# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

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## January 25th, 2026 9:30am

## Third Sunday after Epiphany



*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 (*)*

# Opening

## Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

## Welcome and Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

**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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **ELW # 815**

## * 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:** Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# Readings

## First Reading: *Isaiah 9:1-4*

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

**9** There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

[2] The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
[3]You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

4 For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian. *[ESV]*

**L:** The Word of the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: *27:1, 4-9*

**L:** Let us read responsively from Psalm 27.

**27** The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

4 **One thing have I asked of the LORD,**
**that will I seek after:**
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD**
**all the days of my life,**
**to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD**
**and to meditate in his temple.**

5 For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

6 **And now my head shall be lifted up**
**above my enemies all around me,**
**and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**
**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

8 **You have said, "Seek my face."**
**My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

9 Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! *[ESV]*

## Second Reading: *I Corinthians 1:10-18*

**L:** A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. *[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 4:12-23*

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

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

12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into
Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by
the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was
spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
16 the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon
(who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea,
for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will
make you fishers for people." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers,
James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately
they left the boat and their father and followed him.

23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and
proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and
every affliction among the people. *[ESV]*

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

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

# Reflection

**Sermon** Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***I Love to Tell the Story*** **ELW # 661**

*** 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

## Prayers of Intercession *WOV page 34*

**L:** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** … Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**P:** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Choir Anthem** ***I Sing th' Almighty Power of God***

*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, 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, Ronald Schrader and Deanna Jordan. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Roxann Schultz.

## Lord's Prayer *WOV page 39*

**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.**

## 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 *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* **ELW # 582**

## * Dismissal *WOV page 41*

**P:** Go in peace. Live in the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude Tena Rackow

## Good Shepherd's Annual Meeting

TODAY

10:30am after Worship Service.

## Hannah Circle

*Sunday, February 1st*

*After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.*

## Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, February 12th at 6:30pm

## Good Shepherd's

Ash Wednesday Service

February 18th at 7:00pm

Good Shepherd will be at the

## Le-Win Food Pantry

Saturday, February 28th. 8:30am-11:30am

## Piece Corps Quilting Group

*Meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall.*

*Everyone welcome.*

## January's Fun Twist

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

January's here with snow and ice,
The coldest month, but that's alright!
We bundle up, we wear our hats,
And try to avoid the chilly spats.

The New Year's resolutions are in full swing,
But let's be honest, how long will they cling?
We vow to change, to eat less pie,
Then January's donuts catch our eye.

The days are short, the nights are long,
But cozy moments still feel so strong.
So here's to January, the month so bright,
Full of chilly mornings and New Year's might!

Source:stressless country.com

*Attendance January 11th*
*In-person 49, Online 139*