



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Proclaiming Christ's Word through Truth, Innovation & Fellowship.

**Celebrating the First Sunday after the Epiphany, The
Baptism of Our Lord!**

January 11th, 2026



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-Matthew 3:16



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Worship Services

Thursdays: 6:30 pm

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Communion is Celebrated almost every Sunday

(The 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 8am; the 2nd and 4th at 10:30am)...

Sunday School/Bible Study: Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00-1:00 pm

(Pastor always available via cell! Call or text!...763-913-8445)

As We Gather...

*A warm & hearty welcome to you! It's a privilege and honor to worship our Crucified, Risen, Ascended & Glorified Lord with you this day. We're glad to have **you** here. As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!*

The First Sunday after the Epiphany takes us in mind and heart to the Jordan River, where Jesus is baptized. This day, observed each year in the Church, is a reminder of the importance of Baptism in the life of every Christian, for it is in dying with Christ through Baptism that we are born anew to eternal life. Although we may have not been baptized in the river Jordan, we share with our Lord the experience of being baptized. Through Baptism, we are connected to Christ and given a whole new way of living for time and for eternity. "But I am baptized!" Martin Luther would exclaim when life situations seemed overwhelming. Knowing that we live daily in baptismal grace makes the difference in our lives as well.

Service Notes...

In preparation for worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshiping with! The order of worship is printed for you below, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the service before we begin. You may also want to mark the songs: **411, 405, 601 & 917** in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) before we begin. **Another Reminder:** If you have a smart phone, and you're on Facebook, please "check in" at **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May our Good and Gracious Shepherd bless your worship this day...this NEW day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

Children: We are blessed to have a lot of young families and young children here at **Good Shepherd**. We take Jesus' words very seriously when He says, "Let the little children come to me..." We also know how difficult it can be to keep children sitting quietly for any period of time, much less an hour long church service! For your convenience, "Quiet Bags" have been provided for young worshippers. They are located in the narthex to your right (on the "Noah's Ark" wall mounting, next to the big bulletin board) when exiting the sanctuary. Also, for your convenience, a "Quiet Room" is located at the back of the sanctuary for use during those "difficult" times. Also, please keep in mind that everyone here loves to have the children here and will help you in any way they can! **Please note:** *Non-communion services may have a children's message which could be recorded via Facebook live. If you have any issues with your child being seen at church on the World Wide Web just listen from the pew!*

Guests, Visitors & The Offering: If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at **Good Shepherd** ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! But please do take a minute to check in at one of our kiosks in the atrium and sign the guestbook so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.** (*The Offering plate is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary*)

Pre-Service Meditation...

*Please check out some of the pre-service prayers in the front of the LSB and/or meditate on one or more of the Psalms printed in the LSB (specifically **Psalm 29** today)...or just spend some time quietly in prayer before we begin.*

Prelude...

Words of Welcome...

The Opening Song: *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*
(LSB pg. 411...please stand for verse three)

The Invocation & Opening Verses

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; 18-20*

All: Amen.

Pastor: Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

All: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” *Romans 6:3-4*

We Confess Our Sins [1 John 1:8-9]

Pastor: We must confess that none of us “walks in newness of life” each day; however, since our Lord took our sins on Himself, our sins have been washed away in the water of Baptism. The promises the Father made to Him are ours. He said, “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you” *(Isaiah 42:6)*. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident that Christ’s righteousness will be graciously credited to us.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

All: although, as Isaiah prophesied, our Lord would not break a bruised reed or quench a faintly burning wick, but would faithfully bring forth justice *(Isaiah 42:3)* — we confess that we have walked in the ways of this world. We have sought power and prestige for ourselves, but have neglected those less fortunate than ourselves; we have rejoiced in our freedom, but have forgotten those in prison; we have basked in Your gracious forgiveness, but have failed to extend it to the people we meet. Forgive us, renew us, and assure us again that through the water of Baptism Jesus’ righteousness is now our own.

We Hear God’s Forgiveness [John 20:19-23]

Pastor: In the water of His Baptism our Lord “fulfilled all righteousness.” The Father’s approval, “with Him I am well pleased,” is spoken over all who have been baptized in His name. God proclaimed through Isaiah, “Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare” *(Isaiah 42:9)*. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Alleluia, Amen! May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace! *Psalm 29:11*

We Sing: “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

(LSB pg. 405)

The Kyrie (Lord, have mercy)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace that comes down from above with the news of God's approval for the sake of our Savior who fulfilled all righteousness for us, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace in this chaotic world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all the baptized, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who gather here for strength in adversity, guidance in confusion, and forgiveness in failures of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

We Sing: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"
(LSB pg. 601)

We Pray

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

All: And also with you.

(A prayer is spoken...)

+ We Hear God's Word +

Isaiah 42:1–9 (The Lord speaks about His Servant and addresses Him.)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” ⁵ This is what God the Lord says—he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.” ...This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Romans 6:1–11 (Our Baptism unites us both to Christ’s death and also to His resurrection.)

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with,^a that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus...This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;

All: with You I am well pleased. Mark 1:11b Alleluia!

Children’s Message: “Alive in Christ”

Matthew 3:13–17 (Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan.)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ...This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Message: “To Fulfill All Righteousness”
(Sermon Application...)

What are the text(s) this message is based on?

What is significant to you in any of the texts?

What did God teach you in His Law today (*What you should do, or have failed to do for God*)?

^a Or be rendered powerless

What did God teach you in His Gospel today (*What God has done for you through Christ*)?

What is the main thing you're taking home from this message today?

Have a comment or question about today's message? Have any questions about any of this Jesus/Christian stuff? Text the pastor at 763-913-8445 or email him at pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org. If you'd like to hear Sunday's message, or share it with a friend, it posts on our Facebook page and/or Website by 10 am on Monday...



We Affirm Our Faith (The Apostles' Creed) *[Romans 10:9]* . . .

Pastor: Let us remember our Baptism by again renouncing the devil and confessing our faith responsively...Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

All: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

All: Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

All: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: You have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ; therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of the Church *[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

(The Pastor will conclude each short petition with the words, "Lord, in Your mercy..." Please respond with, "Hear our prayer.")

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. *Matthew 6:9-13* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God's grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

All: Amen!

The Closing Song: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"
(LSB pg. 917)

Thank you for worshiping with us!...It's better with you here!

Please stick around for fellowship as long as you desire!

If you're visiting us today, please remember to sign the guestbook before you depart...and come soon to see us again!

If you haven't checked in at the Good Shepherd Kiosk, please take a moment to do so before you leave! It's fun!

To God Alone all Glory Goes!

Questions about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod? Check out, www.lcms.org

Postlude...

Next Week's Texts: Is. 49:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a

Search the Scriptures! (John 5:39)

Serving Us Today

Pastor & Celebrant.....	Pastor Koepsell
Organist.....	Cam Bedroske
Elder.....	Tom Dunham & Dave Eichhorn
Ushers.....	Noah Hinrichs, Aaron Bray, Jane Eichhorn & Richard Cullen

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 11	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	9:15 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
Monday, January 12	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir
	6:30 P.M.	Adult Choir
Tuesday, January 13	1:30 P.M.	LWML Meeting
Wednesday, January 14	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	5:15 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	6:30 P.M.	Youth Group
Thursday, January 15	6:30 P.M.	Worship Service with Communion
Saturday, January 17	7:00 A.M.	Men's Group
	8:30 A.M.	Women's Group
Sunday, January 18	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service

2025 & 2026 CONTRIBUTIONS: If you'd like to receive your 2025 giving statement electronically, please email Chris Feutz (chrisfeutz@yahoo.com) or Diane Flouro (flourodi@yahoo.com). This helps save paper and mailing costs. If you no longer need offering envelopes, please let Chris or Diane know as well. Envelopes will still be available for special offerings such as Mission money. Thank you - Chris Feutz and Diane Flouro

DAY BY DAY SHELTER MEAL: We have the opportunity to serve our neighbors by providing a meal at the Day by Day Shelter on Friday, January 16. A sign-up sheet for bringing food and helping serve the meal is posted on the Atrium bulletin board. This is a meaningful way to live out our faith, share God's love in a practical way, and begin 2026 by serving others. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help.

SAVE THE DATE! January 11, every year, is Human Trafficking Awareness Day! Come, shine a light on evil that lives in the darkness. Come, make some noise to bring awareness to a subject evil wants kept quiet. Come, join us, and the Damascus Road Project, in partnership with the Oshkosh Police Department, on Sunday, January 11, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Opera House Square (by the sundial), 315 N. Main Street, Oshkosh for the "Make Some Noise, Stop the Trafficking" Rally to bring awareness to the evil of human sex trafficking that is happening in our own backyard! We will hold Awareness Day signs (provided), you may come and go as needed, dress warm, all are welcome! No training is required for this service event. You may sign up at damascusroadproject.org, or email Dawn@damascusroadproject.org to plan for enough signs for Rally attendees. (The last 2 years we ran out of signs!) The point is, just come, and let's work together to fight against this evil. The next life saved may be someone near and dear to you.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: We are almost ready to submit our final roster information to make the new church directory. We are asking members to verify their contact information and make sure it is correct. Roster Sheets are on the table by the restrooms. After checking your information, please take your 2026 giving envelopes, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

SUPER SUNDAE SUNDAY: Today is Super Sundae Sunday! We appreciate your support of people who need food. Please enjoy an ice cream sundae as a “thank you” for helping meet the needs of people in our community.

WINTER WARM UP: Thank you, members of Good Shepherd, for your generous donations in the month of December! For the month of January, our food drive theme will be “Winter Warm Up.” Please donate items that will help keep the recipients warm: soups, stews, instant ramen, hot cocoa, coffee, or tea! Thank you for your help!

BINGO & DINNER: Join us on January 23 at 6:00 PM for Bingo & a simple supper. Come enjoy a meal, play Bingo, and win prizes. Everyone is welcome! Please let us know you will be attending so that we order enough food. There is a sign-up sheet on the atrium bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Stacy 920-229-9736.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: You are the light of the world! Damascus Road Project, Inc. is a local, non-profit organization run mostly by volunteers and is Good Shepherd's January Mission of the Month! Damascus Road is a light in the darkness of human sex trafficking and a soft, safe place to land for victims of sex trafficking. These women and their children must flee their unsafe residence, usually on the spur of the moment, without preparation, and only the clothes on their back. They are terrified, feel alone, and have nothing. Damascus Road reaches out to these victims, brings them in, and provides them with basic needs, education, and training that teaches them Jesus is their Lord and Savior and He will be with them as they learn to lift themselves out of the depths of darkness. We can help by praying for their rescue and healing, providing (full-size) personal hygiene products, and offering financial support. Mission Donation Envelopes are available on the Mission of the Month Bulletin Board and on the table in the atrium. Please visit the Mission of the Month Bulletin Board and damascusroadproject.org for detailed information. *Jeremiah 30:8: "It shall come about on that day," declares the Lord of Hosts, "that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves."* Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support of these, God's children, that He wants to love through us!

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUO AM850 & KFUO.ORG: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we've begun a new study in the book of Genesis! This week's study will take us through chapters 2 and 3. Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we look at the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels! Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this weekend (1/17 at 10 a.m. CT) — we're continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer with the 5th Petition! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app.

Last Week at Good Shepherd...

Attendance: Thursday: No Service. Sunday: 8:00: 109 10:30: 122 Total: 231

Offerings Will Be Reported Once Transition to New Church Software is Complete

Weekly Budget Needs at Good Shepherd: \$8,400.00

(“...So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.”) -1 Corinthians 14:1

Please remember in your prayers:

Church Members:

Josiah Charles; Cody Skadahl; David Doan; Shirley Radloff; Don Davis; Bev Zink; Joanne Behm; Jim Purath; Pastor & JoAnn Meier; Frank Jarvenpaa; Donna Gohlke; Shirley Radloff; Dian Sheldon; Gary Schmude; Jim & Sharron Ziemer; and Louise Gabert

Friends & Relatives of Church Members:

Kim Koepsell’s father, Don; Nicole Schroeder’s father, Ray; Glen & Iris Lienhard’s friend, Pastor Bob Benke; Pastor G’s neighbor, Paul; Erlinda’s friend, David; Tim & Liz Hoversten’s friend, Monty; Anne Fogtman’s sister, Jane; Brian Luethy’s mother, Cindy; Barry & Linda’s niece, Jenni Fuhrman; Gary Bunke’s daughter, Brielle; Barry & Linda Brehmer’s friend, Jeff Freund; Lee Paris’ son, Andy; Pastor Koepsell’s mother, Lorraine; Jan Peterson’s sisters & niece & son, Scot and daughter, Paula; Ron & Chris Feutz’s grandson, Logan Feutz; Gene & Donna Gohlke’s nephews, Kirk and Michael, granddaughter, Karley & friend, Paul.

Those Who Want to Worship with Us But Aren’t Currently Able:

Bev Zink; Bonnie Wenzel, Verna Butt, Joann Behm, Shirley Radloff, Jane Nowicki, Manette Flouro, Pastor & JoAnn Meier, Bill & Louise Gabert, Jim & Sharron Ziemer, Lee Paris, Emily Brunner, Jean Stauber, Vicki Beck, Bill Zorr, Marge Bolding & Milt & JoAnn Haskins.

Military/Overseas Members & Their Families:

Malayna Brehmer (granddaughter of Barry & Linda Brehmer), Ryan Weber (son of Tim & Liz Hoversten)

**Please let Lynn Paulus, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, know when we can take you or your loved one off the prayer list lynn@travelleaders.com*

