

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

To reach out to all, proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ

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Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1st, 2026

8:30am

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

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on the Call Committee. The Council has selected - Addy Berlin, Michele Ouimet, Kim Scheirer, and Peggy Yeastedt as our Call Committee.

Please feel free to contact John Widger at either 570-204-1286 or jwidg54@gmail.com. You can also contact any council member for updates on the Call Process

Music Prelude

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

Processional Hymn- Green No. 90 -

“Song of Faithfulness and Praise”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin + in Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember

now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown. **Amen.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose

what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according Matthew the 5th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon - Pr. Wayne Muthler

Choir Anthem - “As Long As I Have Breath”

Rise 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Oh God, we pray for your healing

Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, June Swida, Donald Fausnaught, Charlotte Wands, All victims of violence, Pray for Peace in our Country, Glenbrook Residents, Mary Hoida, Emma Shaffer, Lisa Shellhammer, Shari Slowick, Val Donahue, Diane Wasser, Bettyanne, Doug Johnson, Joanne Bower, Hurley "Duke" Slusser, Jerry and Shari Post, Kristina Lemon, Ashlyn Spiker, Frank Knorr, Megan Oliveri, Pat Hons, Family of Wayne Sharp, Gregory, Tamara, Gloria Kundrat, Pr. Warntz

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

And also with you

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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, God of pow-er 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. 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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Please be seated

Hymn: Green No. 554 - "This Is My Father's World"
(see insert) "My Lord, What a Morning"

Rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you to live in His grace **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending Blessing

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

Hymn: Blue No. 651 - “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

The worship is over, now let the service begin!

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Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations

Birthdays

Kirk Bower	2/03
Ray Sterner	2/04
Abaigail Takacs	2/05

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**The Altar Flowers are placed in Memory of
Susan DeHaven and Alan DeHaven
by David DeHaven**

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Love offering February will go to Special Needs

Worship Leaders, Sunday, February 1st, 2026

Presiding Minister	Pr. Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Jan Hoida
Communion Assistant	Marilee Ungemach
Lector	Dr. John Widger
Usher	Sam DeFinnis, Lorraine DeFinnis
Acolyte	Cody Welliver
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	Stephanie Jones, Skip Gogle
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Worship Leaders, Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Presiding Minister	TBD
Assisting Minister	Dr. John Widger
Communion Assistant	Owen Berlin
Lector	Jen Berlin
Usher	Vance Ouimet, Donna Lynn
Acolyte	Kyler Krumenaker
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	Stephanie Jones, Skip Gogle
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Last Week	01/25/2026
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$
Legacies (Crouse)	\$
Christ Church	\$
TOTAL	\$
Difference	\$ +
Attendance	Snow day

Weekly Announcements

- **Monday, February 2nd- 6:00pm -Make eggs**
- **Tuesday, February 3rd- 9:00am - Coat eggs**
- **Tuesday, February 3rd - 6:00pm - WELCA**
- **Tuesday, February 3rd - 6:00pm - Sons of Zebedee**
- **Thursday, February 5th - 6:00pm - Committee meetings**
7:00pm - Council meeting
- **Sunday, February 8th - Souper Bowl Sunday -**
Takeout event (See insert)
Proceeds will be shared between a local food bank and to help
purchase candy for the annual Good Shepherd Easter Egg Hunt
There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex
******Remember to wear your favorite team shirt******
- **Monday, February 9th - 6:00pm - Make eggs**
- **Tuesday, February 10th - 9:00am - Coat eggs**
- **Wednesday, February 18th – Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Service**
at Good Shepherd
- **Friday, February 20-21st – Youth Retreat “RENEW”**
at Camp Mt. Luther. Renew is a retreat for youth grades 6-12 that
cultivates faith, fellowship, and fun. Cost is \$91 which includes
food, lodging, and programming. Scholarships are available.
Additional information is on the table in the Narthex
- **2026 Offering Envelopes are on the Table in the Narthex**
- **2025 Contribution Statements are available in the office**