

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN

MISSION STATEMENT

In response to receiving God's profound love through Christ and being called to be His people, the people of ***Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church*** are to be a family of faith, at work in the midst of a community, which through worship, learning, witness and outreach, touches both members and non-members with a continuing challenge to commitment, that brings God into the center of daily life.

Thank you for being with us today in worship. Remember that **masks** must be **worn at all times in the building.**

Please turn off your cell phone or place it on Airplane Mode. We are streaming the worship service. We ask that your phone not interfere with the signal we are sending out to the members.

Please put your used Communion sets into the trash container in the Narthex as you leave. Thanks.

Today's Reader / Voice of the Congregation is

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bell Ringing – Calling all to worship
Time of meditation

Announcements

PRELUDE Prelude on “When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known”

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: You cause grass to grow for the cattle,

C: And bring forth food from the earth.

L: You give wine to gladden the human heart,

C: And bread to strengthen it.

L: The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,

C: The cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

CONFESSION

P: We confess our sins before God and one another

Time for Silence

P: Merciful Lord,

C: We come before you with heavy hearts. We do not always follow our Savior’s lead. We insist on our own way, putting worldly things before you. We doubt, we discriminate; we scatter—preferring darkness to the brilliance of your truth. For all this we ask your mercy and forgiveness, that our hearts may be made clean again. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

P: As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God’s mercy for us. Let us rejoice that we have received forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

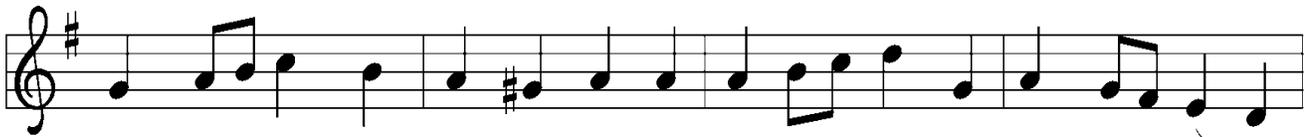
GATHERING HYMN As We Gather at your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of celebration

C: **You are our hope when disaster seems imminent. Give us the calm confidence which your own mother showed, knowing that things are safe in your hands. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 2, verses 1-11

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward."

So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

R: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



1 Je - sus come! For we in-vite you, guest and mas-ter, friend and Lord;
2 Je - sus come! in new cre-a-tion, heav'n brought near in pow'r di-vine;
3 Je - sus come! Sur-prise our dull-ness, make us will-ing to re-ceive



Now, as once at Ca - na's wed-ding, speak and let us hear your word:
Give your un - ex - pec - ted glor - y, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine:
More than we can yet im - ag - ine, all the best you have to give:



Lead us through our need or doubt-ing, hope be born and joy re-stored.
Rouse the faith of your dis-ci-ples come, our first and great-est Sign!
Let us find your hid - den rich- es, taste your love, be- lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Text: 1982 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing Company

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father

almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

P: Lord, you are capable of turning the ordinary into something miraculous. Bolster our faith and give us confidence to do whatever it is that you require, that your glory might be shown through the humblest of acts. Wondrous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: You have given us blessings far beyond our imagination, and joys which surpass our own powers to produce. Gladden our hearts with the fruits of your creation, given to be enjoyed, cherished, and shared. Wondrous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Sometimes we need encouragement to carry out those things of which you have made us capable. Use us and others to call forth the best and highest purpose in each other, even when we don't feel so inclined. We ask your blessing on the work of the West Berks Mission District and remember in our prayers Bethany Lutheran Church in West Reading and Pastor Bruce Osterhout. Wondrous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: You have fed us with the best, and blessed us with life abundant. Bring healing where there is suffering, infirmity, or lack of any kind. We

lift up the names of those for whom we ask for healing, speaking their names aloud or in our hearts . . . Wondrous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Your saints keep constant company around your throne, with joy surpassing any earthly celebration. Encourage our faith through their example, and save us a place at your heavenly table.
Wondrous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All things we place in your trustworthy hands, knowing that our concerns, our desires, and our loved ones are safe in your keeping. Through Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Guiding Lord,

C: You provide for our needs, down to the smallest of minutiae. May we never doubt that each act of kindness, each gift of love is blessed with your grace and received with thanksgiving. Bestow your blessing upon these offerings, and all those who give them, that we may be joined to one another in love, wherever we may be in this wide world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for
you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together the prayer our Savior taught us.
**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**

P: As you brought joy to wedding guests 2000 years ago, bring us now to
the celebration of your feast today. Feed us on the bread and
wine that last not only for an evening, but for all eternity, in your
body and blood. Our generous host is calling us forth. Let us come
to the table! For these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.

C: Amen.

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

C: Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION

P: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

C: your word has been fulfilled.

P: My own eyes have seen the salvation

C: which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

P: A light to reveal you to the nations

C: and the glory of your people Israel.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen

RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY SERVICE

P: For those completing Church Council term:

Kathy Bobeck, Joseph Garl, Michelle Moyer, Rachel Evans

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

P: The following persons, having been newly elected by the congregation

to positions of leadership as members of the congregation council, are asked to come forward:

Rodney Haupt Helenna Lutz Duane Maurer

- P: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in the faith.
- P: St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all.
- P: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.
- P: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.
- P: You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.
- P: You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.
- P: You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.
- P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of congregation council members to which you have been elected?

Newly Elected Council Members Response: Yes, by the help of God.

- P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your newly elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: Yes, by the help of God.

- P: I now declare you installed as new council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you

may prove faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen

SENDING BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN Abide, O Dearest Jesus



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
- 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923

Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEIBEN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"



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News of the Church

Activities

Adults / Youth / Young Adult. **Sunday School** at 9 AM

Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

NOTE – **Children** Age 3 to Grade 6

Sunday School at **9:30 AM** Please dress casually, wear masks.

Bible stories, games, and songs in the Kids Korner room.

Inclement Weather Notice - Winter season closures.

Any closures of the church for worship / meetings / children's functions will be announced both on **WFMZ – TV channel 69** and the web page www.wfmz.com/worshipclose. The staff and council of the church wish for you to remain safe from driving and/or walking in ice and snow, so please check the information before going out in the storms.

NOTE: If weather closes the church building, please see the email which will be sent to you for the Zoom connection. We will still broadcast the service using Zoom.

CONFIRMATION

The class of 2021 will be confirmed on Sunday January 16th 2022. Please mark your calendars to be here in support of our Confirmands –

The **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** will be on Sunday January 30, 2022. The committees will be presenting their reports from 2020-2021. Reports should be submitted to the office by Friday January 21st.

ALTAR GUILD –

They are looking for someone to help one Sunday a month to assist in getting things ready for the service. This is not a time consuming task.

Coordinators Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the scheduling of readers for the Sunday services. If you are interested in helping or reading, please contact _____ the church office.

Food Pantry Thursday January 20th

The Muhlenberg Churches collaborative food distribution ministry is held here at Good Shepherd Lutheran on the 3rd Thursday of the month. In addition to the food that is received from Helping Harvest are the dry goods and canned food that are collected at the local churches and civic organizations. If you would like to support this collaborative ministry, bring in your donations and place them on the white stand in the Gathering Area. Thank you for responding to God's call to "feed my sheep."

Do you shop at Redner's ?

tapes are still accepted. Please see that Harry gets your tapes.

Saint Francis Home - an end of life home located in Shillington, is in need of caregiving volunteers. The home, established in 2017, provides end of life care to hospice patients and their families, regardless of their ability to pay. It is run 24/7 by volunteers under hospice guidance. A medical background is not required, we will train you. All that is needed is a caring, compassionate heart and willingness to embark on this sacred journey. Please call, text or email Terry Leatherman @ 484-646-3016, or Tleatherman1951@gmail.com. for more information.

TABS – helping those with Cancer

Don't forget to save your **aluminum tabs**. They are greatly appreciated. We have the container on the Gathering Table for your donations.



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