

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
120 West Gano Chance Road  
Centralia, Missouri 65240  
Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 4, 2026**

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**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**his understanding is beyond measure.**

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

**in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

**Praise your God, O Zion!**

**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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**FIRST READING – 1 Kings 3:4-15 (ESV)****Reader: Randy Simmons**

<sup>4</sup> And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” <sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)****Reader: Randy Simmons**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>twelve</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 2:40-52 (ESV)**

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the

boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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**MESSAGE – "In My Father's House, I Must Be"** **Pastor James Lanning**

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service with Holy Communion: 10:00 a.m.

**JANUARY EVENTS**

1.06	Mission Committee 7 pm	1.15	Worship Committee 4:30 pm	<b>OR</b>
1.07	Adult Bible Study 10 am	1.20	Worship Committee 4:30 pm	
	ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm	1.21	Adult Bible Study 10 am	
1.11	Church Council meets following worship	1.21	ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm	
1.12	LWML 1 pm	1.24	TRIVIA Night 5 pm door open/Games at 6 pm	
1.13	Heritage Hall 10 am	1.25	Quarterly Voters Meeting and lunch	
1.14	Adult Bible Study 10 am	1.28	Adult Bible Study 10 am	
	ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm		ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm	

**BIRTHDAYS – Verda Adkisson – January 4**  
**ANNIVERSARIES – no anniversaries this month**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**The Garrett Family** – Barn Fire; **Theodore Rojas** – recovering; **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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **nominating committee** is seeking nominations for Church Council President, Elder, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Trustee – please see **Jeff Jaeger, Ann Seider or Randy Simmons**.

The **Mission Committee** will meet **Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm** to continue planning **Trivia Night** (scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>). Please join us if you can help with this event to **raise funds** for the **Summer Lunches for Children**.

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