



## **First Sunday in Advent**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | 10:30 AM

## Holy Communion will be at the Rail today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

### Holy Communion is...

- † The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for God’s People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*
- † Coming to the table believing the words “given and shed FOR YOU.”  
Preparation might involve three questions:  
Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?  
Am I ready to lead a new life?
- † God’s grace in “forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”  
*Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32*



Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

**Psalm 24:7**



Welcome to worship at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Please scan the QR Code to register as our guest. You can also sign the Guest Registry located at the entrance to our Sanctuary.

**Please** turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

**Nursery:** The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

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Welcome

Prelude

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

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

Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Exhortation

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse  
 3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,  
 4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light:  
 Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 As drew the world to e - ven - tide,  
 All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;



O Christ, Re - deem - er, save us all  
 Hast found the heal - ing, full of grace,  
 The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine  
 All things ce - les - tial Thee shall own,



And hear Thy ser - vants when they call.  
 To cure and save our ru - ined race.  
 Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine.  
 And things ter - res - trial, Lord a - lone.

5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread  
 To judge the living and the dead,  
 Preserve us from the ancient foe  
 While still we dwell on earth below.

6 To God the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
 Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
 From age to age eternally. Amen.

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 Tune: Sarum plainsong, c. 9th cent., mode IV  
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## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
 righteous and having salvation.

**Save us, we pray, O LORD!**

**O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.**

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may  
be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your  
mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and  
Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.  
<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

*Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6*

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”  
**<sup>2</sup>Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**  
<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,  
**<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
**<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!**  
<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”  
**<sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”**  
<sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

*Romans 13:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love

your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

<sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

Alleluia & Verse

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia & Verse. The top staff is for the Choir and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" are written below each staff. The Congregation staff ends with a double bar line.

Show us your steadfast love O Lord, and give us your salvation.

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 24:36–44*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

# **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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*Stand*

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

# Anthem

## Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

1. Awake! awake, and greet the new morn,  
For angels herald its dawning,  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
Behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
To bring all hearts together,  
He opens wide the heav'nly door  
And lives now inside us for ever.
  
3. In darkest night his coming shall be,  
When all the world is despairing,  
As morning light so quiet and free,  
So warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
The lame shall leap in wonder,  
The weak be raised above the strong,  
And weapons be broken asunder.
  
4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
Though dark the winter and cheerless,  
The rising sun shall crown you with light,  
Be strong and loving and fearless;  
Love be our song and love our prayer,  
And love, our endless story,  
May God fill ev'ry day we share,  
And bring us at last into glory.

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# Offering

Stand

## Offertory

## We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift 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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

O holy, holy, holy Lord,  
The God of heav'nly hosts adored,  
Both heav'n and earth Your glory show.  
Hosanna sing unto the Lord.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

Agnus Dei

O Christ, the holy Lamb of God  
Who takes away the whole world's sin.  
Have mercy on us now, we pray,  
And grant your heav'nly peace within.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Sit*

Distribution (*Rail*)

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.  
**Amen.**



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth-er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

Lord, let your servant go in peace.  
Your gracious word I now recall.  
My eyes have seen salvation here,  
Glory for Israel, light for all.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## Hymn to Depart

## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

*LSB 515*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



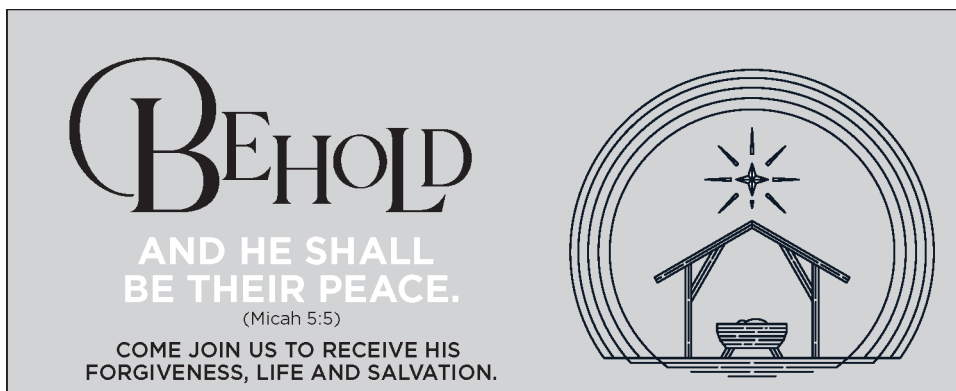
Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude



### **Advent Devotionals**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

December 3 ~ Death & Judgment

December 10 ~ Heaven & Hell

December 17 ~ Time of Remembrance & Hope

### **Christmas 2025**

#### **Christmas Eve**

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 pm Worship Service

#### **Christmas Day**

Thursday, December 25

10:30 am Worship Service

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Ministries for November 30 – December 7, 2025

|                 |                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 11/30   | 9:15 AM         | Children's Sunday School            |
|                 | 9:15 AM         | Confirmation Class                  |
|                 | 9:15 AM         | Adult Bible Study                   |
|                 | <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>Worship – Eucharist</b>          |
|                 | 1:00PM          | ICFC Worship                        |
| Monday, 12/1    | 8:00 PM         | AA ( <i>FLW</i> )                   |
| Tuesday, 12/2   | 11:00 AM        | SCCC Chapel                         |
|                 | 5:30 PM         | Confirmation Class                  |
| Wednesday, 12/3 | 11:00 AM        | SCCC Chapel                         |
|                 | 7:00 PM         | Advent Devotional                   |
| Thursday, 12/4  | 10:30 AM        | Bible Study                         |
|                 | 6:00 PM         | Sunday School Ringers Practice      |
|                 | 6:45 PM         | Shepherd's Bells Practice           |
|                 | 7:00 PM         | Narc-Alon ( <i>FLW</i> )            |
|                 | 8:00 PM         | Choir Practice                      |
| Friday, 12/5    | 6:00 PM         | Girl Scout Meeting ( <i>FLW</i> )   |
|                 | 8:00 PM         | AA ( <i>FLW</i> )                   |
| Saturday, 12/6  | 8:00 AM         | Men's Group                         |
|                 | 3:00 PM         | ICFC Practice                       |
|                 | 6:00 PM         | AA ( <i>Rm. 104</i> )               |
| Sunday, 12/7    | 9:00 AM         | Voters' Meeting                     |
|                 | 9:15 AM         | Children's Sunday School            |
|                 | <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>Worship – Eucharist</b>          |
|                 | 1:00PM          | ICFC Worship ( <i>FLW</i> )         |
|                 | 4:30PM          | Olney Community Youth Choir Concert |

\*ICFC = Indonesian Christian Fellowship Church

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