



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

120 West Gano Chance Road

Centralia, Missouri 65240

Second Sunday in Advent with Holy Communion

December 7, 2025

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 THREE

With Holy Communion

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OPENING HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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.

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make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

KYRIE

(The Gloria In Excelsis is omitted during Advent)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Isaiah 11:1-10***Reader: Danny Nadler**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**EPISTLE – *Romans 15:4-13*****Reader: Danny Nadler**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**ALLELUIA AND VERSE****P. 190****HOLY GOSPEL -*Matthew 3:1-12 (ESV)***

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham

as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be toThee, O Christ.

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SERMON HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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MESSAGE - "Peace to You"

Pastor James Lanning

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"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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CLOSING HYMN "When All the World Was Cursed"

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (led by Pastor Lanning)

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER EVENTS

12.09 Heritage Hall 10 am

12.10 Midweek Advent Dinner

12.10 Midweek Advent Service with Pastor Pierce

12.14 Children's Christmas Program

12.14 Women's Guild Turkey Dinner following worship

12.16 Worship Committee 4:30 pm

12.17 Midweek Advent Dinner 6 pm

12.17 Midweek Advent Service 7 pm

12.24 Christmas Eve supper 5:30 pm

12.24 Nativity of our Lord Service 7 pm

BIRTHDAYS – Jane St. John–December 9; Cheryl Steffan–December 11; Henry Rainey–December 12

ANNIVERSARY – no anniversaries this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS TREAT BAGS – donations for the children's Christmas Treat bags can be put in the offering plate or given to Donna, Jon, or Katie Hoek. If you put it in the plate, please mark the envelope Christmas Treat Bags.

MIDWEEK ADVENT DINNERS: December 10 Hoek Family - Lasagna December 17 Lannings – Ziti Bake. The weekly host family will be in charge of asking members for additional help with the main dish. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

On December 24th Randy and Catherine will host “Fuel Your Body, Feed Your Soul” – food service will start at 5:30 pm.

SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Thanksgiving Eve, all Advent services, and Christmas Eve will go to: Esther’s Pantry and KVC MO (www.kvcmo.org)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Christina Gronefeld and her family – Christina will be starting her internship in January 2026 and will be quite a distance from home; **Those facing changes in living circumstances** - moving to an extended care facility; **Vivian Diener**–recovering from surgery; **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; **Christ Lutheran School, Perry, GA**–facing financial challenges; **Those affected by the flooding in Texas; Lynn Lake and the other communities affected by the wildfires in Canada; 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; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army

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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