

December 13, 2020  
Third Sunday of Advent

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

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*"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.*

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**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*"People, Look East!"*

arr. Robert Hobby

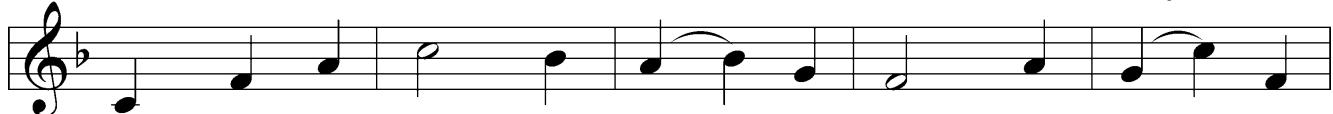
**WELCOME**

Pastor Johann

**OPENING HYMN**

*"Hark the Glad Sound"*

**Hymn No. 349**



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

## INVOCATION, CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving and forgiving God, we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

## Service of the Word

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11**

*Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.*

**L** <sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
    because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
    to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
    and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
    and the day of vengeance of our God;  
    to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
    to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
    the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
    the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
    they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
    the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
    I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
    and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
    and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
    that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
    my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
    he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

## SECOND READING

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

*Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.*

- L** <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

## HOLY GOSPEL

## John 1:6–8, 19–28

*John's gospel describes Jesus as the “light of the world.” John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.*

- P** <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>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>22</sup>“Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” <sup>23</sup>Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>24</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ ”

as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**HYMN OF THE DAY***"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"***Hymn No. 344**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with Fa - ther

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

**MESSAGE***"Real ID"*

Pastor Johann

**REFLECTIVE RESPONSE****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 into hell.  
 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

Pastor Johann

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*"The Dream Isaiah Saw"*

Glen Rudolph

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,  
leopards will join with the lambs as they play,  
wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,  
blood will not darken the earth that God made.

Little child whose bed is straw,  
take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw  
life redeemed from fang and claw.

Peace will pervade more than forest and field:  
God will transfigure the violence concealed  
deep in the heart and in systems of gain,  
ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.

Little child whose bed is straw,  
take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:  
justice purifying law.

Nature reordered to match God's intent,  
nations obeying the call to repent,  
all of creation completely restored,  
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.  
Little child whose bed is straw,  
take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:  
knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The people respond after "Lord, hear our prayer" by singing:*

Leader: You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father  
You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father  
All: **Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy**  
**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy**

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## 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.

## BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ☩ now and forever. Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

### *“Hosanna”*

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes  
I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing, the people sing

***Hosanna, hosanna***  
***Hosanna in the highest***  
***Hosanna, hosanna***  
***Hosanna in the highest***

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith, with selfless faith  
I see a near revival

Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

#### ***Chorus***

*Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity*

#### ***Chorus (2x)***

***Hosanna in the highest***

“Hosanna”

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## DISMISSAL

### POSTLUDE

### *“Prelude & Fugue in F”*

J. S. Bach

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If you have any questions, please reach out to [grace@gslcva.org](mailto:grace@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, Children's Choir (Laura Owens), traditional, contemporary, physical space, support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes)*

**Discipleship**

Team Leader: Andy Muich

*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: Matt Dickert; 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  
of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

# 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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