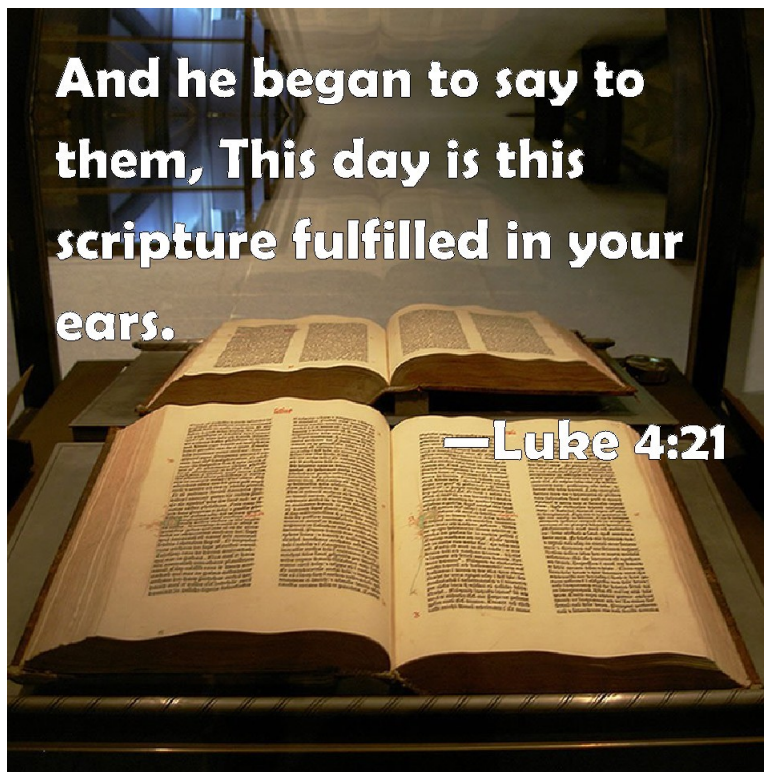


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**Fourth Sunday  
after Epiphany  
February 2nd, 2025**

## ***Good Morning and Welcome !***

### ***About our church***

*We are a group of Christians who do our best to live our faith. Sometimes we falter and we often fall short of the glory of God. Because of this, we celebrate God's abundant grace poured out through the love of Jesus Christ. It is this same love that inspires us to carry out our mission statement - **reaching out to all proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ** - so that everyone would know of the freeing, redeeming, calming, peaceful love of God.*

### ***About our worship***

*Here at Good Shepherd, we marry the reverence of "high liturgy" with a relaxed, contemporary feel. What does that mean? First, the word - liturgy - means "the work of the people." So our worship is our collective effort to place God on the throne of our hearts. Second, the word - high - refers to the high degree of reverence given to God's presence in our midst. You may see people bow toward or before the altar and the cross or tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies at certain points in worship. You may also notice people clapping in celebration or responding to a question asked in the sermon. Join in as you feel comfortable!*

### ***Navigating our bulletin***

*Italicized text is there to help orient you to our worship. Plain text (like this) is meant for the leader to read. Plain, bold text (**like this**) indicates the congregational response. Join in as you feel comfortable!*

*We do use a hymnal here at Good Shepherd. You will find a green and blue hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. Each hymn is numbered. Join in the singing as you are comfortable!*

## **COUNCIL UPDATE**

The Congregational Council is in active discussion with our Synod representatives and our colleagues at Christ Episcopal Church to begin the Call process. If anyone has questions please feel free to contact John Widger via phone 570 204-1286 or email at [jwidg54@gmail.com](mailto:jwidg54@gmail.com).

*Music Prelude*

*Call to Worship*

*Rise in body or spirit*

*Hymn - Green No. 415- "God of Grace and God of Glory"*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving-kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*Please be seated*

## Word

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."  
<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;**  
**incline your ear to me and save me.**  
<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.  
<sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,**  
**from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since I was young.  
<sup>6</sup>**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;**  
**from my mother's womb you have been my strength;**  
**my praise shall be always of you.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or

boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*Raise in body or spirit*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according Luke the 4th Chapter

**Glory to you O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of

Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

*Musical Moments - Diane Wasser*

*Sermon - Pastor Wayne Muthler*

*Choir Anthem - "I Give My Song"*

*Raise in body or spirit*

*The Confession of Faith - The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness (*especially*). Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

to bear witness to us all. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

### *Sharing of the Peace*

The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you.**

### **Oh God, we pray for your healing**

Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Bonnie Fausnaught, Donald Fausnaught, Sara Bower, Charlotte Wands, June Swida, Rachel, Glenbrook Residents, Kim Nespoli, Bonnie Bandics, Pray for Peace in our Country, All victims of violence, Kerri Shadle, Bruce Gilbert, Lucas Walker, Jenny Murray, Mary Hoida, Monte and Bettyanne Kishbach, Lori Stehle, Wayne Kemp, Bob Miller, Sally Campbell, Gloria Kundrat, Linda Moyer, Bruce E. Family of Butch Bernes, Cheryl and Loren Collins, Brad Pruiett Family of Margaret Serafin, Josh Rossario, Susan Watts

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

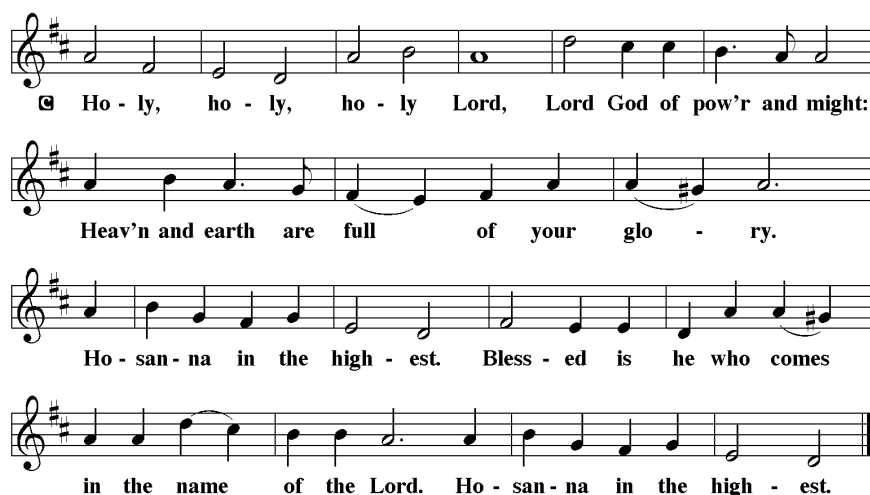
P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you?**

- P Life 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.**

It is indeed right and salutary..... Therefore, we angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Institution - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

On the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*The Lord's Prayer*

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

**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***

The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

***Hymn - Green No. 231 - "O Word of God Incarnate"***

***Post Communion Blessing***

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you to live in his grace.

**P** Amen

***Post Communion Canticle***



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Post Communion Prayer***

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts  
of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to  
embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of  
the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

***Sending Blessing***

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with  
compassion, and send you in love.

**Amen.**

***Hymn - Green No. 551- "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"***

***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The worship is over, now let the service begin!*

***Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations***

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**Birthdays**

Kirk Bower 02/03

Ray Sterner 02/04

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**Anniversaries**

Jon and Leanne Shultz 02/07/1981

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**We welcome this morning Pastor Wayne Muthler who will be  
presiding over our worship service today**

**Worship Leaders for Sunday February 2nd, 2025**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Amber Keefer
Communion Assist	Dr. John Widger
Lector	Madison Cragle
Usher	Marilee Ungemach, Stephanie Jones
Acolyte	Kyler Krumenaker
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	Stephanie Jones, Skip Gogle
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
Lock/Unlock	Barry Titus
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

**Worship Leaders for Sunday February 9th, 2025**

Presiding Minister	Father Fred Stevenson
Assisting Minister	Dr.. John Widger
Communion Assist	Sam DeFinnis
Lector	Beck Dows
Usher	Lois Lingousky, Vance Ouimet
Acolyte	Josh Feudale
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	Stephanie Jones, Skip Gogle
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
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Last Week's Offering	1-26-25
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 1,900.00
Difference	\$ 361.54
Attendance	70

## Weekly Announcements

- **Sunday, February 2nd** - 8:30am - Worship Service  
Children's fellowship hour after service featuring a Bible Story  
“The Chosen” in the Parlor following service
- **Monday, February 3rd** - 6:00pm - **Book Study** -  
“**Twelve Ordinary Men**” by **John MacArthur**  
Please read chapters 1& 2 prior to class
- **Tuesday, February 4th** - 6:00pm - **WELCA**
- **Tuesday, February 4th** - 6:00pm - **Sons of Zebedee**
- **Wednesday, February 5th** - 6:00pm - **Choir Rehearsal**
- **Wednesday, February 5th** - 7:00pm - **Bell Choir Rehearsal**
- **Thursday February 6th** - 6:00pm **Committee Meetings**
- **Thursday February 6th** - 7:00pm - **Council Meeting**
- **Sunday, February 9th** - 8:30am - Worship Service
- Children's fellowship hour after service featuring a Bible story  
“The Chosen” in the Parlor following service
- **Sunday, February 9th** - **SOUPER BOWL 10-2pm**  
Sign up sheet on the Table in the Narthex  
**Don't forget to Wear your favorite team shirt**

## Announcements

Offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the  
Narthex

**February 16th - 5:00pm - Sunday Funday  
Bible Jeopardy**

**February 22nd- 6:00pm - Game Night**