

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 33
November 15, 2026

Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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 My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
C Lord, have mercy.
P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
C Christ, have mercy.
P You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.
C Lord, have mercy.
P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

GATHERING SONG **ELW 679**
For The Fruit of All Creation SCHMUCKE DICH

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sewing, reaping, silent growth when we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Entrance Antiphon
P The Lord says: my plans for you is peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you**.**
C But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness Lord.

Canticle Of Praise



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING **ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18**

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

A reading from Isaiah.

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

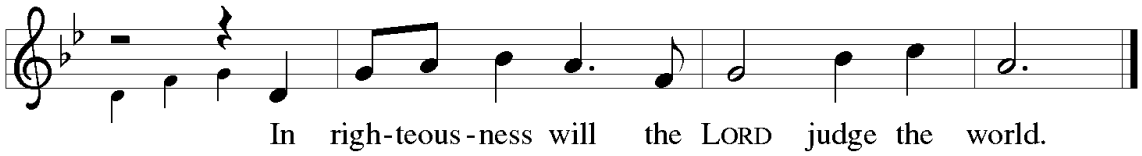
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16] a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

[17] I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
[18] Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90: 1-8 (9-11)
The antiphon will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. The antiphon is then repeated as indicated **R***.*

Psalm refrain



Psalm Tone



[1] Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born, from age to age | you are God.**
[3] You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past and like a watch | in the night; R**

[5] you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
[6] **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**
[7] For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
[8] **Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R**

[9] When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**
[11] Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

[12] **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R

SECOND READING **Thessalonians 5: 1-11**

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from Thessalonians.

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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.



Cantor

*Abide in me as I a-| bide in you; * those who abide in me | bear much fruit.(John 15:4, 5)*

GOSPEL **Matthew 25: 14-30**

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had
received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more
talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in
the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received
the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you
handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master
said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy
in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master,
you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His

master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 695**
As Saints of Old FOREST GREEN
The assembly stands at last stanza

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

3 In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed **ELW P. 105**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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, in your mercy.
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 and 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.

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 entrance.

Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:

Offertory Song **ELW 715**

Christ, Be Our Light (vs 1 and 2) CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your holy people, light for the world to see. *R*

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. ***R***

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!

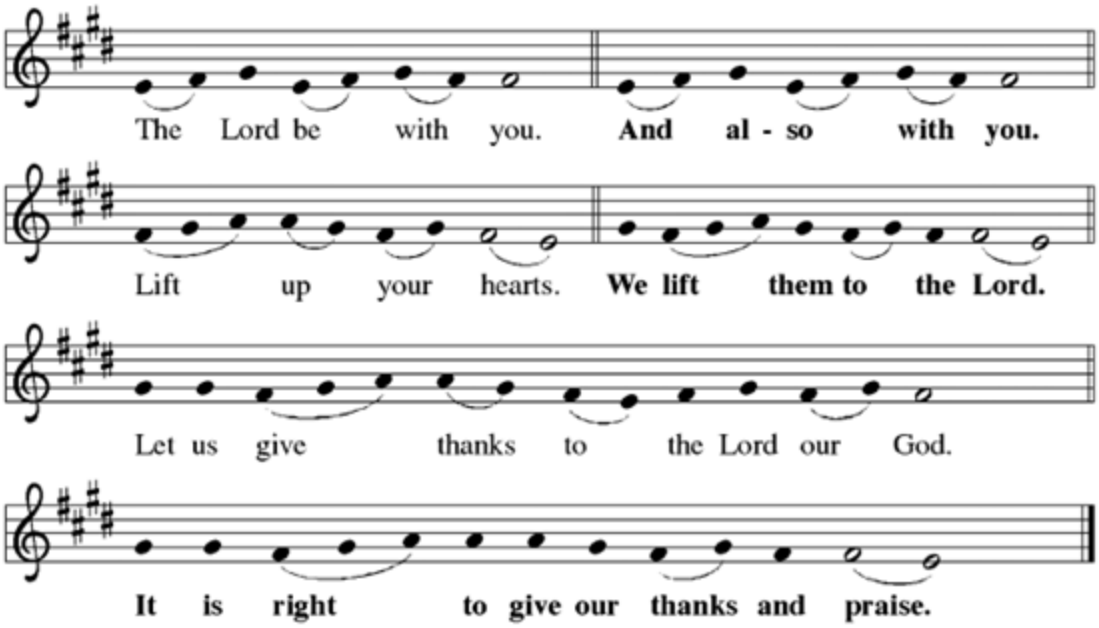
P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C Blessed be God forever!

A Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Dialogue



Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Eucharistic Prayer

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

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The Eucharistic prayer continues: "… Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever."
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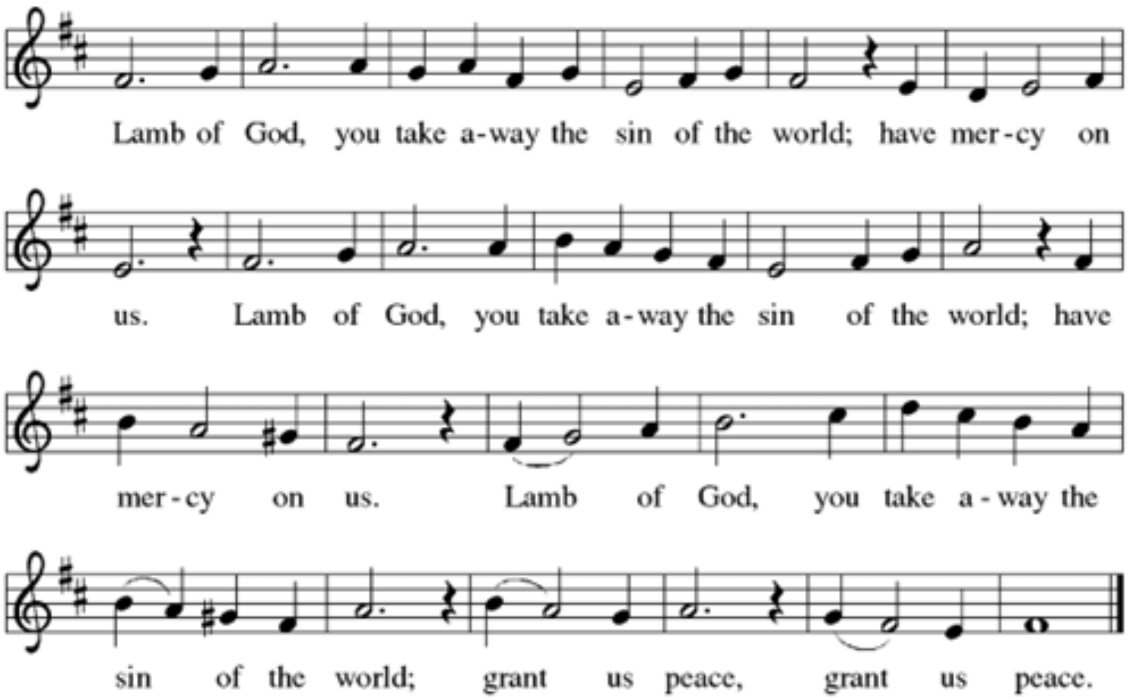


The Lord's Prayer **ELW p. 145**

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.

Lamb of God



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.

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 **ELW 715**
Christ, Be Our Light (vs 3-5) *CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *R*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *R*

5 Many the gifts, many the people
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *R*

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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

Blessing

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen.

Sending Song **ELW 707**
Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us HYFRYDOL

1 Lord of glory, you have brought us with your life blood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone

till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest, charity
in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry-in the least, the face we view,
saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have given to you."

4 Lord of glory, you have brought us with your life blood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Encourage one another.
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 with a 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 a.m. (Nave)
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation
Meets Sunday at 9:45 AM in the Gathering Room.

Last Week

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

Spending Proposal	$4904.00
Total Received	$4010.00
Difference	-$894.00

This Week

Sunday	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
November 15	9:45 A.M. Adult Faith Formation (The Gathering Room)
	11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
	The Call articles due
Monday	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
November 16	
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
November 17	10:00 a.m. Ready for school, Ready to succeed (St's Peter+ Paul)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
November 18	7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday	10:00 A.M. Ready for school, Ready to succeed (St's Peter
November 20	+ Paul)
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
November 21	
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament
November 22	9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room)
	11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M Psalm 9: 1-14, Zechariah 1: 7-17, Romans 2: 1-11
T Psalm 9: 1-14, Zechariah 2: 1-5,5: 1-4, 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18
W Psalm 9: 1-14, Job 16: 1-21, Matthew 24: 45-51
Th Psalm 95: 1-7a, 1 Kings 22: 13-23, Revelation 22: 1-9
F Psalm 95: 1-7a, 1 Chronicles 17: 1-15, Revelation 22: 1-9
S Psalm 95: 1-7a, Isaiah 44: 21-28, Matthew 12: 46-50
Su Psalm 95: 1-7a, Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25: 31-46



Worship Dedications
The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Mary and Fred Sprunk.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God.

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.

COMMUNITY AID: When dropping off your donations at a Community Aid center, **please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055**—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations. Thank you!

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 goodshepherdpaxtang.com.

ADULT FORMATION BEGINS ADVENT STUDY: “It’s a Wonderful Life” will be the subject when the Adult Formation Class resumes this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room. John Switaj will serve as discussion leader for the new Advent series about the classic Jimmy Stewart movie and associated Scripture lessons.

KEYSTONE BAND: Last rehearsal at Good Shepherd for 2026 will be November 18.

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.

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.	Julie McCauley
	11:00 a.m.	Dixie McCauley
Cantor		Michele McDevitt
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	John and Sylvia MacAnnaney
	11:00 a.m.	

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