



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026
9:30 a.m.**

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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 of the Nave.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

P As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

Gathering Song

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Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Entrance Antiphon

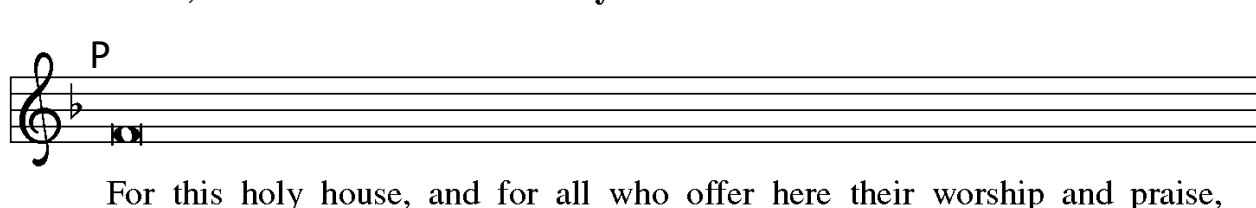
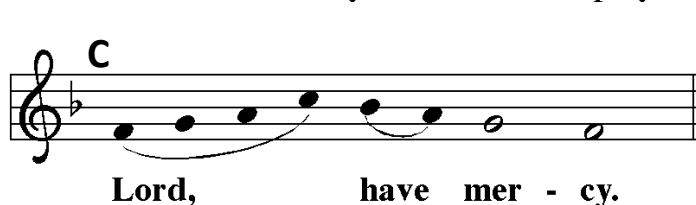
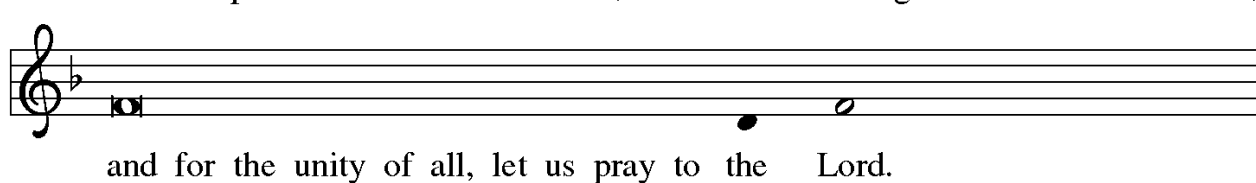
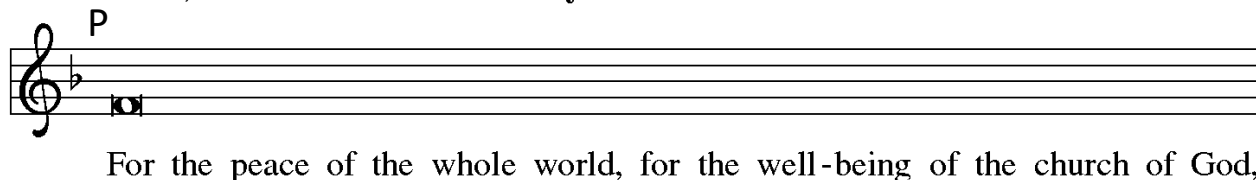
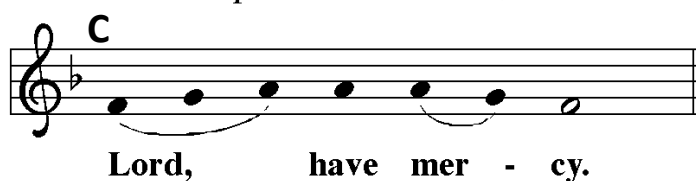
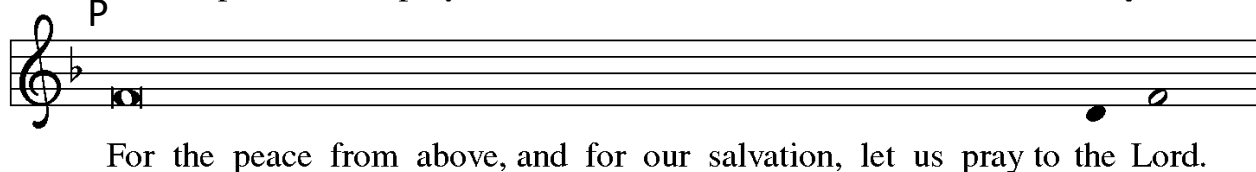
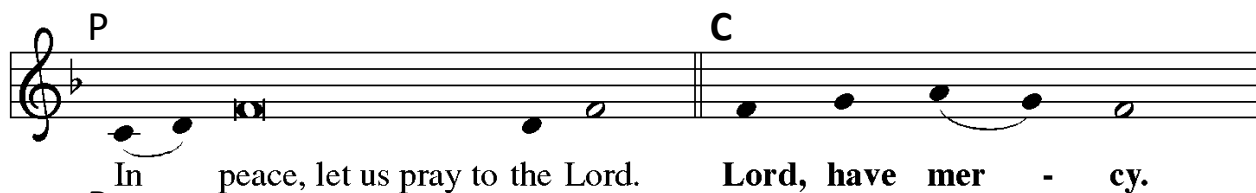
P When the Lord had been baptized, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him.

C Then the voice of the Father thundered; this is my beloved Son,
with him I am well pleased. (*see Matthew 3:16-17*)

Kyrie

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The Kyrie will be sung in dialogue with the assembly.

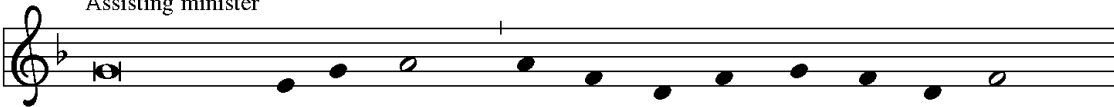


Canticle of Praise

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The Kyrie will be sung in dialogue with the assembly.

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



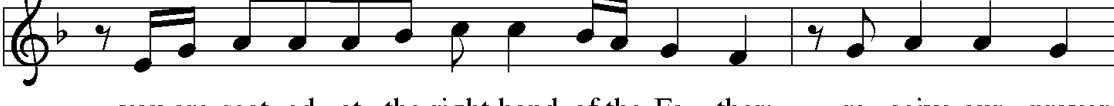
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

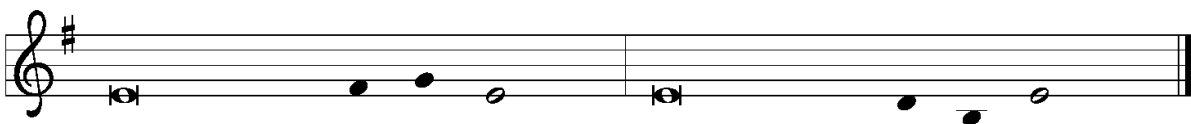
Psalm 29

*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



- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R

Second Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that

John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

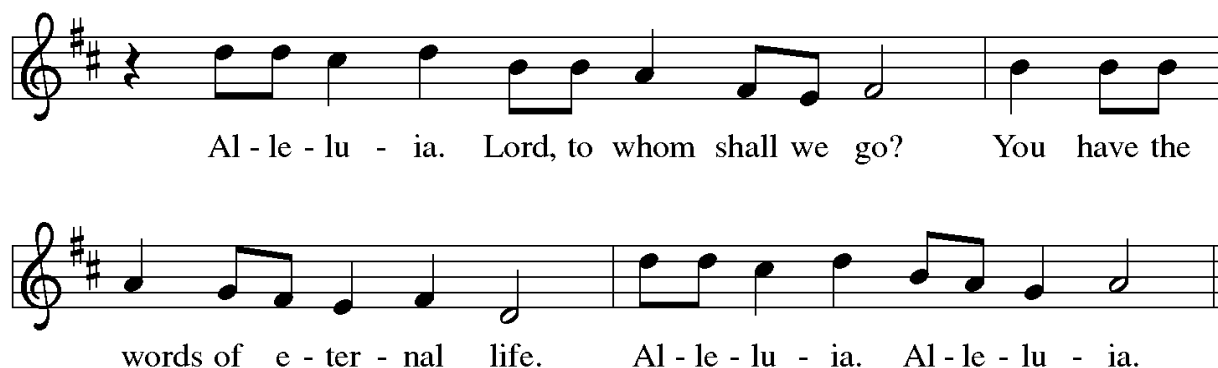
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

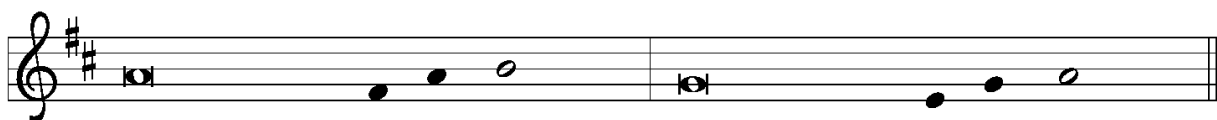
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

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

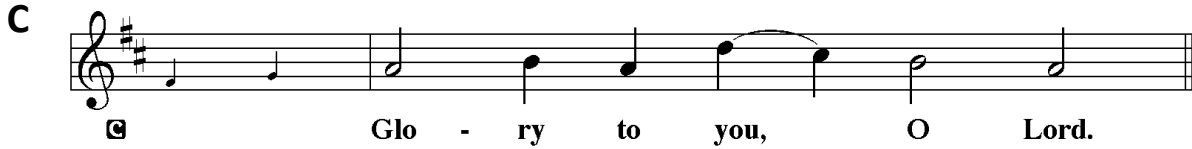
A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, | the Beloved, with whom I | am well pleased.” (Matt. 3:17)*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3: 13-17

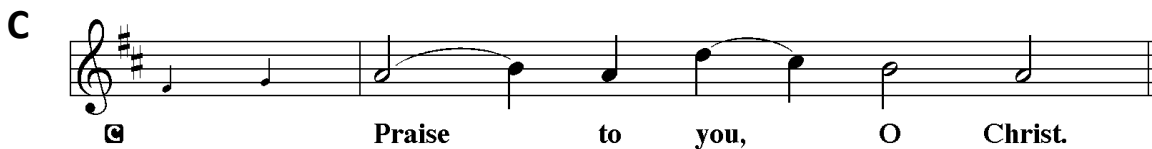
Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.



¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized
The assembly stands at the last stanza.

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LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.**
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.**
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.**
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.**

Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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**C 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 Merciful God,

C **receive 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 In the waters of the font, God has made us one with Christ who is our life, our hope, and our salvation. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: Peace be 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 entrance. Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:



Offertory Song

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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KING'S LYNN

1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

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 God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving
Dialogue

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The musical score for the Great Thanksgiving Dialogue consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking above the first measure and a 'C' (Crescendo) marking above the second measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff also has 'P' and 'C' markings. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has a 'P' marking. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has a 'C' marking. The lyrics are: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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 the Preface 'Holy, Holy Holy' consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: '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. Ho - san-na. 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.'

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. Ho -

san-na. 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, "... when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light."

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.

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;

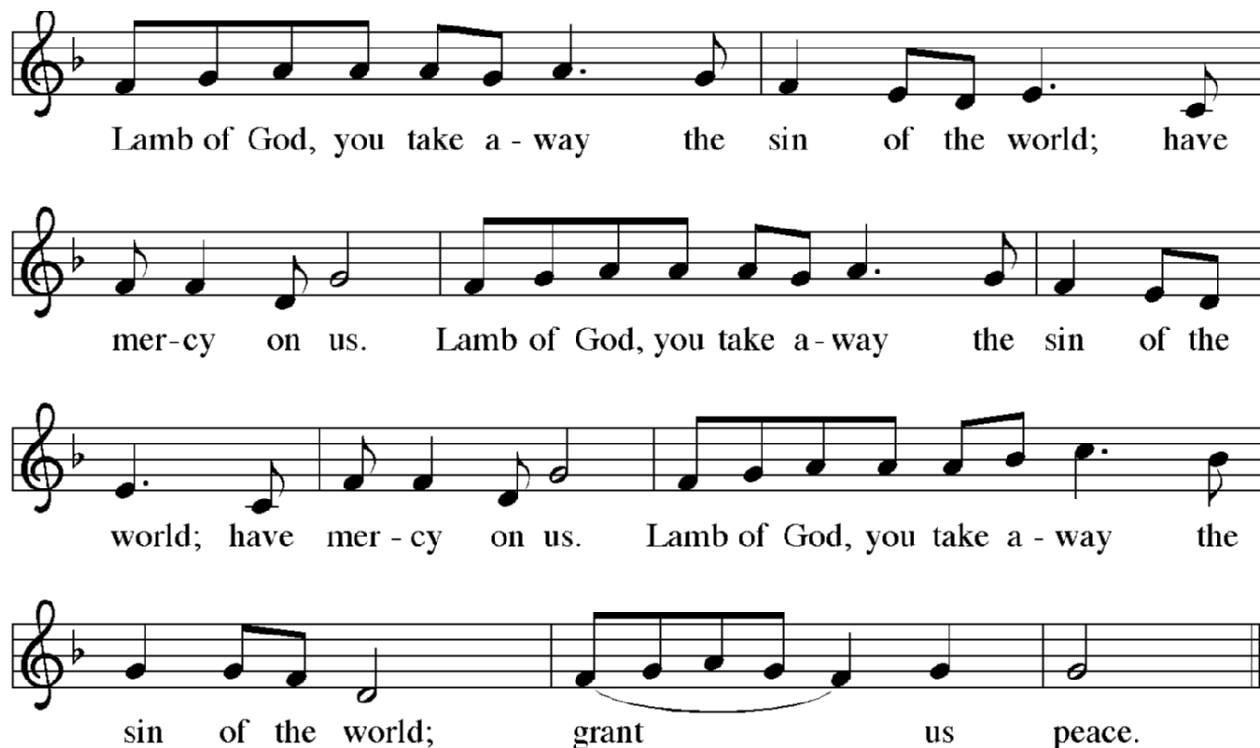
and forgive us our trespasses,

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

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This is the Spirit's Entry Now

LAND OF REST

The assembly stands.

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| <p>1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.</p> | <p>3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way.</p> |
| <p>2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.</p> | <p>4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour.</p> |

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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

Farewell and Godspeed

Church Administrator Beth Fine is departing Good Shepherd to complete her training to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder (lay pastor) in Carlisle Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Beth, as you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

P In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his church. When you came to serve this congregation, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

P We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts with Big Spring Presbyterian Church, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray: Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant, Beth, who has enriched this congregation and shared her gifts with us. Now bless and preserve her at this time of transition. Day by day, guide her and give her what is needed and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling her. By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage, that she may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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BEACH SPRING

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| <p>1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
Bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
Holy dove and heart's delight.</p> <p>2. We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your spirit, children, heirs.</p> | <p>3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!</p> |
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Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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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 is located off the Narthex.
- 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 is in recess until January 18,
when class will resume at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

This Week

Sunday January 11 Baptism of Our Lord	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 10:45 a.m. Beth Fine Farewell Luncheon (ASH)
Monday January 12	9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Congregation Council (Gathering Room)
Tuesday January 13	9:30 a.m. Workshop/Prayer Shawl Ministry (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday January 14	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday January 16	10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Saturday January 17	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday January 18 2 Epiphany	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 35: 1-15, Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 89: 5-37
T	Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Acts 8: 4-13, Psalm 89: 5-37
W	Isaiah 51: 1-16, Matthew 12: 15-21, Psalm 89: 5-37
Th	Isaiah 22: 15-25, Galatians 1: 6-12, Psalm 40: 1-11
F	Genesis 27: 30-38, Acts 1: 1-5, Psalm 40: 1-11
Sa	1 Kings 19: 19-21, Luke 5: 1-11, Psalm 40: 1-11
Su	Isaiah 49: 1-7, Psalm 40: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9, John 1: 29-42

Last Week

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

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,904.00
Total Received	23,962.88
Difference	19,058.88



Worship Dedications

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Pastor Baker, Nick Werner, and the Good Shepherd Congregation
by Beth and David Fine.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God
by Mary and Fred Sprunk.

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 to receive 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 on goodshepherdpxtang.com.



WELCOME ANGELA SPAGNOLO! Our new Church Administrator, Angela Spagnolo, has joined the Good Shepherd staff. All are invited to welcome Angela to Good Shepherd during office hours (Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.).

OUR GRATITUDE is extended to our loving church family for the kind and generous Christmas gifts, cards, and treats, and the way that you share God's love with all of us. Blessings to all of you, and thank you! —Pastor Baker, Beth Fine, and Nick Werner

WE APPRECIATE YOU, TOO: Pastor Baker and Fred Sprunk wish to thank everyone for the wonderful birthday(s) party after last Sunday's service. While not a surprise, we were pleased to have so many people stop by for cake, coffee and conversation. It was a pleasant (and tasty) way to spend time with our church family. We also enjoyed the personal cards we were able to share with our families at home.

A PATRIOTIC TEA PARTY: Good Shepherd's USA 250th Anniversary Committee will open the Semiquincentennial (250 years) celebration of our nation's independence with a Patriot Tea (and coffee) Party. The old-fashioned social will be held on Sunday, February 1 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. in All Saints Hall. Good Shepherd members and their guests are invited to share in this special day in honor of the Boston Tea Party, which actually occurred on Dec. 16, 1773. The party will feature English and herbal teas (and coffee for those more rebellious colonists among us) as well as a variety of tea sandwiches, scones and petite desserts. In addition, entertainment will include a brief program and music from the Revolutionary War period. Period costumes or red-white-blue dress are not necessary but are encouraged. To r.s.v.p. for the tea party, please fill out the reply form (on the opposite page) and place it in the offering plate or drop it at the office by Sunday, January 25.

Looking ahead, the anniversary committee plans to host special events for Flag Day (June 14, 1777), Independence Day (Saturday, July 4, 1776), and Peace Day (Sept. 3, 1783).

GOOD SHEPHERD'S PATRIOT TEA PARY

Sunday, February 1

2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

All Saints Hall

(Bad Weather Date—February 15)

Please r.s.v.p. for this event by completing and returning
this form to the church office no later than **Sunday, January 25.**

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Cantor

Kristen Stewart

Assisting Minister

John Switaj

Ushers

Sylvia and John McAnaney
Vicki Delp

The Parish Staff

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor
Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music
Beth C. Fine, Church Administrator

Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus
Herbert O. Fowler, Cantor Emeritus

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