Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.



Matthew 25:40

UPCOMING Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November
Nov. 26 - Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED.
Nov. 29 - Fresno First Baptist starts Sunday Worship @ 10am - 2pm, Jacobson Hall
Dec. 5 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 7:30am

December
Dec. 5 - Christmas Potluck @ 12PM, Comm Ctr.
Dec. 9 - Worship Committee @ 4:30pm, Comm Ctr.
Dec. 9 - CPR Class @ All Day, Comm Ctr.
Dec. 14 - Esther Circle @ 6pm, Comm. Ctr.
Dec. 17 - Council Meeting @ 6pm, Comm. Ctr.
Dec. 21 - OWLS @1pm
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 7pm, Sanctuary
Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas!
OFFICE CLOSED
Christmas Day Service @ 10am, Sanctuary

WEEKLY Sneak Peek

SUNDAY, Nov. 22
10am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
10am: Fresno First Baptist, Worship Service, Jacobson Hall
11:15am: Coffee Social
11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2
5pm: Accion de Fe, Comm Ctr

MONDAY, Nov. 23

TUESDAY, Nov. 24
6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25
6-8pm Fresno First Baptist, Jacobson Hall
6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Comm Ctr

THURSDAY, Nov. 26
Happy Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, Nov. 27
7pm: Accion de Fe, Comm Ctr

SATURDAY, Nov. 28

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We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers
and thank God for His goodness.

Members Needing Prayer:
Craig and family upon the loss of his mother, Betty Montgomery.
Gloria Miller
Steven Smith
Jo Anderson
Cate Casa
Yvonne Smith
Chris Dueker
Arlene Robbins
Robert Harris
Mona White
Julie Werfelmann
Neil and Verna Walden
Liz Smith
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:
Faith Potter (Dee)
The Hannah Family (Fake)
Stormy White (Mona)
Paula (White)
Randy Williams (Dueker)
Christopher Robbins (Robbins)
Nels (Harris)
Julie Schneider (Vonny)
Kaitlyn (Lisa K.)
Pauline Ritterbush
Julie Schnieder (Bender)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Phil (Anderson) Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

Prayers For
All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of Our Military Service, First Responders, and Those Affected by Illness, Natural Disasters and War. For Prayer Requests: Complete the prayer request card on the back of the pew or call/email the church office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
November 22, 2026 - 10AM
Christ the King Sunday

Prelude "Fanfare on 'Come Ye Thankful People, Come'"
by Charles Callahan
Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Opening Hymn "Sing To The Lord of Harvest" #694 (vv. 1-3)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

2.God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

3. Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

Confession and Forgiveness
All may make the sign of the cross.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
+Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day
P: We pray together ...
C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music "Enter Now the Gates" by Douglas E. Wagner (c 2004 Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation)
Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

Lesson 1 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Pg. 788 in the cranberry Bible
Page 895 in the red Bible

Lesson 2 Ephesians 1:15-23 Page 1064 in the cranberry Bible
Page 204 in the red Bible

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Page 904 in the cranberry Bible
Page 29 in the red Bible

Kids' Talk Julie Werfelmann
Children are now invited - but not required - to go with the adult leader to kids' church in classroom 2 during the sermon. They will return in time for communion with their families.

Sermon "The Second Coming" Pr. Ted Niemi

Sermon Hymn "Before The Throne of God Above" by Vicki Cook and Charitie Bancroft (c 1997 Sovereign Grace Music; CCLI Song # 2306412)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied

to look on Him and pardon me;
to look on Him and pardon me

3.Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die;
my soul is purchased with His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God;
with Christ my Savior and my God!

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholicchurch, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Special Music "All things bright and beautiful" words by Mrs. C. F. Alexander, music by John Rutter (c 1983 and 2020 Oxford University Press)
John Montgomery, Solo

Offertory "Lord, When We Praise You with Glorious Music" by Bryan Jeffery Leech; harm James R. Hubbard (c 1989 Fred Bock Music Company)
Choral Ensemble

Offering Response "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" Hymn 207
Congregation

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of Thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion
Communion shall be served using the method known as "intinction": the wafer will be handed to you, and you will dip th wafer into either the gold chalice of wine, or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. For those who are not able to come up for communion, please just remain seated and our ushers will be happy to direct the communion servers to bring communion right to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to come up for communion to receive an animal cracker (unless otherwise advised by the parent or guardian). Please come, for all are welcome

Communion Hymn "This Is My Father's World" #824 (vv. 1-3)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. This is my Father's world; and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's World; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad.

Closing Hymn "Lord, Reign in Me" by Brenton Brown (1998 Vineyard Songs, CCLI Song #409181)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Over all the earth You reign on high;
Every mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky.
Buy me one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that You reign in me again.

Refrain
Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r,
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again?

2. Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing,
So won't You reign in me again?
Refrain

Sending
P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Thanksgiving" by Charles Callahan
Susan Berg, Piano

HOMETOUCH®

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22, 2026

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. —John F. Kennedy

In a few days, the country will be observing Thanksgiving Day. Millions of family tables will be laden with turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes or yams and string beans, followed by ample portions of pumpkin or pecan pies.

The apostle Paul was a very thankful and appreciative person. In fact, his letters in the New Testament often begin with thanksgiving. Here, in today's reading, his prayer in Ephesians 1 feels especially tender. He tells the Ephesian Christians that he never stops giving thanks for them. Imagine that! A congregation that knows they're continually held up in prayer!

The apostle, writing while he's under house arrest in Rome, prays for three things.

First, he prays that God would give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation so they may know God more deeply — not just know *about* God, but *know* God, the way one knows a trusted friend.

Second, Paul prays that the "eyes of their hearts" may be enlightened, so they may grasp the hope to which God has called them. Hope is not optimism; it's rooted in God's character, not in our circumstances. For those of us facing illness, grief or limited mobility, this hope becomes an anchor. God isn't finished with us, and God's future is larger than today's struggles.

Third, Paul prays that they may know the immeasurable greatness of God's power — the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and exalted him above all rulers and authorities. This means that no hardship, no affliction, no loneliness and no frustration has the final word. God's power, not our weakness, defines our lives.

Paul concludes with a sweeping, beautiful image of Christ as the head of the church, filling all things. It means that Christ holds us individually and holds us together. Even believers who cannot physically attend worship remain part of Christ's living body, mysteriously and deeply connected to all others.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, let us be lifted and encouraged not only by our own prayers but by the prayers of others — and by Christ himself, who fills everything with resurrection power.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God of hope, open the eyes of our hearts to see your goodness more clearly. Give us wisdom, deepen our hope and remind us of the power at work in Christ. When we feel weak, lift us. When we feel alone, surround us. Thank you for the gift of prayer that holds us close to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HOMETOUCH® Activity Page

Week of November 22, 2026

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday: Hebrews 1-4
Monday: Hebrews 5-7
Tuesday: Hebrews 8-10
Wednesday: Hebrews 11-13
Thursday: Philemon; 1 Peter 1-2
Friday: 1 Peter 3-5
Saturday: Psalms 133-135

A POEM BY ANY OTHER NAME
Directions: The first letter of each line must begin with the letters of your name. Thus, if your name has only five letters, you will then have five lines in your poem. Here is an example: SUSAN =

S eventy years old —
U nique
S uper
A lways fun
N ice

Now write a poem using your name!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A	J	S
B	K	T
C	L	U
D	M	V
E	N	W
F	O	X
G	P	Y
H	Q	Z
I	R	

Directions: Can you think of a name that begins with each letter of the alphabet? Write your answers in the spaces provided.

FIVE & FOUR

Directions: Each line contains a five-letter word and a four-letter word whose letters have been mixed, *but the left-to-right order has not been changed.* Unmix the two words on each line and write them in the spaces provided. When you're done, unscramble the boxed and circled letters to reveal the mystery word. A clue is provided. We've also given you a head start.

S H A D E L T E D = **S H A □ T** + **D E E ○**

P A T G A X I A N = _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _ ○

V I P A S E T A W = _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _ ○

N O V A L U N I D = _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _ ○

Clue: A pilot's friend — □□□□ ○○○○

ANSWER TO : Five & Four: shalt/ deed; pagan/ taxi; pasta/ view; valid/ noun. A pilot' s friend: TAIL WIND



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Counter Corner
NOVEMBER Volunteers
Nov. 1 John Montgomery & Joan Williamson
Nov. 8 Dee Wright & Jo Andersom
Nov. 15 Shauna Espinosa & Dee Wright
Nov. 22 Jill Anderson & Robert Harris
Nov. 29 Dee Wright & Joan Williamson
Many thanks for those who will count in November.

Thanksgiving Baskets



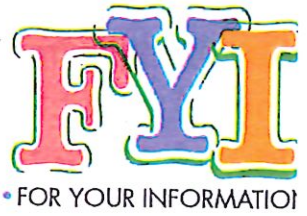
The Blessings of Thanksgiving will soon be with us. Roeding School has a great need for our Thanksgiving Baskets. This year we are asking for checks and monies only designated for Thanksgiving Baskets. I will grocery shop. Thank you for your ongoing generosity for this blessing. Contact Pam Gerster 559-999-5443 for questions and donations.

GSLC Book Club—CALLING ALL READING FRIENDS!



Here is the list of books for 2026-2027 Book Club
We don't meet in December
January 17 - The Noticer; by Andy Andrews
February 21 - Ordinary Grace; by William Kent Kreuger
March 21 - Project: Hail Mary; by Andy Weir
April 18 - There Are Rivers in the Sky; by Elif Shafak
May 16 - We'll Prescribe You a Cat; by Syou Ishida

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES DUE TODAY



Packing party after worship. If you have questions, please talk to Julie Werfelmann or Janet McQuillan.

Annual Reports Are Due



If you are responsible for submitting a committee report for the Annual Report, please submit it as soon as possible. Thank You!

Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts

The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser Goes Live



The Good Shepherd HVAC GoFundMe fundraiser is now live on it's website. https://gofund.me/05d79c
Please send this link: to family, friends, businesses etc., via Facebook, email and any other social media platforms to get the word out to raise funds for a new HVAC system. We have a fundraising goal of $150,000 to support the purchase of a new HVAC system.
Every donation, big or small, will make a tremendous difference. Together, we can bring warmth back to our church and restore the place where our community worships and grows faith. Thank you for your support. We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity.
Blessings, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno
Thank you, Reynaldo Villalobos

Lector List



NOVEMBER Lectors
Nov. 1 Ken Berg
Nov. 8 Cheryl Montgomery
Nov. 15 Jennifer Neer
Nov. 22 Janet McQuillan
Nov. 29 Steve McQuillan
Many thanks for those who will read in November.

Roeding Christmas Project

ROEDING

We will once again be collecting gloves and candy canes to give to the entire student population at our adopted school, Roeding Elementary, for Christmas. Please let us know if you find a great deal and need others to contribute financially! Bring gloves and candy canes and add them to the Roeding box in the hallway. Thank You!



Community Concerts

1. **TODAY**, November 22, at 3:00 p.m. (pre-concert talk at 2:15) the Premier Women's Chamber Chorale in the Valley, Soli Deo Gloria, directed by Dr. Julie Carter, presents "Burst Into Song," songs you have known and loved as well as songs that will become your favorites. The concert is at University Presbyterian Church, 1776 E. Roberts in Fresno. $20 advance tickets ($12 for students) are available from Cheryl Montgomery, a member of Soli Deo Gloria, or from Ken Berg, one of the ensemble's Board of Directors. Tickets at the door are $25. Advance tickets may also be purchased on the ensemble's website, www.sdgchoir.com.
2. On Sunday, November 29, at 3:00 p.m. the 49th annual Messiah Sing-Along, accompanied by a live orchestra and directed by Dr. Julie Carter, will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street in Fresno. The event is free but please bring a non-perishable food item. A soup-supper follows for a small donation.
3. On Saturday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. the Fresno Master Chorale joins the Acclaimed Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra and mezzo soprano Laurel Semerdjian for a performance of "Home For The Holidays" at the William Saroyan Theater in downtown Fresno. Seasonal favorites include music from A Charlie Brown Christmas, Frozen, and more. Hot chocolate in the lobby for carols and photos in front of the Christmas tree precede the concert. Tickets are available through the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra.
4. On Sunday, December 13, Coro Piccolo, a Splendid select ensemble of the Fresno Master Chorale, conducted by Dr. Anna Hambre, presents "And Suddenly With The Angels," a technically demanding and emotionally charged sacred repertoire in an intimate setting. The concert will have 2 performances at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m at St. Anne's Chapel at San Joaquin Memorial High School at 1550 N. Fresno St., Fresno, CA. Ticket information will be forthcoming. Check Coro Piccolo's website for ticket information. Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of Coro Piccolo.
5. On Friday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. the Masterful Sierra Chorale, directed by Dr. Roy L.Klassen, presents a Holiday concert, "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," at University Presbyterian Church, 1776 E. Roberts in Fresno. This traditional format interweaves a beautiful sequence of Scripture reading with choral pieces and congregational music to celebrate the season. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted. For additional information, you may call Susan Berg (559) 362-0389.

