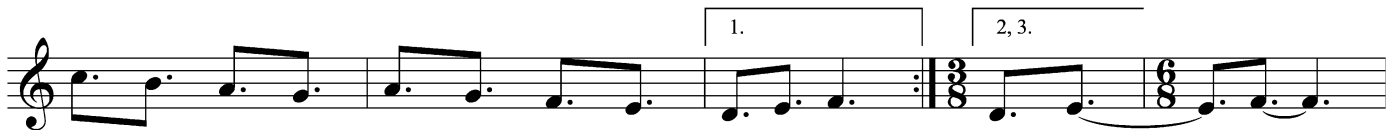
Communion Music *Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

The people remain sitting or kneeling

VERSE



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



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

CHORUS



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



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

INT. & END



night (Ooo) _____

END

Ho-nor, glo-ry, might, do-min-ion_____ To the Fa-ther and the Son_____ With the e-ver-
 liv-ing Spi-rit_____ While e-ter-nal a-ges run! While e-ter-nal a-ges run!_____ *to int.*

Come Light Our Hearts

CHORUS

For You, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait. For
 You, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait. Tru-ly our hope is in You,
 3rd time to Coda ⊕

VERSE

tru-ly our hope is in You. 1. O Lord of life, our on-ly hope, Your ra-diance
 2. O joy a-bove all oth-er loves, in You we
 shines on all who look to You in the dark. Em-man-u-el
 find more than e-nough. We come as we are; O heal and re-
 D.C. al Coda
 come, come light our hearts. For
 -store, come light our hearts.
 ⊕ Coda
 You.

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

Prepare the Way, O Zion

The people stand if able and face the recession



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



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



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



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

The 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

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach

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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 8, 2024 – December 15, 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

Saturday

10am-3pm St. Nicholas Fair

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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
10:00am Greening of the Church
4:30pm Women's Bible Study

St. Nicholas Fair Announcement

This year the St. Nicholas Fair will be on December 14th from 10am-3pm. We are raising funds for Sarah Day to combat the devastation her community is experiencing from flooding in Thailand. Join us for a winter marketplace full of goods made by our church family, a service auction, live music and entertainment throughout the day, maybe even some visits from St. Nicholas himself! We'll be serving delicious food at our St. Nick cafe along with some baked goods and specialty drinks. Contact Angel Groves or Anna Dreher if you're willing to make items, offer your skills at the service auction, or volunteer with food, music, or setup/tear down. We appreciate your generosity every year - both in your physical donations and in your giving on the day of. Thank you!

"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.

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 administration of communion. Beginning this Sunday, you will notice that there will be two stations for wine. Please be patient as we institute this new system.

The Greening of the Church This year Good Shepherd will be greening the church on Friday, December 13 @ 10am. If you would like to help with decorating, please see Angel or Jon Groves.

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.

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word

This week we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd Catonsville, Maryland, and for Persecuted and suffering Christians around the world

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 Carrie Nelson and her work with Interservice Campus Ministries.

Happy Birthday!

December 8	Denise Toulson
December 9	Peyton Alexander Finch
December 11	Bruce Layman
December 15	Bryan Hill

Happy Anniversary!

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

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

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

Monday December 9	Psalm 102 Isa 52 Luke 12:54—13:9
Tuesday December 10	Psalm 104 Isa 53 Luke 13:10-end
Wednesday December 11	Psalm 105:23-44 Isa 54 Luke 14:1-24
Thursday December 12	Psalm 106:19-46 Isa 55 Luke 14:25—15:10
Friday December 13	Psalm 107:23-43 Isa 56 Luke 15:11-end
Saturday December 14	Psalm 109 Isa 57 Luke 16
Sunday December 15	Psalm 113, 114 Isa 58 Luke 17:1-19

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm 85
Philippians 4:4-9
Luke 3:7-20

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