



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

120 West Gano Chance Road

Centralia, Missouri 65240

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2025

Theme: Love

Good Shepherd Congregation welcomes baptized Christians at its altar who accept the doctrine of the Lutheran Confessions. On the basis of the Bible, we believe that the Lord's body and blood are truly present, together with the consecrated bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). By faith a penitent sinner receives the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith (1 Corinthians 11:28,29; Hebrews 10:14, 18); that person is truly worthy who has faith in the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," (Matthew 26:28) and our Lord would invite such a person to receive the Sacrament. Any visitors wishing to commune are kindly asked to speak to the Pastor or an Elder before the service.

WELCOME

Pastor James Lanning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR
with Holy Communion
Lutheran Service Book (LSB pp. 203-212)

OPENING HYMN – “The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331

CONFESSiON & ABSOLUTION

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SERVICE OF THE WORD
pp. 203-207

INTROIT

Psalm 130:5-8n antiphon: Isaiah 64:1

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

KYRIE (The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent)

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Isaiah 7:10-17*

Reader: Aaron Seider

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING – *Romans 1:1-7*

Reader: Aaron Seider

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357, vvs 1-7

MESSAGE – “”

Pastor James Lanning

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”	LSB 342
“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”	LSB 352
“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”	LSB 353

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN - “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER EVENTS

12/24 Christmas Eve supper served from 5:30-6:15 pm

12/24 Christmas Eve candlelight service 7:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS – Liliana Rojas – December 21; Palmyra Dubbert – December 28;

ANNIVERSARIES – Pastor and Hannah Lanning – December 21st

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Please let Catherine or Randy know if you plan to join them for the meal on December 24th. You don’t need to bring anything.

Lutheran Witness subscription renewals are due. The cost for 1 year is \$20.65. **If you no longer wish to receive this resource please advise Catherine by January 29, 2026.**

January Newsletter articles and pictures are due by 10:00 am on December 23rd.

Do you have old copies of the **Lutheran Witness** that you would like to share with others? Please bring them and place them in the library.

On Monday, January 5, at 6pm, **Quarterlife** will begin a **seven-week** study about **Daniel chapters 7-12**. We hope you will join us!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Theodore Rojas – respiratory issues – hospitalized; **Vivian Diener**–health issues; **Patti Martinez**–breast cancer; **Dan Keil** (Norma Keil's son)–burns to hands and face; **Prayers for those with health issues; prayers for caretakers; Bob Maseman**–thyroid cancer treatment (Judy's brother in law and Steve's uncle); **Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan**–recovering; **Cammie Cunningham (Olivia Hoek's mother)**–cancer treatments; **Those affected by the flooding; Skip Elkin**–health issues; **Reverend Tim and Erin Schulte; those grieving recent loss of family or friends; Terry Plank**–undergoing chemo treatments; **Mike Hyde**–recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan**–(Sherry Morse's daughter) – health issues; **Christina DeJesus**–health issues; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey's sister) –Stage IV Cancer; **Grace**–health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert**–recovering; **Jenni Murray**–Margaret Parker's daughter–recovering; **Ron Borgman; Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss's father–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey; Jane St. John; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan**–stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**–daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**–daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term)

Community Prayers: **Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **David**–health issues; **Bernie Ryan** – health issues; **Charlene**–esophageal cancer; **Shelley R.**–melanoma; **Geri Ward**–health issues; **Gerry Southard**–health issues, **Kim Smith**–health issues.

ARMED FORCES: **Veterans of Armed Services** – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **Christopher Thompson**, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy–son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**–great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey.

Welcome and Prayer Request Cards

Please place any prayer request cards in the offering plate when it comes around. The ushers will give them to the pastor. Please complete the welcome card and leave it at the end of your pew. Thank you.

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