



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.

At the entrance by the font:

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Introduction

P You came to turn the hearts of all to love of God and neighbor.
C Lord, come and save us.

P You come to enrich us with gifts of grace and knowledge.
C Lord, come and save us.

P You will come on a day we cannot know, bringing redemption for all your faithful.
C Lord, come and save us. Amen.

Gathering Song

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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- 1** **Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.**
- 2** **Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.**
- 3** **Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!**

Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

- P O faithful and loving God, we praise you for your tender compassion and give you thanks for your steadfast love for us and all creation. Bless us who see the light of this wreath, that we may be strengthened by the hope of your advent among us, and live toward the completion of all things in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Entrance Antiphon

- P To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me.
- C **No one who waits for you is ever put to shame. (Psalm 24:1-3)**

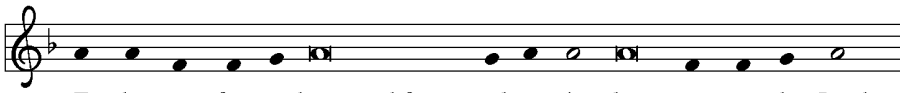
Kyrie

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To be sung in dialogue with the assembly.

A 
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,


let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C 
A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 122

The refrain will be sung by the Cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold. The refrain is then repeated as indicated R.

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



¹ I was glad when they | said to me,
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

² **Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD. R**

⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- | per who love you.**

⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good.” R

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

A A reading from Romans.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

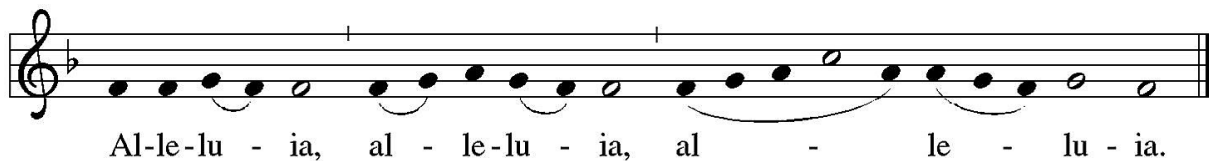
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.



Verse Tone



Cantor

Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David. (Mark 11:9)*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24: 36-44

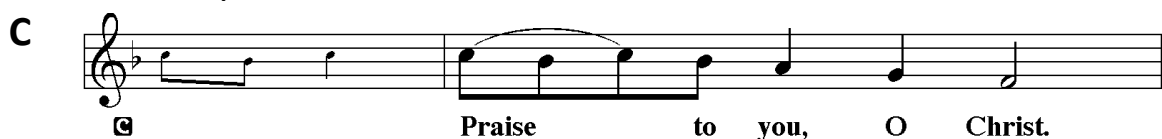
Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord



The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

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MERTON

- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!**
 "Christ is near," we hear it say.
 "Cast away the works of darkness,
 all you children of the day!"
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,**
 from earth's bondage let us rise;
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
 shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See the Lamb, so long expected,**
 come with pardon down from heav'n.
 Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
 one and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next he comes in glory**
 and the world is wrapped in fear,
 he will shield us with his mercy
 and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing**
 to the Father and the Son
 with the everlasting Spirit
 while unending ages run!

Profession of Faith
The Nicene Creed
The assembly stands.

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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**

Prayers Of The People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

A God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C **Amen.**

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave and Chapel entrances. Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:



Offertory Song

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Wait for the Lord

WAIT FOR THE LORD

The assembly sings the refrain and then repeats the refrain following the verses, sung by the cantor.

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Cantor

1. *Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God. **Refrain***
2. *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. **Refrain***
3. *All the earth will see the Lord. **Refrain***
4. *Rejoice in the Lord always. God is at hand. **Refrain***
5. *Seek first the kingdom of God, seek and you shall find. **Refrain***

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

A Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

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The musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue' consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic and contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' The second staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic and contains the lyrics 'And al - so with you.' The third staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic and contains the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The fourth staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic and contains the lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with eighth and quarter notes, and rests.

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface Holy, Holy, Holy

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The musical score for 'Preface Holy, Holy, Holy' consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The fifth staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with eighth and quarter notes, and rests.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation, "Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith."

C 
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever."

C 
A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

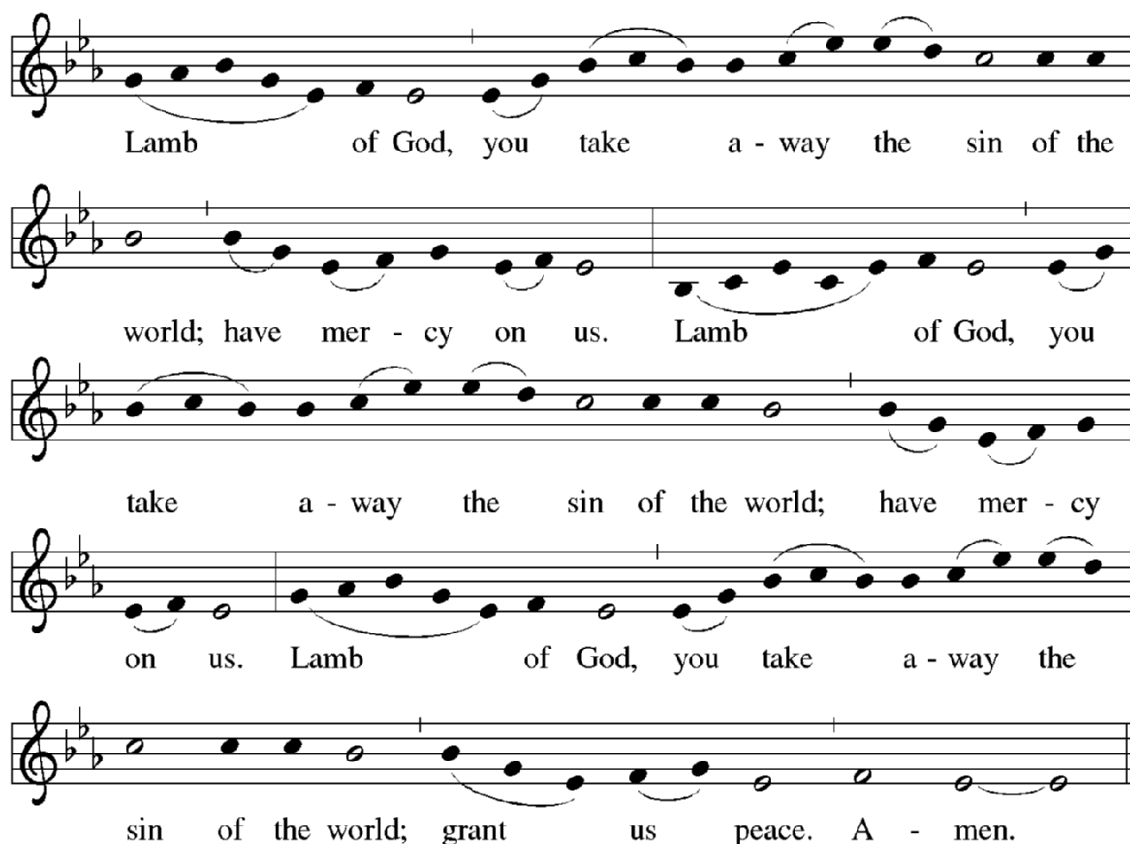
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P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**



Invitation to Communion

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly may be seated.

Communion Of The Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion

Creator of the Stars of Night
The assembly stands.

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CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

- 1** **Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you hear us when we call.**
- 2** **When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blessed mother mild.**
- 3** **At your great name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.**
- 4** **Come in your holy might, we pray,
redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below
from all assaults of our dread foe.**
- 5** **To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

- P** **May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you
patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today
and always.**
- C** **Amen.**

Sending Song

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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|---|---|
| <p>1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.</p> | <p>3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.</p> |
| <p>2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.</p> | <p>4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!</p> |

Silent Prayer and Dismissal

A The Liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Material from the following sources is acknowledged: Graphic, Introduction, Invocation, Greeting, Blessing of the Advent Wreath, Prayer of the Day, First Reading, Psalm Refrain, Psalm Tone, Psalm, Second Reading, Glory to You, Praise to You, Gospel, Offering Prayer, Dialogue, Preface, Holy, Christ Has Died, Amen, Lamb of God, Blessing, Dismissal from SundaysAndSeasons.com. ©2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS000731.

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A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with WOV are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room with baby changing area is located off the Narthex of the Nave.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings are reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$4,793.00
Total Received	7,325.98
Difference	2,532.98

This Week

Sunday November 30 1 Advent	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—Link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)
Monday December 1	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday December 2	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
Wednesday December 3	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (St. Mary's Chapel) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers (Nave/YouTube—Link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 8:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday December 5	10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Saturday December 6	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday December 7 2 Advent	Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—Link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M	Genesis 8: 1-19, Romans 6: 1-11, Psalm 124
T	Genesis 9: 1-17, Hebrews 11: 32-40, Psalm 124
W	Isaiah 54: 1-10, Matthew 24: 23-35, Psalm 124
Th	Isaiah 4: 2-6; Acts 1: 12-17, 21-26; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19
F	Isaiah 30: 19-26; Acts 13: 16-25; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19
Sa	Isaiah 40: 1-11; John 1: 19-28; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19
Su	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72, 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12



Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of Sue's birthday
by Dave Boyne.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and are given by Linda and Denny Beaver.

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button at goodshepherdpxtang.com.



LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE DATE CHANGE: The Living Room Dialogue group has pushed will meet Sunday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The group will be completing its discussion of John Ortberg's book "When the Game Is Over, Everything Goes Back in the Box." Beginning in January, the group will begin reading and discussing a new book by Max Lucado at its regular fourth Sunday evening meeting. We are seeking new members that enjoy reading and small-group discussions. Please contact Phyllis Switaj or Edna Hafer if you have an interest in joining in the group.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: We had a very positive response to our Intent Sunday on November 9. Thank you to all who have submitted their time, talent, and treasure intent cards. Just a reminder that there is still time to submit intent cards. Additional intent cards may be found in the Narthex and in the literature racks outside the Chapel.

ADVENT SOUPER SUPPERS AND WORSHIP: On Wednesday evenings during the Advent Season— December 3, December 10, and December 17—we will gather to share a meal and worship together. At 5:30 p.m. we will meet for “Soup-er” Supper in All Saints Hall, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Please plan to join with your friends from Good Shepherd during this Advent season as we prepare for Jesus’ coming.

ADVENT SOCIAL HOUR: All are welcome. Mark your calendars for the Advent Social Hour on **Sunday, December 14** during the Sunday school hour of 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in All Saints Hall. Please bring your favorite food item to share. Beverages will be provided. If you are participating in the Christmas Giving Tree gift(s), please place the gift(s) under the tree in the Narthex or in the Gathering Room. See page 22 of the bulletin for more information about the Christmas Giving Tree.

From the Broader Church and Community

COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS NEEDED: Community Aid typically experiences low donation levels at the end of the year. Donations of gently used clothing, shoes, electronics, and toys may be dropped off at any Community Aid center. When you make your donation, please note Good Shepherd’s partner number—10055—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AND WREATH: The Mission and Ministry Committee is supporting one family whose children attend the Swatara Middle School and the Paxton Home Ministries residents for the Advent season in preparation for a Merry Christmas.

Christmas Wreath – Please see the wreath display in the Narthex. Detach a star and sign your name on the wreath sign-up sheet beside the number of the star. A donation amount of **\$20.00** is the requested amount for a bathrobe. Checks are to be made out to Good Shepherd, with “Paxton bathrobe” on the memo line. **The check, along with the star ornament** is to be inserted in an envelope to be mailed to Good Shepherd or put in the offering plate at church. **Checks must be received into the church office on or before Sunday, December 14, 2025.**

Christmas Giving Tree – Please see the display in the narthex. Detach a Christmas ball ornament off the tree. Depending on the number of the Christmas ball ornament, sign your name and telephone number on the sign-up sheet beside the number of the chosen ornament. As you can see from the wish list (below), the desperate need is for clothing.

Christmas Ball Ornament (Family 8)

1. Female (age 17) Sweater and leggings, size M women’s
2. Female (age 17) Sweatshirt (with or without hoodie) and pants, size M women’s
3. Female (age 17) Target gift card
4. Male (age 16) Shoes, size 10 M men’s
5. Male (age 16) Sweater and pants, size S men’s
6. Male (age 16) Sweatshirt (with or without hoodie) and pants, size S men’s
7. Male (age 13) Shoes, size 9 1/2 M men’s
8. Male (age 13) Sweater and pants, size S men’s
9. Male (age 13) Sweatshirt (with or without hoodie) and pants, size S men’s
10. Female (age 12) Sweater and leggings, size S women’s
11. Female (age 12) Sweatshirt (with or without hoodie) and pants, size S women’s
12. Female (age 12) Target gift card
13. Female (age 2) Clothing, size 5T
14. Female (age 2) Shoes, size 11 (child’s)
15. Female (age 2) Likes Puzzles, blocks, Bluey and Barbie
16. Male (newborn) 2 boxes of diapers—size 1, 2, or 3—and wipes
17. Male (newborn) Clothing, size 3-6 months
18. Male (newborn) Clothing; size 3-6 months
19. Mom Giant Gift Card (food)
20. Mom Target Gift Card
21. Mom Walmart Gift Card
22. Mom Aldi’s Gift Card (Food)

Poinsettias for Christmas

We spend only funds designated for seasonal decorations. Nothing is ever spent from the general fund. Please return this coupon with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) if you'd like to contribute toward this effort. Dedications will be printed in the back of the bulletin at Christmas.

Deadline for submissions: December 14, 2025

To the Glory of God: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____ Amount: _____

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

8:30 a.m.

John Switaj

11:00 a.m.

Kristen Stewart

Cantor

Julie McCauley

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Mary and Fred Sprunk

11:00 a.m.

Sandy and Bill Baum

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Beth C. Fine, Church Administrator

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