



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

The Christian church sets aside a special Sunday to commemorate the martyrs and saints of every time and place who are a part of the "great cloud of witnesses" mentioned in Hebrews 12.

During Good Shepherd's Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on November 6 we will remember with love and gratitude the congregation members who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Each will have an ornament engraved with his or her name. After the service, the ornaments will be given to the family members of those commemorated.

On this year's All Saints Sunday, we will commemorate these Good Shepherd members and all the saints during worship:



**Virginia Stephens (8/16/2021)**

**Mary Allen (12/3/2021)**

**Emily Wright (2/11/2022)**

**Joyce Broome (3/8/2022)**

**Becky Silvia (4/8/2022)**

**Stan Wilson (4/22/2022)**

**Mary Sox (6/26/2022)**

**Joyce Upright (10/2/2022)**

**Susan Burch (10/4/2022)**

**John Keim (10/21/2022)**

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Good Shepherd family,

It's hard to believe we are almost to the end of another Liturgical year. Each year our church calendar begins with the First Sunday in Advent. Each year it ends with Christ the King Sunday. This festival is a relatively recent one in the history of the church. The Roman Catholic church began observing it in 1925 at the end of October (the date that Lutherans celebrate Reformation Sunday). In 1969 it was moved from October to the last Sunday of the church year. Lutheran churches began to observe Christ the King shortly thereafter. The festival is also sometimes called "Reign of Christ Sunday" because it emphasizes God's reign or kingdom coming among and within us.

The Lectionary readings for Christ the King Sunday are always interesting. This year's gospel text, for instance, is the crucifixion scene from Luke 23:33-43. There the onlookers to the crucifixion mock Jesus as the "King of the Jews" and regard him with contempt. Just as the end of our old church year leads into a new and hopeful church year, the apparent "end" of the gospel—Jesus' crucifixion—makes way for new life to burst forth. While onlookers expected a king reigning from a throne in glory, they found in Jesus a king who reigns from the cross. How appropriate that our year ends with this powerful reminder of God's reign and how it differs from the realms of this world. What may seem like death, defeat, and desolation can become, by God's power, a new beginning.

With this gospel passage and this liturgical festival in mind, I challenge you to ponder what in your life and in our corporate life needs to pass away, that new life can come forth. Every congregation goes through cycles of life, death, and resurrection. Likewise, so does every Christian. We trust that God is always leading us through death and into new life. So let us be on the lookout together for places where our old ways and works are no longer bearing fruit and let us look to Jesus for the new life he is bringing into our midst. We know we are not what we used to be; likewise, we are not yet what God will have us be. Let us look to our King to call us out of death into new and abundant life. Let us trust and honor him as we live, love, and serve together.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Andrew



## LEST WE FORGET...

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6. Be sure to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday night!

## ELECTION OF CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

A meeting to elect new congregational council members will be held prior to the worship service on November 20. Five persons will be elected to serve two-year terms on council.

On November 6, a brief congregational meeting will be held to receive any nominations from the floor to add to the slate of nominees being developed by the current council.

If you plan to nominate someone, please make sure ahead of time that the person is willing to have their name placed in nomination.

Background information on all nominees will be sent to the congregation prior to the November 20 election. We hope you'll plan to participate in this important function of our congregation as we elect fellow members to important leadership roles.

If you have questions about the nomination or election processes, please feel free to contact me at any time. My phone number is 803-318-0236, and my email address is [dodgerfan@sc.rr.com](mailto:dodgerfan@sc.rr.com).

Don Caughman, Council President

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## LOOKING BACK...



"Looking Back" this month goes to 1980 with the groundbreaking service for the Good Shepherd Fellowship Activities Building (FAB). Senior Pastor Larry Long turns the first shovel of dirt, while looking on are, from left, Greg Sox, YOGS president; Walter Robertson, building committee chair; Wilbert Zube, Sunday School superintendent; a representative of the construction company; Dr. Harold Park, Good Shepherd's mission developer and first pastor; Violet Fetner, Lutheran Women president; Assistant Pastor Hank Moody; and Don Caughman, Lutheran Men president.

Periodically in the newsletter we are looking back at various times in the life of our congregation as we move toward our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance in February, 2025.

## CHILDREN'S ADVENT PROGRAM

Preparation for our annual Children's Advent Program has begun. All youth and children are welcome and encouraged to participate. Children will be learning the program music during Children's music class. We also are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the production. If your child is interested in performing, or you would like to volunteer, contact Amanda Snodgrass at 803-422-7105 or [amandadpt2007@hotmail.com](mailto:amandadpt2007@hotmail.com).

**Join us for the Children's Advent Program on Sunday, December 4  
during the Sunday school hour, in the FAB.**

Light refreshments will be provided.



### Children's Advent Program Rehearsal Schedule

11-20-22 During Sunday School (10:45-11:45) in the FAB

11-27-22 During Sunday School (10:45-11:45) in the FAB

12-03-22 In the FAB directly following the Chrismon Tree decorating (pizza lunch provided)

**12-04-22 Performance after Sunday morning worship in the FAB**

## YOUTH & CHILDREN EVENTS

### GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS EVENT

Calling all third through fifth graders. On Sunday, November 13, we will meet in the FAB after music time. **Please bring a change of clothes and a bagged lunch and drink.** We will decorate some cupcakes and be making some fall crafts and cards for our shut-ins.

### YOGS EVENT

YOGS will meet in the Youth Room on Sunday, November 20 following Sunday School for a program. **Spaghetti lunch will be provided.** More details to come.

### CHRISMON TREE DECORATING

**Save the Date: December 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.**

All Youth & Children are invited to help decorate the Chrismon Tree.

Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary.

Children will gather to learn the meaning of the Chrismon ornaments before they decorate the tree.

***Directly following the decorating the Chrismon Tree, all Youth & Children are asked to stay for Children's Advent Program practice. Pizza will be provided since it will run into lunch time.***

## NOVEMBER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Worship and Sunday School Schedule

9:30 Worship Service

10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for grades kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade\*

11:25-11:45 Children's Music for grades kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade

10:45-11:45 Confirmation Class in Conference Room

10:45-11:45 High School Sunday School in Youth Room

10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School:

### Around The Corner Adult Class: Classroom 2

Discussion Leader: Participants

We will focus on learning about the guiding beliefs and practices of our faiths using the book *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* as a discussion guide in a round-table style class.

### Come and See Adult Class: Classroom 1

Bible Study Facilitators: Bruce Shealy, Mark Lovern, Ed Woodward

This class focuses on studying the Scripture and bible readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

### Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 5

Bible Study Leader: Don Caughman

The purpose of this study is to help adult learners engage in biblical passages in order to see how worship is shaped by faith and how worship nurtures faith.

### Weekly Bible Study

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew. Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room or virtually on Wednesdays at 8:00 for a Zoom meeting. A Zoom ID and password is sent in a weekly email.

### Faith 5

Each week Pastor Andrew will send a Faith 5 Study email that includes a recommended scripture reading to guide and nurture your spiritual development through the following 5 steps.

**Share** your highs and lows of the day/week

**Read** a bible verse or story

**Talk** about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows

**Pray** for one another's highs and lows

**Bless** one another

## Save the Date

Our youth will present their **Children's Advent Program on Sunday, December 4** during the Sunday School hour. Please join us for this special event!





## ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!

At the **November 9 Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS) gathering**, we will honor Good Shepherd's veteran members who have served in the various branches of our armed services. A covered dish, traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served at **12 noon in the FAB**. Everyone is asked to bring a couple of dishes to share with the turkey being provided. We thank Steve Steck for cooking the turkeys for this event.

Following lunch, we will have the opportunity to hear from three of our members, Jan Haigler, Silas Holmes, and Rod Kent about their service to our country. Also, representatives from "Quilts of Valor" will be present to give special recognition to two of our members, Brigadier General Janice M. Haigler (ret.) and Armor Senior Sergeant Rodney Lee Kent (ret.) with the presentation of a quilt to each.

Quilts of Valor is a national non-profit foundation. Their mission is to cover all veterans touched by war with the warmth and comfort of a handmade quilt in honor of their service and sacrifice. Every quilt comes with a hug and "Thank you for your service." If you have received one of these quilts, we ask that you bring yours to show and share at this gathering. If you know of someone you would like to nominate to receive one of the quilts, please speak with Nancy Hyatt for more information.

All adults are invited to be a part of POGS! So, join us on Wednesday, November 9, for a time of good food and fellowship and for this special time to honor our veterans!



*New Chrismon Tree decorations made at the WELCA Retreat.*



## PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)



*POGS at Shealy's  
enjoying lots of good food.*



## WELCA RETREAT



Twenty-three women attended the WELCA Retreat held October 7-9, 2022 at Lutheridge in Arden, NC. During this time of relaxation and fellowship they learned the history and meaning of Chrismons. They created new Chrismons that will be used on Good Shepherd's Chrismon tree. They also collected \$200 for Lutheran Disaster Response to Hurricane Ian. The WELCA Board would like to thank the following for helping to make this retreat a success:



Amy Kemp – Chrismon Craft Leader  
 Birdie Spradley & Ann Bedenbaugh – Sunday Worship music  
 Deborah Whitlow – Sunday Worship Assistant and Program Leader  
 Elizabeth Whitlow – Sunday Worship Leader  
 Laura Leigh Smith & Leigh Ann Tollison – Retreat Planning Committee  
 Vicar Emily Whitlow – Sunday Worship Service and bulletin creation  
 Vicar Laura Henrickson – Chrismon research and program material




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## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Worship Life Committee asks you to help beautify our church for Christmas by placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Please use the **Seasonal Flower Offering** envelopes in each pew to order your poinsettia.

The **Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes** have the order form printed on them for your dedication. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your check or payment amount in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

The cost is **\$15 each**. Make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place it in the **Seasonal Flower Offering envelope**. If you can't come to the church but want to order a poinsettia, call the church office to place your order.

**Place your check and the order form** in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office **by Sunday, December 11**. The first 70 orders accompanied by payment will be accepted. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the Christmas Day Service.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:15 am - 11:45am Nursery available

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB classroom)

# November 2022



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   |
|---|--|---|
|   |  | <b>1</b><br><br>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)<br><br>6:30 pm Youth & Children Committee meeting (Youth Room)                                     |
| <b>6</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br><b>All Saints Sunday</b><br><b>Congregational Meeting</b>   | <b>7</b><br><br>6:00 pm - 7:30 pm GSLC Foundation Board meeting (CL 2)<br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)   | <b>8</b><br><br>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)<br><br>6:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)   |
| <b>13</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br><b>23rd Sunday After Pentecost</b><br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm God's Young Followers Event (FAB)   | <b>14</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b><br>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi meeting (FAB)<br>6:00 pm Internship Committee meeting (CL 2)<br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room) | <b>15</b><br><br>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)<br>3:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Conf Rm)<br>5:00 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2) |
| <b>20</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br><b>Christ the King Sunday</b><br><b>Food Pantry Sunday</b><br><b>Congregational Meeting</b><br><br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm YOGS Event (Youth Room)<br>6:30 pm Council Meeting (Conf Rm) | <b>21</b><br><br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)  | <b>22</b><br><br>NO Bible Study   |
| <b>27</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br><b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  | <b>28</b><br><br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)  | <b>29</b><br><br>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)   |



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)  
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-106 & E-114)  
 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (Conference Room)  
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

*Please see an updated church calendar  
 and the calendar for other months at  
<http://www.gslc.com/>.*

*Click "See the Current Calendar" at the  
 bottom of the page.*

| <b>Wed</b>  | <b>Thu</b>  | <b>Fri</b>   | <b>Sat</b> |
|---|---|--|------------|
| <b>2</b><br>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study<br><br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal   | <b>3</b><br>10:00 am Mary Group (FAB)<br><br>6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)                                     | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>9</b><br>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study<br><br>12:00 pm POGS [Pathfinders of Good Shepherd] lunch meeting (FAB)<br><br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>10</b><br>5:30 pm Learning Committee Meeting (Conference Room)<br><br>6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)         | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>16</b><br>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study<br><br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  | <b>17</b><br>5:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB)<br><br>6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)<br>6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site) | <b>18</b><br>10:00 am - 2:00 pm Day School Thanksgiving Luncheon (FAB) | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>23</b><br>NO Zoom Bible Study<br><br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)  | <b>24</b><br><br>Church Office Closed                | <b>25</b><br>Church Office Closed                                      | <b>26</b>  |
| <b>30</b><br>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study<br><br>5:30 pm Advent Supper (FAB)<br>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>6:30 pm Advent Service (FAB)<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal         | <div> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE</b><br/> <b>December 24, 2022</b><br/> <b>5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.</b> </div>                           |  |            |



## SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS

Salvation Army of the Midlands distributes hundreds of Christmas stockings every year to children from low-income families. Social Ministry has 75 empty stockings to fill. They will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 13. Stockings are labeled as girl or boy and by age group. You can select a variety of small items to fill a stocking: socks, mittens, hats, books, school/art supplies, games, toys, wrapped candy, etc. Return the filled stockings by Sunday, December 4.

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*Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,*

*We would like to thank you so much for your generous donation of \$665.00 to sponsor the Big Red Barn Retreat on September 26, 2022. We feel so grateful to have supporters like you. Your donation will help to fund the Warrior PATHH program and therapeutic services that we provide at no cost to our First Responders who may be suffering from service-related stress issues.*

*Big Red Barn Retreat*

**Thank  
You**

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*Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,*



*Thank you for your donation of \$252.11 on 9/3/2022 to Homeless No More. We appreciate your generosity. Our goal at Homeless No More is to keep families together as we seek to create an environment where at-risk and homeless families maximize their potential as they move toward independent lives.*

*Homeless No More*

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*Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you for your gift of \$1,251.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world.*

*ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response*





## NOVEMBER MONTHLY EMPHASIS

The Food Pantry at Dorn VA Medical Center is the monthly emphasis for November. The food pantry provides food for veterans in need. If you want to support this special emphasis, please use the pink Special Offering envelopes found in the pew racks and indicate VA Food Pantry on the memo line of your check.

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## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

GSLC's Food Pantry packed 28 bags of food serving 85 participants in September 2022.




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## UPDATE FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

Thank you to the members of GSLC for your support of the Big Red Barn Retreat during the month of August. We raised \$665.00 for this local non-profit organization that supports our military & first responders.

Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies for two local elementary schools- Bradley and Forest Lake. We delivered almost 20 bags of school supplies. Our partners at Bradley and Forest Lake were excited to receive these donated items!



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Don Caughman**

**OPENING BUILDINGS: Michael Brown**

| DATE                  | 11/6/22  | 11/13/22   | 11/20/22   | 11/27/22   | 12/4/22  |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| USHERS                | Mary Stallings,<br>Pat Quattlebaum,<br>Alice Buckner,<br>Marion Eargle,<br>Marcia Woodward | Mary Stallings,<br>Pat Quattlebaum,<br>Alice Buckner,<br>Marion Eargle,<br>Marcia Woodward | Mary Stallings,<br>Pat Quattlebaum,<br>Alice Buckner,<br>Marion Eargle,<br>Marcia Woodward | Mary Stallings,<br>Pat Quattlebaum,<br>Alice Buckner,<br>Marion Eargle,<br>Marcia Woodward | Wade Wingard, Rod<br>Kent, Jerry Vaughn,<br>Mike Weaver,<br>Rebecca Richardson |
| WORSHIP<br>ASSISTANTS | Lector &<br>Communion Assistant:<br>Bruce Shealy   | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Vicar Laura<br>Henrickson                           | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Suzanne Sanders                                     | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Charlene Fink                                       | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Marcia Woodward                         |
| ACOLYTE &<br>CRUCIFER | A: Blake Gross<br>C: Eden Rowell   | A: Anna-Marie Plyler<br>C: Matthew<br>Herrmann   | A: Adam Ortiz<br>C: Evelyn Ortiz   | A: Mike Sanchez<br>C: Don Caughman   | A: Blake Gross<br>C: Eden Rowell   |
| NURSERY               | Alexis Boyles,<br>Heavenly Edenfield   | Alexis Boyles,<br>Shayla Williams  | Alexis Boyles,<br>Shayla Williams  | Heavenly Edenfield,<br><b>need volunteer</b>   | Alexis Boyles,<br>Shayla Williams  |
| ALTAR GUILD           | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell,<br>Anita Easter   | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell,<br>Anita Easter   | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell,<br>Anita Easter   | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell,<br>Anita Easter   | Joey Allison   |
| TABULATORS            | Lavina Chandler,<br>David Lucas  | Donna Foster,<br>Becky Shealy  | Rebecca Richardson,<br>Karen Lucas   | Mary Stallings,<br>David Lucas   | Jim Tucker,<br>Mary Margaret Hoy   |

### NOVEMBER 2022 MEETINGS

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Nov 1  | Youth & Children Committee (6:30 p.m.) |
| Nov 3  | Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)                |
| Nov 7  | GSLC Foundation Board (6:00 p.m.)      |
| Nov 8  | Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)          |
| Nov 9  | POGS (12 noon)                         |
| Nov 10 | Learning Committee (5:30 p.m.)         |
| Nov 14 | Internship Committee (6:00 p.m.)       |
| Nov 15 | Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)        |
|        | Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)     |
| Nov 17 | Dorcas (5:30 p.m.)                     |
|        | Tamar (6:30 p.m.)                      |
| Nov 20 | Council (6:30 p.m.)                    |

***Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.***





## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

***There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, November 22, the week of Thanksgiving.***

## WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY



Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at **8:00 a.m.** A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

***There will be no Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday, November 23, the week of Thanksgiving.***



- 1 Judy Kinney
- 2 Chloe Porter
- 3 William Snodgrass
- 4 Sabra Lindler
- 4 Sara Loyd
- 5 Herman McQuage
- 5 Donna Foster
- 6 Cheryl McDonald
- 8 Teri Holmes
- 10 Nancy Schaefer
- 10 Greg Struthers
- 11 Anne Rush
- 11 Mary Stallings
- 14 Ronnie Roche
- 14 Brett Bostic
- 14 Patrick Roof
- 15 Jack Morris
- 17 Dot Gibert
- 18 Robert Ellington
- 18 Matt Burrows
- 20 Larry Evans
- 20 Billie Jones
- 22 Molly Kate Herrmann
- 22 Rachel Pedersen
- 24 Anna-Marie Plyler
- 24 Ashleigh Taylor
- 25 Marilyn Hogan
- 25 Kappy Steck
- 25 Pat Butterfield
- 26 Pat Hazle
- 26 Rebecca Netzel
- 27 Cheryl Beaman
- 27 Christian Houghton
- 28 Sam Seay
- 29 Paige Frierson
- 29 Ben Wuori
- 29 Erica Traylor
- 30 Bettie Stroud
- 30 Grayce Boozer
- 30 John Calhoun

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## LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2022

### **NOVEMBER 6—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

#### **FIRST READING – Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 149**

Sing the LORD’s praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)

#### **SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:11-23**

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 6:20-31**

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary’s song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

### **NOVEMBER 13—23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

#### **FIRST READING – Malachi 4:1-2a**

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 98**

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ’s return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 21:5-19**

As history moves toward God’s fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

### **NOVEMBER 20—CHRIST THE KING**

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

#### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Today’s reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah’s unjust rulers have caused their people, their “flock,” to be scattered.

Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 46**

I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

#### **SECOND READING – Colossians 1:11-20**

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 23:33-43**

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one’s life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God’s hands.

### **NOVEMBER 27—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 2:1-5**

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!”

#### **PSALM – Psalm 122**

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” (Ps. 122:1)

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 13:11-14**

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ’s coming in the future.

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

## WITH PRAYER

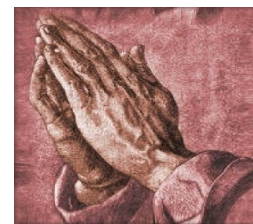
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### PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at [parishadmin@gscl.com](mailto:parishadmin@gscl.com) or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month.**

**You may call or email anytime to remove a name.**

**Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.**



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*Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter*  
*Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow*

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*The family of John Keim.*  
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## NOVEMBER



### Sunday Schedule

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)**

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)**

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)**

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (Conference Room)**

**10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-106 & 114)**

**11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)**

Nov 6 Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule

Nov 13 Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule

Nov 14 December Newsletter Deadline

Nov 20 Food Pantry Sunday

Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule

Nov 27 Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule

Nov 30 5:30 pm Advent Supper (FAB)

6:30 pm Advent Service (FAB)