

## **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

1601 N. Pleasantburg Drive  
Greenville, South Carolina 29609

864 244-5825

Pastor Steve Saxe

[www.lcgs.org](http://www.lcgs.org)   [lcgs1601@aol.com](mailto:lcgs1601@aol.com)



### **✠ Second Sunday of Advent ✠**

*December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*LSB Setting 3*

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.  
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak  
reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH WELCOMES YOU THIS MORNING!

We welcome you to this service of God's Word and Sacrament at which the words and action of Jesus Christ are central. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the narthex (entrance) and complete the Visitor Registration Card. Visitors who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to read and consider the Communion Registration card (*reverse side of same card and below\**) before joining us at the altar and to place the card in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers.

***If you are unable to receive wine, please speak to Pastor or an elder before the service.***

**COMMUNION:** When you commune, you will have a choice between individual cup and the common cup (chalice). The acolyte offers an individual cup before the pastor presents the common cup (chalice). Non-alcoholic wine is offered from individual cups placed in the center of the tray.

### ***\*PLEASE NOTE\****

Those who intend to commune are encouraged to prepare for reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by reviewing the "*Sacrament of the Altar*" on page 326 and "*Christian Questions with Their Answers*" drawn up by Dr. Martin Luther on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book. *Visitors are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Eucharist) with us if you...* are baptized in the name of the Triune God, repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation, believe & confess the Christian Faith as expressed in Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, believe that in receiving Communion, you eat & drink Jesus' true body & blood with bread & wine for forgiveness of your sins & strengthening of your faith.

If you can affirm the statements above, you are welcome to share in reception of the Sacrament with us today. Please complete one of the red & white Visitor Communion Registration cards if you commune with us. Thank you!

### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book  
Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.



**The Prelude**  
**The Greetings and Theme of the Day**

**✠ THE PREPARATION IN CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**Entrance Hymn**

**LSB # 331** *The Advent of Our King*



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him-self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

Public domain

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”

<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*All sing as the candle is being lit:*

**Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you O Israel.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 85*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable | to your land;\*  
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\*  
you covered | all their sin.

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew | all your wrath;\*  
you turned from your hot | anger.

<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,\*  
and put away your indignation | toward us!

<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us for- | ever?\*

Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?

<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive | us again,\*  
that your people may re- | joice in you?

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to | folly.

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet,\*  
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\*  
and our land will yield its | increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.

**▲ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

### Epistle

*II Peter 3:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,**  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

### Hymn of the Day

**LSB # 344** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Public domain

**Sermon: Pathway Preparation**

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus

**C** Amen

Stand

**Offertory**



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Come O Lord,

**C** And hear our prayer

## Pax Domini

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Choir Anthem

Stand

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way

John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.



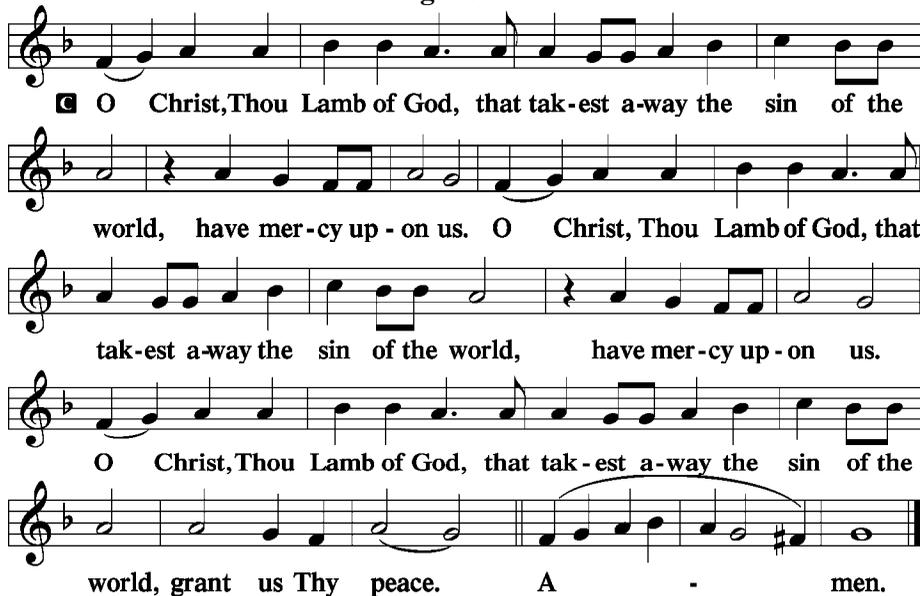
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Agnus Dei



Sit

### Distribution of the Sacrament

**Please come forward in *Pilgrim style* and extend your arm so that pastor may place the bread /wafers in your hand.**

**An individual cup of wine will be placed on the altar rail.**

After communing you are asked to place your individual cups in the bowl of water and dispose of your paper container in the waste basket

## Communion Distribution Hymns

**LSB # 352** *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

**LSB # 623** *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*

### Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

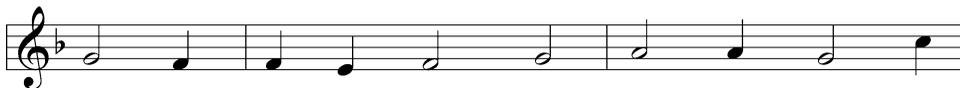
6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Public domain

### Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Public domain

*Stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



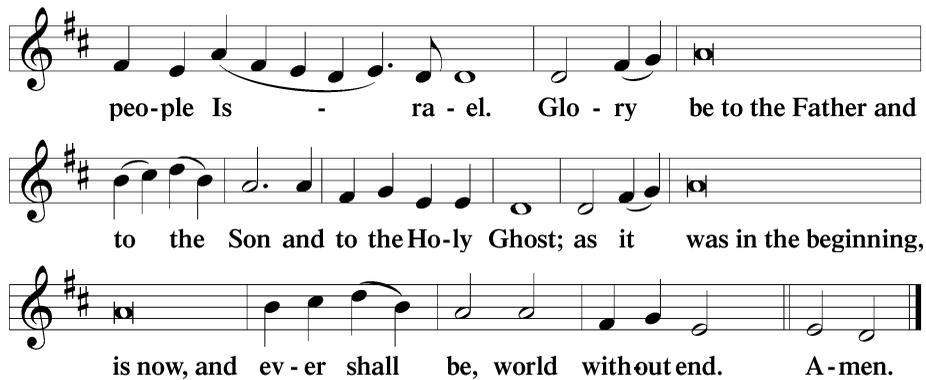
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

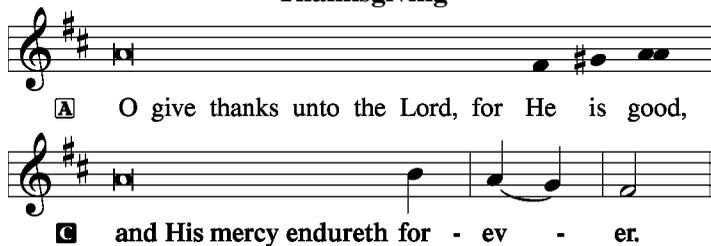


a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

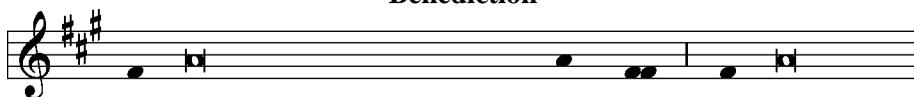


**A** Bless we the Lord.

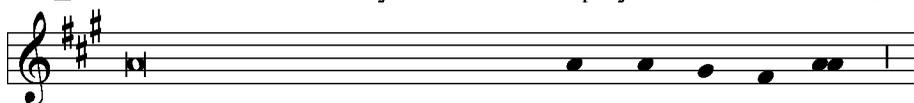


**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\dagger$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Announcements

#### Exit Hymn

**LSB # 338** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Public domain

### Dismissal

- P** Depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

**FLOWERS:** *Marque & Barb Kilpatrick ~ to the glory of God and in memory of our grandparents*

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LWML:** Ladies of LCGS - LWML will meet via ZOOM on Sunday, December 13th at 1:30pm. If you would like to attend, please email Barb Kilpatrick at [foozle53@gmail.com](mailto:foozle53@gmail.com) to be added to the invitation.

**DEVOTIONALS:** *Advent, 2020*, devotionals are available at the entrance door. You can also access devotional on our website: [www.lcgs.org](http://www.lcgs.org), *Media Center*.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** *Portals of Prayer*, January-March 2021, *are available on the table in the narthex.*

**SUNDAYSCHOOL:** Sunday School classes have resumed with precautions (masking and distancing according to LCGS guidelines) in this revised format:

- a. Ages 2-3 taught by Leigh Ann Bockle (in the nursery).
- b. Combined children's Sunday School (ages 4-11) taught by Heidi & Jake Nagy with Jan Saxe assisting (in the large fellowship hall and/or outside if the weather allows). They will focus on catechism and Bible lessons with our CPH materials on hand. Children's SS offering will commence via LWML children's mite boxes.
- c. Confirmation class taught by Pr Steve Saxe (less than 5 in the library).
- d. Adult class (including post-Confirmation students) taught by Markus Bockle (in the sanctuary). This might be offered via live streaming as well.

e. Adult Catechism, taught by Pr Saxe, has resumed every other SUN evening - both in person & via Zoom.

---

**POINSETTIA SIGN UP:** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost is **\$18.00**.

---

**THE QUILL:** The *Quill* newsletter is available at the door. You can also view it on the church website @ [www.lcgs.org](http://www.lcgs.org), Media Center, The Quill.

---

**THE LADIES #1 BIBLE STUDY** needs YOU! All Good Shepherd Ladies and friends are invited to join us as we study St. John's Gospel this year. We meet in the fellowship hall in masked/ distanced small groups AND offer a Zoom option as well. All are welcome! **If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Jan Saxe (864) 607-0217.** Our Bible studies are held each **Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 12 noon** and **Wednesday at 10 a.m.** Copies of the questions we will discuss are available on the table in the church narthex under the bulletin board.

---

**UNITED MINISTRIES: United Ministries' Place of Hope Needs Men's Socks.** Many of our homeless participants do a lot of walking. If their socks are worn out, we like to be able to give them a pair of new clean socks to put on their clean feet. We are down to our last 25 or so pairs. If you are able, pick up a package of new socks for our participants. For your convenience, you can place them in the baskets marked "United Ministries" located in the narthex under the table. Or, the Deliveries can be made to United Ministries, 606 Pendleton Street, from 8:00 – 5:00 Monday – Thursday and until noon on Fridays. Thanks for considering!

---

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: December 6 – Advent II** – No greater comfort speaks to hearts broken by abortion than the Gospel of God's forgiveness (Isaiah 40:1-2). He holds the lives of those who permit, promote, or participate in abortion just as precious as the little lives lost to it (1 Peter 3:9). And whatever relief abortion proposes for surprise pregnancy cannot compare with the Savior who will "gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:11).

---