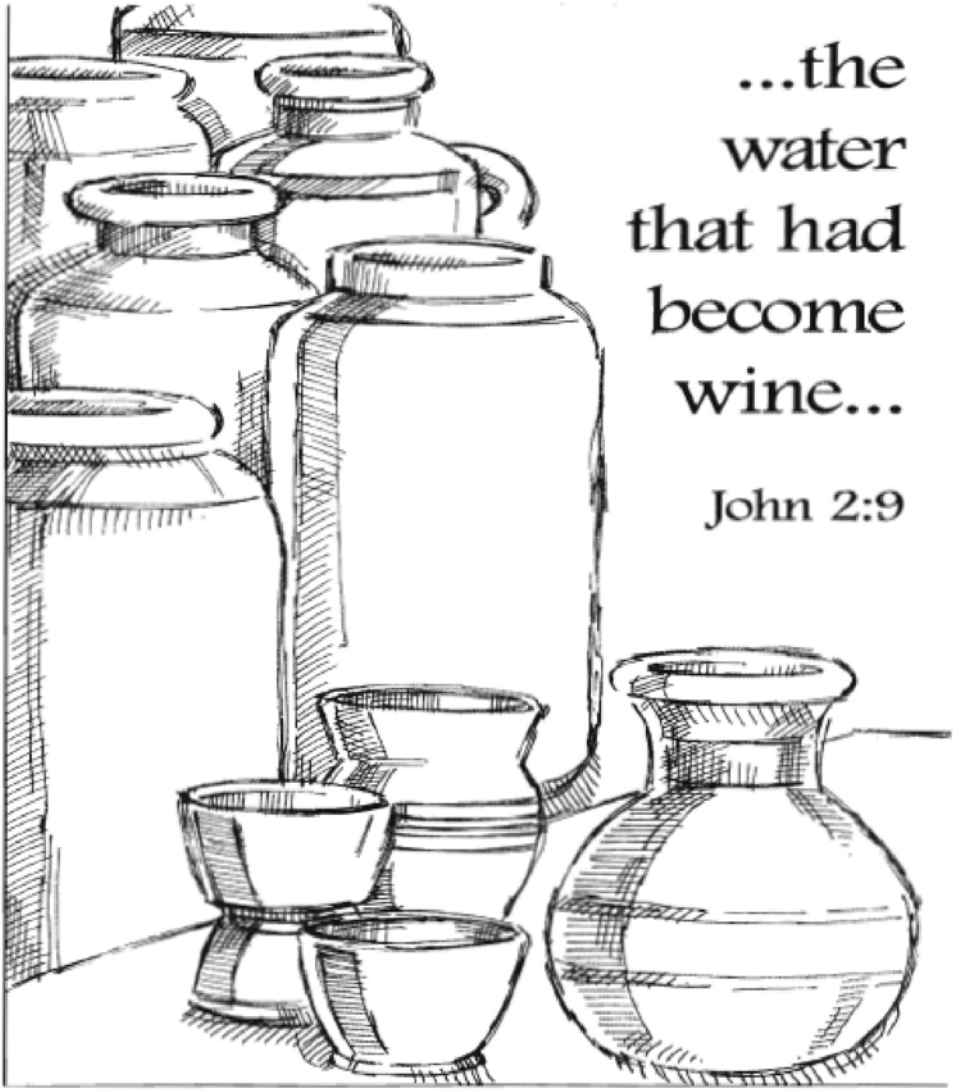

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19th, 2025

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* WORSHIP NOTES *

- ✠ *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- ✠ *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- ✠ ***All** baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion.* ***Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.***
- ✠ *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- ✠ *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

We Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the mediations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgement,
cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
C: Amen.

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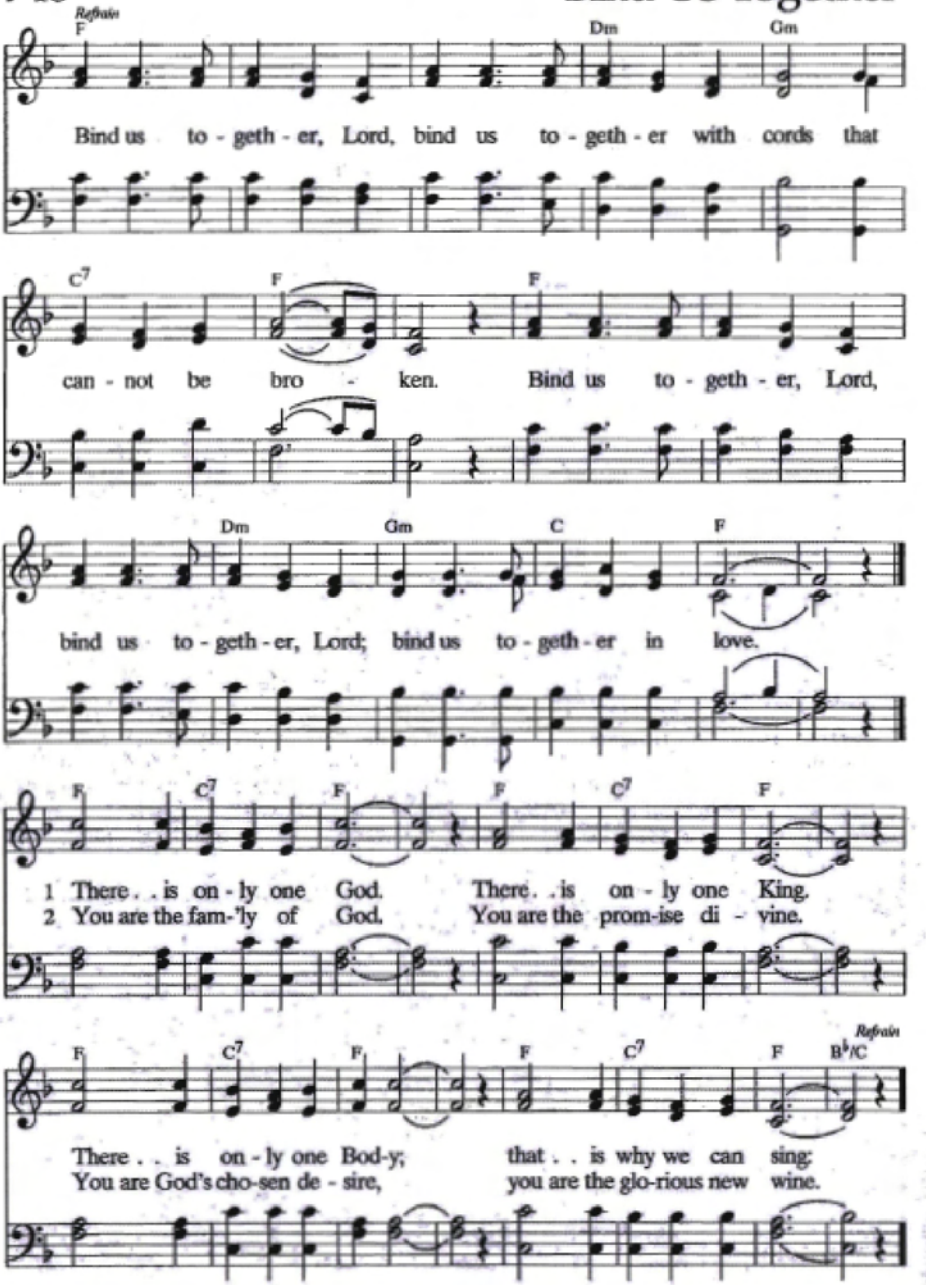

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BIND US TOGETHER
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Celebrate Insert

P: Let us pray…
C: Amen.

+ + + WORD + + +

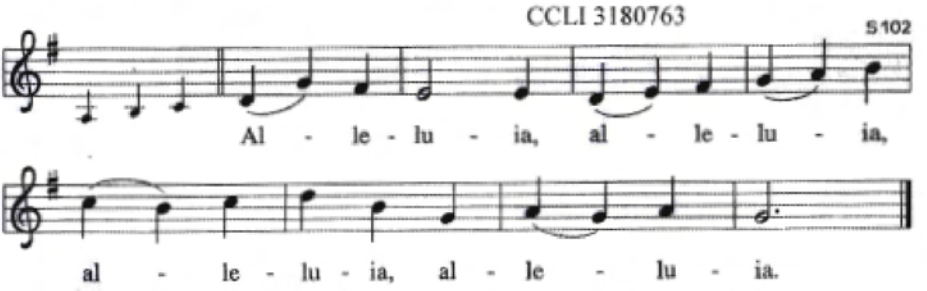
We sit
FIRST READING Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY *(sung or spoken responsively)* Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

We stand
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A: Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Repeat Alleluia verse.

P: The holy gospel according to...
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Bob Miller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand
Hymn of the Day "Jesus, Come! For We Invite You" **ELW 312**

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
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;
he descended to the dead.
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.

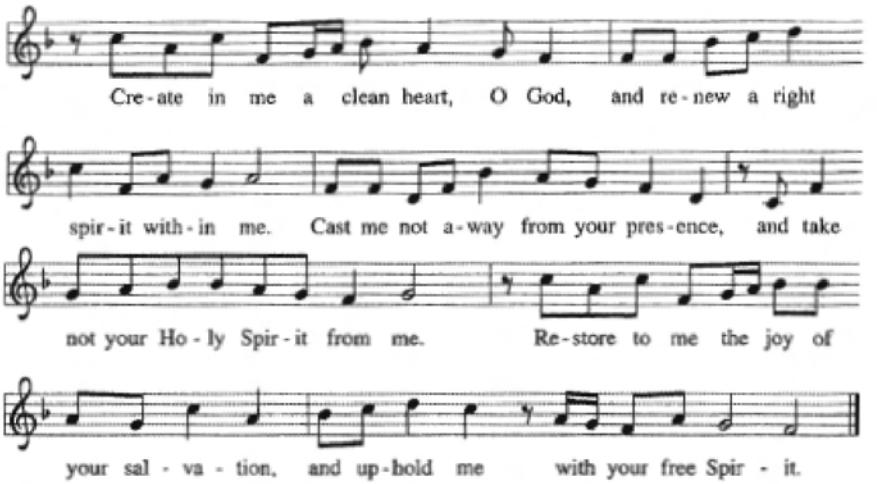
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing God's peace)*

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

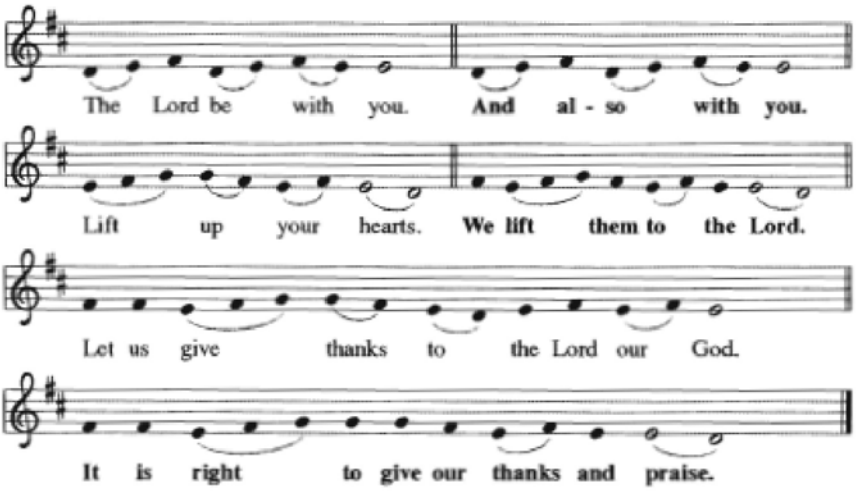
+ + + MEAL + + +

We Sit
OFFERING

We stand
OFFERING HYMN **ELW #186**

OFFERING PRAYER

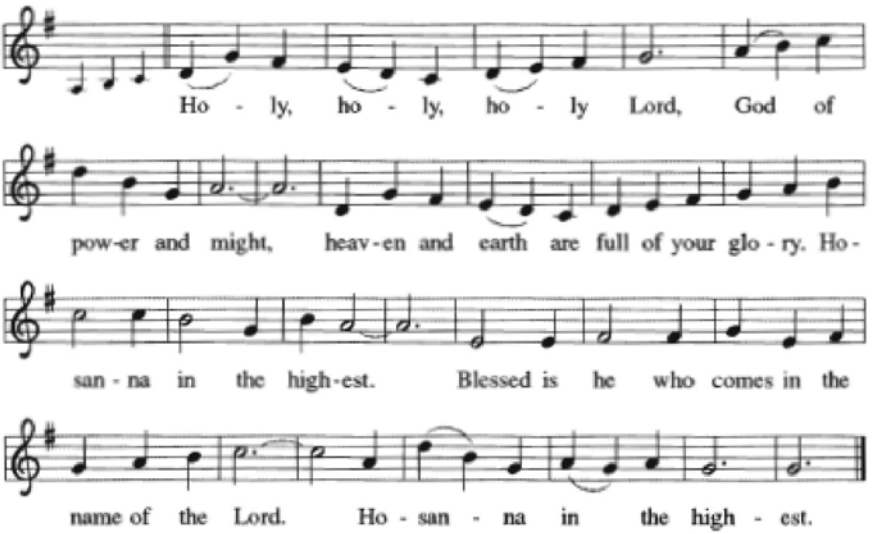
A: Let us pray.
C: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

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.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

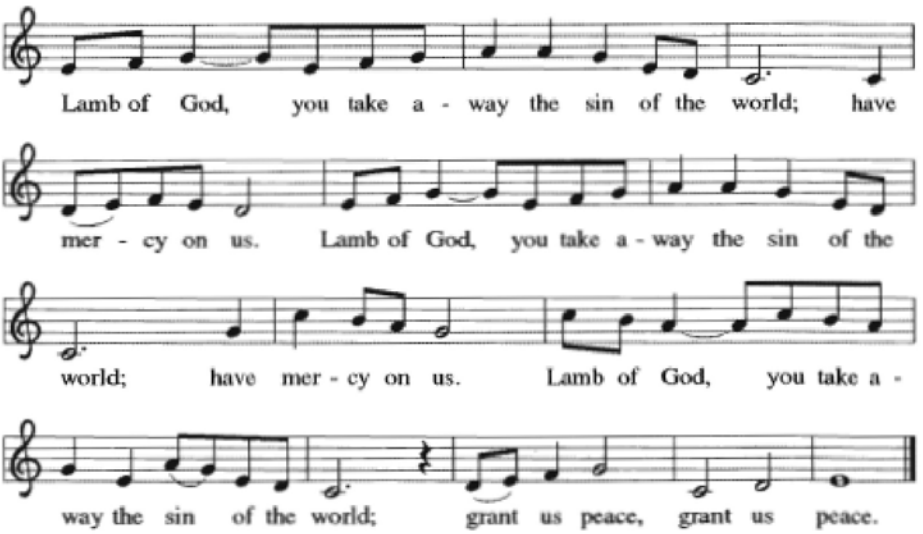
Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

(Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center of the tray)
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD *(AGNUS DEI)*

Communion Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" **ELW 798**

We stand

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

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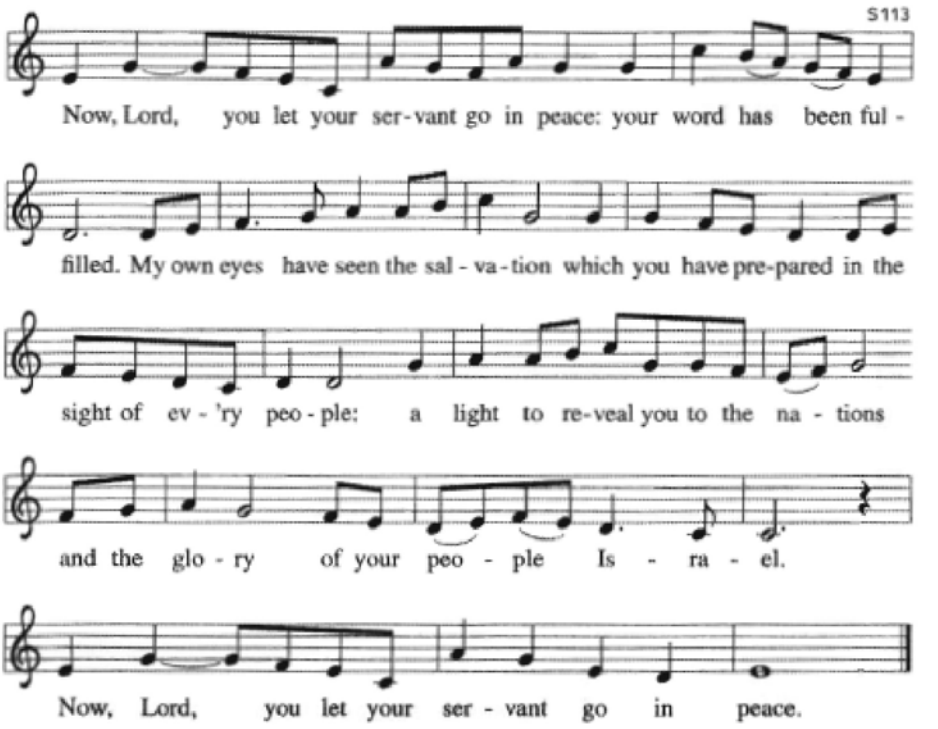
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

+ + + Sending + + +

We sit
Parish Announcements

We stand
Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
C: Amen

Sending Hymn "We All Are One in Mission" **ELW 576**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.
C: Thanks be to God.

Reminders and Announcements

The Altar Flowers are given by Ed and Judy Skorski to the glory of God and in honor of their family!
Lector: Felicia Brandt
Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn
Supply Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller
Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser
Zoom: Ric Van Horn

Candlemas February 2nd

On February 2, Good Shepherd will commemorate the Presentation of Our Lord, when Jesus is brought to Jerusalem to be blessed in accordance with Jewish customs. In ancient tradition, the Presentation of Our Lord is also known as Candlemas, when all the candles in the church are blessed. It is a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. This Candlemas, each member of the Good Shepherd family is invited to bring a candle from their home to worship for this special blessing.

Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be January 26, 2025 following worship. Follow the meeting we will have a fellowship meal together.
Please make an effort to join us!
This is our annual meeting. We will have news concerning our leadership since the vacancy of Rev. Bill Carr. We will be able to look at our budget, talk about property updates, and you will receive the Annual Report from 2024.
Peace and Blessings,
Sally Allen

Widow and Widower support group

A group for widows and widowers is starting Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm in the church narthex. We will meet once a month on the first Monday of the month. This is to give one an opportunity to share trials and joys with others.
If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Fahringer at 865-414-0388

Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2025 still has openings for several Sundays. If you would like to donate for a set of Sundays please check the chart. The Sundays are divided into 2 or 3 Sundays as indicated on the chart. The cost for any set of Sundays is $65. The same flowers are used from the first Sunday in a set to the last, so there are no additional costs. If you have any questions, please contact Wylene Hinkle at 423-586-0641. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was opened on Monday, December 16, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. till noon. Twenty - two people came and sixty - six were provided with food. Due to everyone's generosity of donating fleece throws all of the people who received one were very grateful and thankful for this Christmas surprise. Their smiles were like Christmas presents to us who were working at the Food Pantry that day.

My most deepest heart-felt thanks to Felicia Brandt, Sally Allen, Cheryl Stouffer, and Wylene Hinkle for their outstanding help at the Food Pantry that day. For me being at the Food Pantry when it is opened has been a humbling experience. It has been a blessing to shop for, stock the shelves, fill the Blessing Box, and work on Food Pantry Mondays.

A great big thank you to each of you for your continuous support, donations, and especially your prayers for the Food Pantry. Working together, God has allowed us to touch many hearts.
In His Loving Service, Chris Thompson

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, January 19	Second Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, January 20	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Saturday, January 25	2:00 pm—4:00 pm Baby Shower
Sunday, January 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Congregational Meeting, *fellowship meal following*
Sunday, February 2	Presentation of Our Lord—Candlemas 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, February 3	6:30 pm Widow/Widower Support Group
Tuesday, February 4	6:00 pm American Legion
Sunday, February 9	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, February 12	4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner
Thursday, February 13	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, February 16	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, February 17	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Friday, February 21	10:00 am Deborah Circle, *narthex*
Sunday, February 23	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, March 2	Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, March 3	6:30 pm Widow/Widower Support Group

We Remember in Prayer

Members - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Ric Van Horn
Robert French

Family & Friends - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Family and Friends of Nancy Ellenburg, Aunt of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*
Roger Hayes, friend of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*
Jeff Wever, son of Judy Skorski

From the Community - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Melissa Houston
Hope Williams
George Ruth
James Ruth
Pamela Thacker
Jacelyn Latimer
Donna Earl
Jennifer Earl
Debbie Lang
Patricia Duty
Lester Brown
Kari Seiber
Rhonda Costyn
Dorothy Ruble
Frank Bush
Jeannie Shults
Karina Vicente
Jayce Mantique
Cheryl Dugger

Military Serving our Country - *Protection, comfort, & strength*

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother
Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew
Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member