# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*


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## January 4th, 2026 9:30am

## Epiphany Sunday



*With One Voice - Setting 5 (Bread of Life), page 28*
*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door*
*You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

## Welcome and Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

*WOV page 10*

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,**
**in what we have thought,**
**in what we have said and done,**
**through ignorance, through weakness,**
**through our own deliberate fault.**
**We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.**
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,**
**forgive us all that is past**
**and lead us out from darkness**
**to walk as children of light. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## * Hymn *The First Noel* **ELW # 300**

## * Greeting *WOV page 28*

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## * Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy* *WOV page 28*

**P:** Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

**P:** Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

## * Canticle *Glory to God* *WOV page 29*

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**
**glory to God, glory to God,**
**and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,**
**we worship you, we give you thanks,**
**we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God...**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**
**Lord God, Lamb of God,**
**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**
**receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God...**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**
**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**
**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God…**
**and peace to God's people on earth.**

## * Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray.

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

**L:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
3 And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

[5] Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
[6] A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD. *[ESV]*

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: *72:1-7, 10-14*

**L:** Let us read responsively from Psalm 72.

[1] Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

[2] **May he judge your people with righteousness,**
**and your poor with justice!**

[3] Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

[4] **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,**
**give deliverance to the children of the needy,**
**and crush the oppressor!**

[5] May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

[6] **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,**
**like showers that water the earth!**

[7] In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

10 **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands**
**render him tribute;**
**may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**
11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
12 **For he delivers the needy when he calls,**
**the poor and him who has no helper.**
13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
14 **From oppression and violence he redeems their life,**
**and precious is their blood in his sight.** *[ESV]*

## Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:1-12*

**L:** A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

**3** For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

[11] This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. *[ESV]*

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## * Gospel Acclamation

*WOV page 31*

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## * Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

**2** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, [2] saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." [3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; [4] and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

[6] "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

[7] Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. [8] And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

[9] After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen in the east went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11] And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. [12] And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. *[ESV]*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbø

## * Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* **WOV # 646**

## * Apostles' Creed

*WOV page 33*

**P:** Let us profess our baptismal faith in the triune God.

**C: 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.**

**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 Intercession *WOV page 34*

**L:** Enlivened by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** … Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim and Ronald Schrader.

# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Peace *WOV page 34*

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

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## Men's Anthem ***Mary, Did You Know?***

## Setting the Table

## Responses *WOV page 36*

**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.**

## Preface

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy *WOV page 36*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer *WOV page 37*

**P:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer *WOV page 39*

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## Canticle ***Lamb of God*** *WOV page 39*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**
**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**
**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**
**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## Distribution

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood*
*or you may come to receive a blessing.*

*Once all have received:*

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

**C: Amen.**

## Blessing *WOV page 41*

**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,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## * Hymn ***As with Gladness Men of Old*** **ELW # 302**

## * Dismissal *WOV page 41*

**P:** Go in peace. Christ the Savior is born.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude Karen Niemeier

### Annual Reports Are Due

*Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation. These reports are assembled and made available to the congregation members prior to the meeting. The reports are the responsibility of the chairperson or offices. If possible, please type up the report and email it to;* ***GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com*** *n Word format.*

*Thank you.*

### Save the DATE

Good Shepherd's Annual Meeting will be held, Sunday, January 25th
10:30am after Worship Service.

*Attendance December 21st*
*In-person 30, Online 95*