

Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS December 2022

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Rev. James Lanning

1. *Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.*
2. *King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.*
3. *Rank on rank the host of heaven, Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth, From the realms of endless day, That the pow'rs of hell may vanish, As the darkness clears away.*
4. *At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence is a beautiful hymn sung often during the season of Advent. The words come from a cherubic hymn found within the Liturgy of St. James, the first bishop of Jerusalem, and the brother of Jesus, and draws inspiration from Habakkuk 2:20 which says ["The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."](#) This hymn was used in the communion rite of the liturgy of St. James and is known to have been used as early as the late 4th and early 5th century AD, and may actually be the oldest known hymn still in use today. Later, an Anglican minister by the name of Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) adapted his own version of the old hymn into the 4-verse hymn we see in our hymnals today.

But the words are only half of what makes this hymn such a great hymn; the beautiful words are paired with a gorgeous melody that, combined with the words, leave the one singing with a feeling of reverence and awe. Written in the key of G minor, this hymn flows with a haunting yet beautiful melody that is both solemn and reverent. The tune that is found in the hymnal is not original to the ancient hymn, but was actually an old French folk tune that was later arranged for piano by J.B. Wekerlin, from a woman named Mme. Pierre Dupont, who learned it when she was child; the tune is often called Picardy after the town she grew up in. Finally, the British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1871-1952), combined this old French folk tune with Moultrie's 4-verse hymn, creating the beautiful masterpiece that we sing in our hymnals today.

Theologically, this song is deep and rich, and invites us to look with heavenly eyes upon several wonderful mysteries of God revealed to us in Holy Scripture. These mysteries include the incarnation, the virgin birth, the Holy Eucharist, Christ's return and His destruction of the powers of hell, and the Glorious vision of standing before the throne of God. The beauty of this hymn is that each phrase is like a paintbrush, inviting you to imagine what it will be like to stand totally awestruck in the presence of the God. This season of Advent, I encourage you to read this beautiful hymn and let the words and music inspire you, as they paint heavenly images in your hearts and minds. There are 4 hymns and 4 weeks in advent, so read and meditate on 1 verse each week, and see what God puts in your heart. I would also recommend listening to a good version of the hymn. May the celebration of the advent of our Lord and the promise of His second advent fill your hearts with joy and hope.

December Church Events

- 12.7 7:00 pm Advent Service, 6:00pm Meal
- 12.11 Childrens Christmas Program (during service)
- 12.13 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- 12.14 7:00 pm Advent Service, 6:00pm Meal
- 12.21 7:00 pm Advent Service, 6:00pm Meal
- 12.24 Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm
- 12.25 Christmas Day Service, 10 am

Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study resumes in January.

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. (led by Pastor Lanning)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: (led by Gary Seider) will resume on January 8th, 2023.

Children's Church is offered on Non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon.

Helping Others

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Open Saturday 9-12 & Wednesdays by appointment only
contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and clean dry plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.

Please make sure your jugs are clean and dry inside.

Operation Christmas Child

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community.



Lutheran Family and Children's Services (LFCS) Invites you to participate in SEASON OF SHARING

Once again, the Lutheran Family and Children's Services organization Christmas tree is at our church. The tree will include "ornaments" that indicate needed donations for their clients. Here's how we can help:

- 1) Select ornaments from the tree, purchase the item, return it unopened and unwrapped. Place it under the tree.
- 2) Give a donation to them to purchase needed items. No cash please! Place your **check payable to: LFCS**.

Place your check in an envelope on or under the tree. They will return after Christmas to pick up the gifts.

Lutheran Family and Children's Services offer programs for counseling, adoption, crisis/unplanned pregnancy assistance, parenting education, foster care, and child development. You can look them up at <https://lfcsmo.org>

Sr. Youth Happenings

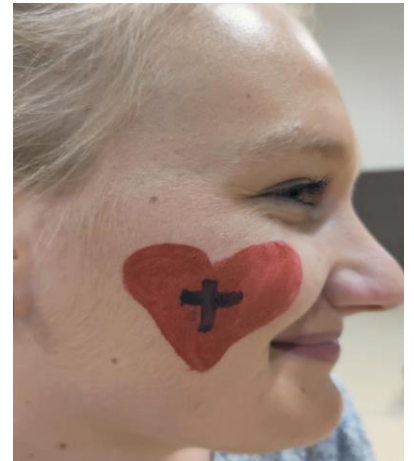
The Sr. Youth will again sponsor the "Community for Kids" Christmas tree located in the Narthex. Please take an ornament and purchase the item listed to help a local family. Return your item by December 18th, wrapped (or we can wrap it) with the tag attached to the front. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need during this Advent season.

In Christ,
Sr. Youth

2022 Trunk or Trick



Fun Fall & Fellowship held October 30th



DECEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion Pastor Spotts | 5 | 6 | 7 Advent 6pm Meal 7pm Service Pastor Pierce | 8 No Heritage Hall Service This Month | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service Childrens Christmas Program with Turkey meal hosted by Womens Guild to follow | 12 No Womens Guild | 13 Elders Meeting 7pm | 14 Advent 6pm Meal 7pm Service Pastor Lanning | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion | 19 | 20 | 21 Advent 6pm Meal 7pm Service Pastor Pierce | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:pm |
| 25 Christmas Service 10: a.m. Worship Service | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

December Birthdays

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| Brittany Mechlin | Dec. 1 |
| Martha Sydow | Dec. 3 |
| Barbara Fischer | Dec. 5 |
| Danny Hoek | Dec. 8 |
| Jane St John | Dec. 9 |
| Cheryl Steffan | Dec. 11 |
| Henry Rainey | Dec. 12 |
| Greg Stowers | Dec. 12 |
| Matt Rojas | Dec. 18 |
| Starr Nadler | Dec. 20 |
| Palmyra Dubbert | Dec. 28 |
| Gayle Billings | Dec. 29 |

December Anniversary

December 21
James & Hannah Lanning

Children's Christmas Service, will be December 11th during the normal worship service.

During the 9 am rehearsal December 4th costumes will be selected for those who wish to wear one. There will be an after-service rehearsal December 4th. Lunch will be provided - please let me know if there are any food allergies, I should be aware of - Catherine 573-819-1272 call/text After we eat there will be a full run-through of the program with costumes.



Following the December 11th, Children's Christmas Service, the Women's Guild will host a turkey dinner. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to accompany the meal. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

December

December 4

"Paradise Restored"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath?
(Isaiah 11:1-10)

December 11

"Beauty We Can't See"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
We often feel our need for God's presence only
when we see what it looks like when He's absent.
(Isaiah 28:5)

December 18

"Gestures of Hope"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Michael Zeigler shows how even the smallest
acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace.
(Isaiah 7:14)

December 25

"A Shoot from the Stump"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A shoot springs forth from the stump of Jesse. Is it a
sign of hope--or a threat?
(Isaiah 11:1)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

December Calendar

- Dec. 4: Second Sunday in Advent
Text: Matthew 3:1-12
- Dec. 11: Third Sunday in Advent
Text: Matthew 11:2-15
- Dec. 18: Fourth Sunday in Advent
Text: Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Text: Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Text: John 1:1-14

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

Board of Elders

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Church Fellowship Hall scheduling
Katie Hoek (573) 933-0515
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Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling
Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

Church Updates

Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the
latest church news and prayer requests, as
well as serving and giving opportunities at
Good Shepherd. Sign up and register at

www.churchupdates.org

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

October 30

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| Attendance | 53 |
| Current | \$ 1,363.00 |
| Building | \$ 50.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,413.00 |

November 6

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| Attendance | 47 |
| Current | \$ 1,987.00 |
| Building | \$ 270.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,257.00 |

November 13

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| Attendance | 44 |
| Current | \$ 771.00 |
| Building | \$ 180.00 |
| Total | \$ 951.00 |

November 20

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| Attendance | 47 |
| Current | \$ 1,089.00 |
| Building | \$ 180.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,269.00 |

November 27

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| Attendance | 47 |
| Current | \$ 1,347.00 |
| Building | \$ 50.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,397.00 |

Current

10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building

100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

November Deposits

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| 11/6/22 | District Partnership Grant | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 11/6/22 | Campus Shared Ministry | \$ 1,250.00 |
| 11/13 | Operation Christmas Child | \$210.00 |
| 11/13 | Christmas Treat Childrens bags | \$125.00 |
| 11/20 | Operation Christmas Child | \$79.00 |
| 11/27 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | \$190.00 |

Offering envelopes - please use your envelopes for your church giving as much as possible. It makes things much easier for our financial secretary when counting and recording member information. If you need envelopes just let Sherry know and she can get you some. Thank you

2022 Advent Services

Meal at 6:00p.m.

Worship Service at 7:00p.m.

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| December 7 th | Lasagna (Host Jon & Donna Hoek) |
| December 14 th | Brisket (Host Russell & Jacki Stelzer) |
| December 21 st | Tacos (Host Gary & Ann Seider) |

Those attending are asked to bring a dish, salad or dessert. The weekly host family will be in charge of asking members for additional help with the main dish.

SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Thanksgiving Eve, all Advent services, and Christmas Eve will go to: Good Shepherds New Ministries Fund. We will also be collecting food during Advent for Ester's Pantry located at Crossroads Cathedral Assembly of God Church in Centralia.

Operation Christmas Child boxes ready to be shipped



November 8th Second Saturday



SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme – treatment for cancer; **Doreen Loeffler** – treatment for breast cancer; **Julia Rainey, Travis Barr** – taking cancer treatments. **Shawn** - Randy Simmons's boss; **Palmyra Dubbert; Mary Brechler; Jane St. John; Linda Benoit; Bryan Cornett; Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Erica Cornett; Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** – daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Community: Father Mike Coleman.**

ARMED FORCES

Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy – brothers of Rachel Rojas (Robertson); **Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps** – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps** – husband of Abby Mechlin, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; Community: **Ray Finlay, U.S. Army.**

Gary Seider's after church Bible Class will begin a new study starting on January 8th. The class will watch the movie "God's Not Dead – A Light in Darkness". The movie addresses the battle between secular interests and churches on what is truth, and the right of free speech in America. Each session includes watching a portion of the movie followed by discussion.

2023 Trivia Night

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 Good Shepherd is hosting Trivia Night to benefit the area Ministerial Alliance Benevolence Fund. Please let Katie, Aaron or Ann know if you'd like to help out in some way that evening. We could use help setting up the room, running errands that night, organizing refreshments, etc. Of course, we'd love to have a table or two of players from our church! Plan to come for a fun evening!

Ann Seider

O Lord, be gracious to us...Be our strength every morning. Isaiah 33:2 NIV



A special thank you to Ann Seider for sharing this beautiful fall picture of our church.



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