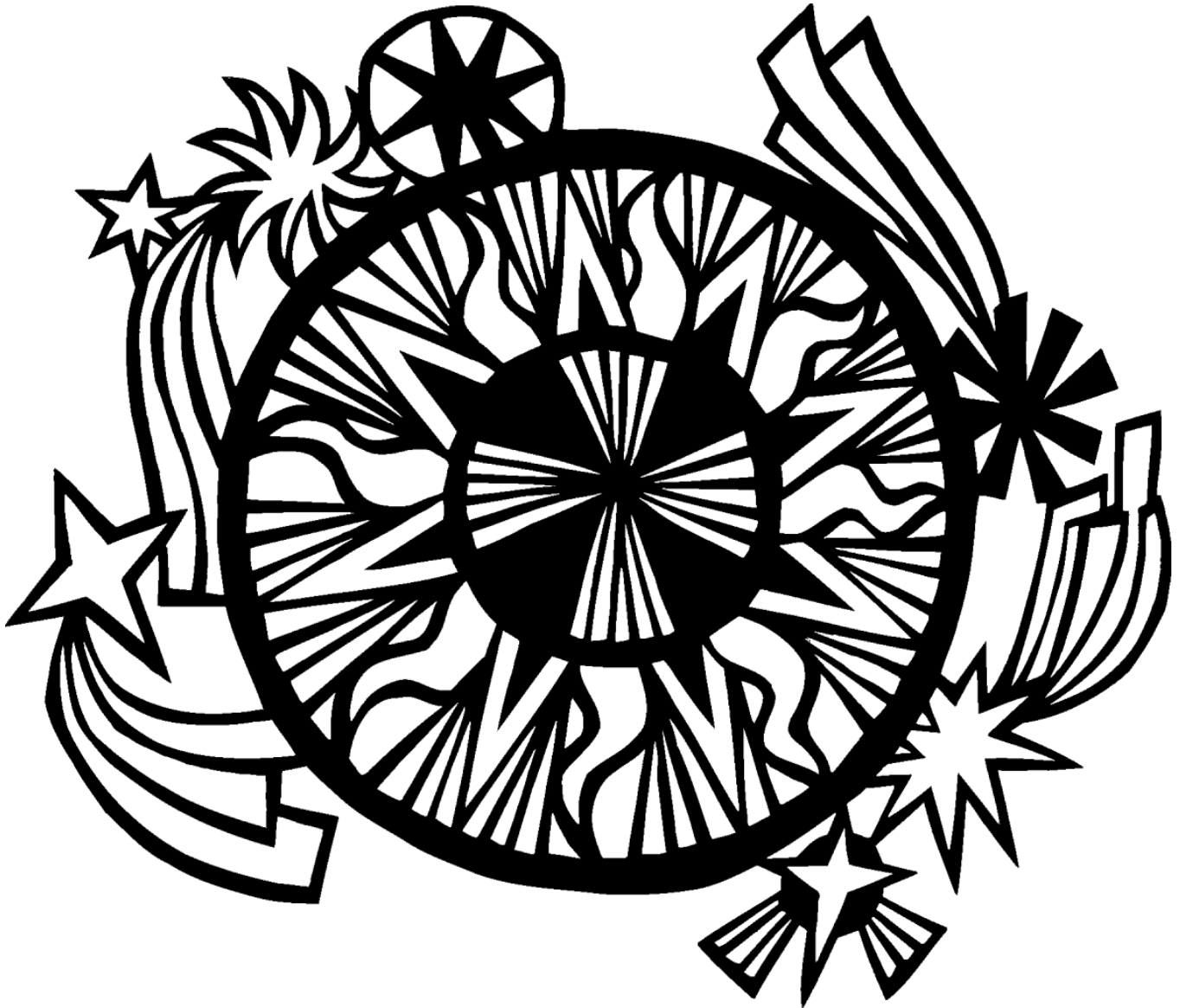




**GOOD  
SHEPHERD**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



January 2, 2022  
Second Sunday of Christmas  
9:30 a.m.

# **Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** **Building up God's people through His word for His world**

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*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

**We especially welcome our guests who are worshipping here today.** What a privilege to greet you! If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to participate in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation, visit [gslcva.org](http://gslcva.org). Also, please fill out a Welcome Card, which you'll find near the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate.

**Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church.** Holy Communion is celebrated in all indoor services on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday/PRAISE, an informal worship service featuring contemporary music, is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and communion is celebrated on fourth Sundays. Holy Communion is part of every outdoor worship service, each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (Schedule resumes January 9.)

**To all worshippers:** The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Please welcome our young ones and give their parents a smile of encouragement or a helping hand if needed.

**To the parents of young ones, here are few suggestions for worshipping with your children:** Relax! God put the wiggles and giggles in kids; don't feel that you have to suppress them in His house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor, ushers, communion assistants, etc. Sing the hymns and songs, pray, and voice the responses out loud. Children learn worshipful behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the worship service with your child or stand up and walk around the back of the sanctuary, feel free to do so, but please come back! And finally, if you so choose...

**We have a staffed nursery for children (infants through age four),** as well as a parents' room next to the nursery, where parents can stay with their young ones who may need a break from the service. The Parents' Room is also a comfortable and private place where mothers may nurse their babies. Parents may drop off their children in the nursery for all or part of the service after signing in with our nursery attendants. The nursery will be staffed again beginning January 9.

**We offer Sunday School** and a variety of Bible studies and spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. An Adult Education class will meet in the Fellowship Hall; children and youth meet in designated areas on the lower level of the church. (Sunday School resumes January 9.)

**Flowers on the visitor center table in the church entry area** are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the church, uplift the service participants, and remind us all of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at [gslcva.org/ministries/worship](http://gslcva.org/ministries/worship), under "Flower sponsorships."

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>"Joy, Joy, Joy"</i>	Bill Cain
	<i>"In dulci jubilo"</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

<b>WELCOME</b>		Pastor Johann
<i>(Please stand)</i>		

<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>"Son of God, Eternal Savior"</i>	<b>Hymn No. 842</b>
		Verses 1, 2, & 4

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

*(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**C** Amen.

**P** In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Please kneel/stand.)*

**P** Holy God,

**C** we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

**P** I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**C** Amen.

*(Please stand)*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE [Lord, have mercy]

Music in Hymnal, Pages 152–153

HYMN OF PRAISE — *This Is the Feast*

Music in Hymnal, Page 155

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Music in Hymnal, Page 156

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please sit)*

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7–14

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

**L** <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

## Ephesians 1:3–14

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

**L** <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who

accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**Music in Hymnal, Page 156**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 1:1–18**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**Music in Hymnal, Page 157**

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

**P** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Music in Hymnal, Page 157**

*(Please sit)*

**KIDS' MESSAGE**

*"One, Big Family!"*

Pastor Johann

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

**Hymn No. 395**

Verses 1–3, 6

**MESSAGE**

*"How's Christmas?"*

Pastor Johann

*(Please stand)*

## NICENE CREED

**☩ 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

*(Please sit)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Johann

## INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM

*“The Glory of God in Nature”*  
(Ray Micsan, piano)

Ludwig van Beethoven

*(Please stand)*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**☩ Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say “Merciful God,”*

*The congregation responds “Receive our prayer”*

*Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Music in Hymnal, Page 160

SANCTUS [Holy, holy, holy]

Music in Hymnal, Page 161

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

PAX DOMINI [The peace of the Lord]

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God]

Music in Hymnal, Page 163

*(Please sit)*

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### DISTRIBUTION

**We believe** that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: "This is My body ... this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26–27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

**We invite** all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

**Distribution procedure:** Holy Communion will be distributed in two ways this morning. For those who will commune using the pre-packaged elements, the officiant will instruct communicants on this procedure.

Communion will also be distributed in a continuous walking fashion. At the direction of the ushers, walk toward the front of the church in a single-file line. Please keep your mask on until it is time to consume the communion elements. The pastor will distribute the host (communion wafers). Receive the host in hand, consume it, and then take the wine from the tray (held by the communion assistant). After you have drunk the wine, place the empty cup in one of the bowls on either side of the chancel area, replace your mask, and return to your pew. If you are not receiving communion, please fold your arms across your chest with hands toward the shoulders (St. Andrew's cross) and approach to receive a blessing. There will be a single dismissal blessing after all have communed.

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

Hymn No. 393

*"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"*

Hymn No. 545

*(Please stand)*

#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Postlude based on *‘Kings of Orient’*”

Gordon Young

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**Note: There will be no coffee fellowship following the service today. Coffee and donuts will return to the Fellowship Hall on January 9.**

We hope you will continue to connect with us by liking our Facebook page and following our Instagram account. Find them by searching @gslcva within those social media platforms. We also encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow us on Vimeo so that you don't miss any of our virtual services, kids' messages, and more! If you have any questions, please reach out to [jeff@gslcva.org](mailto:jeff@gslcva.org).

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## CORE MINISTRY AREAS

### **Worship**

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide;

Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Alison Carlson), Children's Choir (Laura Owens), Handbell Choir (Laura Owens) traditional, contemporary, physical space, support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes)*

### **Discipleship**

Team Leader: Pastor James (temporary)

*adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, family ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry*

### **Parish Life**

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*Life Groups (Brian Cors), member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion (Melinda DeWan), concerts, public events, picnics, intergenerational events*

### **Administration**

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

*property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications, contracts, church office, calendar/program management, technology*

### **Mission**

Team Leader: John and Debbie Linn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*world missions, synod, outreach, social ministry, community service, evangelism, publicity, media, social media*

### **Congregational Care** Team Leader: Marilyn Voigt; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*member care visits, emergency transportation, maintain roster of the willing, guest follow-up*

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Southeastern District  
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# About Good Shepherd...

## **Our vision**

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

## **Worship**

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

## **Serve**

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Look at our Community Service Opportunities listing to find a way to serve.

## **Grow**

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge, we want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

## **Connect**

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows. We build strong ties when we gather for worship as well as for events throughout the week. Look inside for many opportunities for connection.



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