

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2025

FM Radio 89.9

11:00

Personal Prayer before Worship

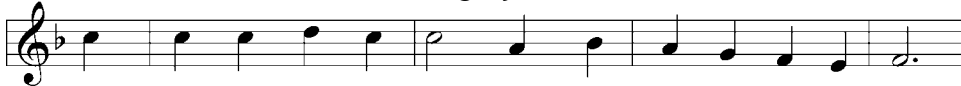
O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship you in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that you may open our hearts to the preaching of your Word, so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for his sake. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

Text: Germanus, c. 634–c. 734; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln
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Confession and Absolution

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

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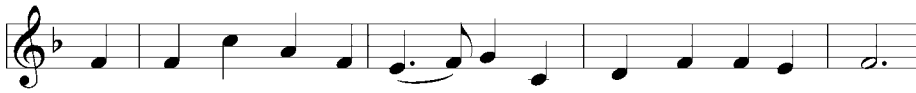
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7–14

- ⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.
⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people.
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,

¹²who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
¹³who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.
So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

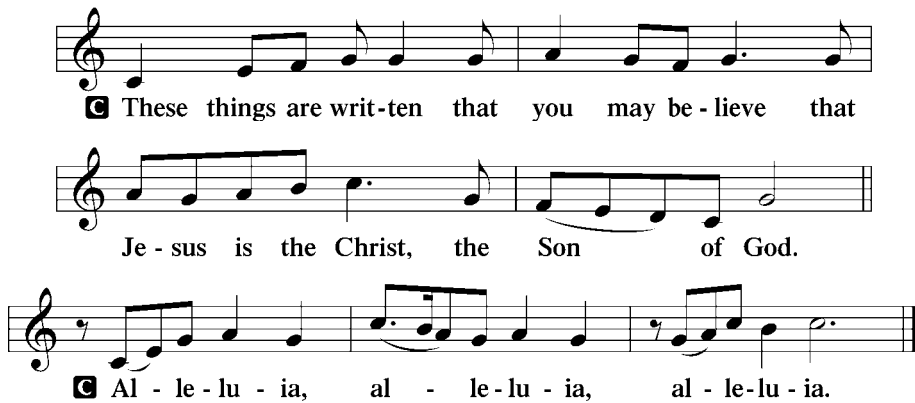
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

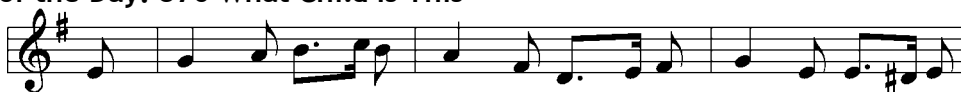
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98
Tune: English, 16th cent.
Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon: "The Consequences of Christmas"

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God,
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Offering

Your continued tithes and special offerings are appreciated and support God's work at Good Shepherd. You may give by plate, by mail, or make a secure gift online by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, we are the people of Your promise, to whom You have revealed Your Son as Savior and Redeemer. Bless Your Church, that we may enjoy the gift of good and faithful ministers. Prosper Your Word and bring to fruition its proclamation in every place and time. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, You give us the gift of each other. Renew our fellowship as the Body of Christ. Grant all things beneficial for husbands and wives, the single, those who desire marriage, and the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friends and family. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants You have perfected Your praise. Silence the enemy and the avenger. Turn the hearts of all who, like Herod, would despise children or destroy the unborn for selfish gain. Show Your forgiveness to those who are penitent. Give Your comfort to all women who mourn the loss of infants, and fix our eyes on Christ, who for a time was spared but has shed His blood for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You appoint leaders and give the responsibility of authority. Protect our nation and its leaders. Grant them wisdom in their pursuit of justice. Bring Your gift of peace in the world, and give relief to those who suffer oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty Lord, You are the Great Physician. Grant healing in accordance with Your will for the sick and those who suffer. Give strength to those who give aid and care for the sick. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, You are the bringer of true joy. Grant Your Holy Spirit to increase and sustain us in this joy and thanksgiving throughout the days of this Christmas season, until that day when at last Christ returns in His glory as Lord and judge of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Hear us, O Lord, for we are the people of Your promise and the children whom You have redeemed through the salvation accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.**

Benedicamus

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- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- 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: 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1	Lo,	how	a	rose	e'er	bloom - ing	From	ten - der	stem	hath
2	I	-	sa -	iah	'twas	fore - told it,	The	rose	I	have in
3	This	flow'r,	whose	fra -	grance	ten - der	With	sweet - ness	fills	the
4	O	Sav -	ior,	child	of	Mar - y,	Who	felt	our	hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind, To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Text (sts. 1–2): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layriz, 1808–59; (st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948
Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln
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Go in peace

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Altar flowers
are placed by the Hoffmanns

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS for body, soul, and spirit:

(names in italics are new or have a new development)

Adams family; Hester Allen; Jeanette Allen; Josh Allen; Frank Altland; Sonya Alwine; Annette Anderson; Tina Bell; Darlene Bentzel; Cathy Booz; Rachel Booz; Tammy Bosley; Braydon; Bill Bucher; Nancy Buckley; Chris Candisky; Jeffery Cogan; Dawn Coley; Rose Cooper; Dona Dellinger; Joyce Devan; Cookie Eaves; Judy Eckenrode; Dave Eicholtz; Jane Esterby; Bob & Marge Filangeri; Pastor Thurman Frey; Jack & Donnalene Gingerich; Bob and Sandy Hahn; Wayne & Allyson Hoffmann; Alice Jakupciak; Bob Jakupciak; Beatrice Jeanette; Sandy Knisely; Linda Latif; Geoff Lyman; Joe Miller; Randy Miller; Neenan family; Norma Orsie; Dave Polimeni; Yvonne Rudacille; Bev Sanders; Ken Sanders; Denise Sater; Tom Shearer; Bill Smith; Cary Smith; Pat Smith; Bill Svobota; Beth Ann Thompson; Joe & Donna Toomey; Elizabeth Turner; Rick Weidner; Ella Weisbord; Williams family; John Wills Jr; Cole Young
Let's remember our Homebound Members in Prayer too: Will & Chris Candisky; Denise Eckert; Bob & Sandy Hahn; Patty Hoshall; Jo Reese; Doris Ruesskamp; Pauline Schaefer; Donna Siple; Joe & Donna Toomey; Sharon Warnecke; George Yovich

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are glad you are here today and hope you have found a warm welcome. If you are our guest, please sign our guest book at the Welcome Center; we would like to thank you for worshipping with us and would appreciate your feedback on your experience today. This bulletin includes the Order of Worship, which is also projected on-screen. Our nursery, located down the hall to the right, is available to parents with young children and offers comfortable chairs, interactive play space and a TV monitor to follow worship. Childcare volunteers are also available for those who wish to return to the sanctuary.

TROUBLE HEARING? Assistive listening devices (personal receivers/earpieces) are available upon request of the AV booth

FOOD AND BEVERAGES IN SANCTUARY: Please refrain from bringing any food or beverage into the sanctuary except for water. Thank you.

AS WE WORSHIP, please be sure your phone is silent.

CAN'T BE HERE IN PERSON? Join us online at the Good Shepherd Youtube channel: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church York, PA](#). Alternatively, you can tune into the service on your car radio at 89.9 FM from our parking lot.

DECEMBER LOCAL MISSION: Bell Socialization Services' mission is to provide an environment of support and empowerment where people can improve their quality of living. You can find out more at bellsocialization.com. If you would like to support this mission, please write "Local mission" on your donation.

THANK YOU TO MY GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY: I was so surprised in October when I was given the honor of Deacon Emeritus. Your thoughtful cards and gifts were overwhelming and appreciated. I truly enjoyed the honor of being Head Deacon for numerous years. Last but not least, the cake and punch were delicious. Gods Blessings to you and your families. - Herman A. Dreyer, Jr., a.k.a. "DREW"

PAYING IT FORWARD: Getting the help you need when you need it is important, in some cases life-saving! Good Shepherd is privileged to serve our community in partnership with Christian Counseling Associates; caring, Christ-centered, biblical counsel is offered to those looking for help in difficult times, especially during the holidays. Good Shepherd has been blessed to welcome guests in worship because CCA counselors affirm the value of a caring Christian community as part of the healing process and encourage them to visit. Some of those who need help are uninsured or facing financial hardship; they aren't turned away, but are served because of the generosity of people like you who understand the importance of this ministry and want to help others. As we celebrate the gift of life in this season of Christmas, will you consider a life-changing gift for someone that may be sitting next to you in worship? The Foundation for Christian Counseling needs your support. Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code and follow the link or go to <https://ffcc4u.com> to learn more. (Brochures for CCA, the 24/7 Help Line, and Information cards may also be found on the Table in the Narthex)



GET ON THE STREAM TEAM! If you can volunteer once a month at 11am and push buttons, we need you! Training offered. Contact the church office for details.

SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN AUXILIARY is looking to be more connected with Good Shepherd. Interested in being the Good Shepherd – SpiriTrust liaison? Please contact the auxiliary for more details. 717-855-2179

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT FIRST SAINT JOHN'S today Sun. Dec. 28 at 4:00pm. Details available on the narthex table!

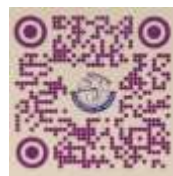
2026 FLOWER CHART: If you would like to sponsor flowers on the altar for the coming year, please sign the chart in the hall. The charge is again \$38.50 for two vases. The LWML will order them for you. Beat the rush and order now.

LWML 2026 PLANNING MEETING BRUNCH is scheduled for **Sat. Jan. 10** at 9:30am. If there is snow, the meeting will be cancelled.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH is a sister LCMS congregation in Parkton, MD, previously served by Pastor James Banach. They invite you to come celebrate as they welcome Pastor Eric Goodwin on Sun. Jan. 11 at 4pm with a Rite of Installation, followed by a reception. For details, please call 410-343-1665

FAMILY NIGHT is scheduled for **Sat. Jan. 17** at 5:30pm. We are planning a fun-filled evening! More information to come.

CALL THE HELPLINE: 1.866.482.LIFE (5433) If you or someone you know is wrestling with depression/anxiety, substance abuse, thoughts of self-harm, marital difficulties, or is struggling in any way, please give them the number above to call 24/7. Confidential, Caring, Christ-Centered help is literally a phone call away! Call the number or scan this QR code to learn more. Cards are available on the chest of drawers in the Narthex.



ASSISTANT DEACON: We are looking for a volunteer, especially one who attends the 9am service on a regular basis, to serve as the Assistant Deacon. The primary duties are assisting in preparing for Communion and making sure the candles are properly lit. If you are able to serve in this capacity, please contact one of the following: Perley Allen, Stephen Firlik, Rod Joseph or Pastor Brian.

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY: You will find them on the circular tables in the narthex. Please note they are organized by number this year, not by surname. These are for use in 2026 only.

Pray for your fellow members and friends this week:

Monday – Pratt; Tuesday – Reese; Wednesday – Robbins;
Thursday – Rock; Friday – Rodrigo; Saturday – Rojahn

The Week Ahead

Date	Time	Event
Sun. 12/28	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
Tues. 12/30	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Quilters
Sun. 1/4	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Organist: *Rachel Booz*

Acolyte: *Jase Blechertas*

Scripture Reader: *Jon Williams*

Ushers: *Lori Bowman; Sheila Denny; June Downs; Nathan Street*

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