

And what does the
LORD require of you

To act  justly
& to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your

GOD.

M I C A H 6 : 8

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

**Members Needing
Prayer:**

Chris Dueker
Arlene Robbins
Robert Harris
Mona White
Julie Werfelmann
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Wal-
den
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Randy Williams (Dueker)
Christopher Robbins (Robbins)
Dan Taylor (Wilk)
Dee's friend, Barbara's family as
they grieve over her death this past
Wednesday
Kevin (Hays)
Nels (Harris)
Karen Tabler (Vonny)
George Pisching (Woody W.)
Julie Schneider (Vonny)
Kaitlyn (Lisa K.)
Coach (Sandy T.)
Pauline Ritterbush
Julie Schnieder (Bender)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Phil (Anderson)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Janet Sharp (Fake)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Melissa (Sandy T.)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny)

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

UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February

Feb. 4 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office

Feb. 7 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market, GSLC Host

Feb. 9 - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr

Feb. 14 - Roeding Saturday Sports @ 10-12PM, Roeding Elementary

Feb. 15 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr

Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Feb. 16 - OWLS @ 12pm, Comm Ctr

Feb. 17 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party @ 7pm, Comm Ctr

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday @ 6:15 (Soup), Worship @ 7pm, Comm Ctr

Feb. 19 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Comm Ctr

Feb. 25 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, February 1

10am: Worship Service
11:15am: Coffee Social
11:15am: Salt & Light,
Class Rm 2

MONDAY, February 2

TUESDAY, February 3

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

WEDNESDAY, February 4

4:30pm: Worship committee Meeting, Pr. Ted's Office

6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Bible Study,
Comm Ctr

THURSDAY, February 5

FRIDAY, February 6

SATURDAY, February 7

9am—11am: LHN Free Neighborhood Market,
GSLC Host

SUNDAY, February 8

10am: Worship Service
11:15am: Coffee Social
11:15am: Salt & Light,
Class Rm 2

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
February 1, 2026 - 10AM
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude Susan Berg, Pianist

Congregation Singalong Happy Birthday to all those with February birthdays!

Announcements

Holy Baptism

Patrick Wayne Norris

Hymn of Dedication "We Are An Offering" #672
Song Leaders and Congregation

(sing twice)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord, us our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Your, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering,
we are an offering.

Opening Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #634(vv. 1-2, 5-6)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
2. O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
The Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together...

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Special Music

"The Lord Is in This Holy Temple" by Douglas E.

Wagner (c 2004 Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation)

Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

Lesson 1

Micah 6:1-8

Page 850 in the cranberry Bible

Page 966 in the red Bible

Lesson 2

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Page 1038 in the cranberry Bible

Page 173 in the red Bible

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Page 880 in the cranberry Bible

Page 4 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 Hymn

"Blest Are They" #728 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
(Refrain)

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
(Refrain)

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
(Refrain)

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Special Music

"When It's All Been Said and Done" by James A. Cowan (c 1999 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)
Ken Berg, Solo

Offering

Offering Response “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” #207
Song Leaders and 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 the 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 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #733 (vv. 1-3)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changes not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

Blessing

Closing Song

"Forever" by Chris Tomlin (c 2001 Rising Springs
Music/Vamos Publishing/worshiptogether.com
songs, CCLI Song # 3148428, CCLI Lic. # 2032355)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King.
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever, forever.

3. From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry one,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever, forever, forever.

Sending

P: Go in peace to love and serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Susan Berg, Pianist

******HEALING STATION****** Anyone who would like personal prayers
for healing for themselves or loved ones is invited to come forward to
the pulpit to receive them - with laying on of hands if desired.

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes paint a comprehensive portrait of a Christian disciple. They describe what we are, not what we do. —John Stott

Do you feel blessed? I hope so, because it's a wonderful thing to feel blessed. Not just lucky. Not just fortunate. Blessed. That deep sense that your life, with all its imperfections, is somehow caught up in grace. That you're not just existing — you're living with purpose, held by something greater than yourself.

Every year, global studies are released trying to answer a simple but elusive question: Who are the happiest people in the world? And year after year, the Finnish people consistently rank near the top. Denmark and Iceland often follow. The United States tends to lag a bit behind.

Researchers tell us that the happiest people in the world aren't necessarily the wealthiest or the most powerful. Instead, blessedness seems to track with other things — a sense of trust in others, purposeful work, strong community and a feeling of security and meaning in life.

When Jesus sat down on the hillside and began to teach the crowds, he was no doubt talking to people who didn't feel particularly blessed. But when Jesus was done with them, it was a different story.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit ... those who mourn ... the meek ... those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," he said.

These are not people the world usually calls blessed. And maybe that's the point.

Jesus wasn't talking to kings or scholars. He was speaking to ordinary people — tired workers, grieving parents, worried hearts and quiet souls. And he called them blessed.

If you're reading this from a chair you seldom leave, from a bed where your body finds rest, or from a place that feels far from the noise and busyness of the world, remember that you are not forgotten. You are still blessed.

- If your body is slowing down, but your faith remains steady, you are blessed.
- If you mourn for the loved ones, mobility and independence you've lost, you are blessed.
- If you pray for others, show kindness to caregivers or whisper encouragement over the phone, you are blessed.

Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven belongs to you.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for your gentle words of blessing. Help me remember that even in stillness, I am seen, loved and called your own. Amen.

Week of February 1, 2026

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Job 21-24
 Monday: Job 25-27
 Tuesday: Job 28-31
 Wednesday: Job 32-34
 Thursday: Job 35-37
 Friday: Job 38-42
 Saturday: Psalms 10-12

Verse to Remember

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

—Job 19:25

COMPOUND INTEREST

Take all of these words and create compound words using all the words once! 32 words = 16 compound words. EXAMPLE: flower + pot = flowerpot.

TUB

FOOT

FIRE

MOON

BOY

DOG

MAN

GRASS

BUTTER

BRUSH

SHINE

FLY

HOUSE

SUN

LIGHT

BALL

COW

GROUND

TOOTH

FISH

KEY

PLAY

BOARD

SHOE

BOWL

JELLY

BATH

BEAN

HOPPER

PAN

HORSE

CAKE

WRITE THE COMPOUND WORDS HERE:

ANSWERS:
 doghouse,
 fireman,
 fishbowl,
 toothbrush,
 football,
 sunshine (OR
 sunlight),
 moonlight (OR
 moonshine),
 keyboard,
 cowboy,
 playground,
 horseshoe,
 bathtub,
 jellybean,
 butterfly,
 grasshopper,
 pancake.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts

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



Food Pantry Needs Restocking



We could use: Rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables, canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pineapple), canned chili beans, egg noodles, Cream of mushroom or chicken soup, Mayo, canned tuna, chicken or beef, ramen noodles, Mac N Cheese, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be dropped off at the office M - F, from 9 - 1PM.

Many Thanks!!

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteer Counters who have committed for the month of Jan. to sort the Sunday Offering and prepare the weekly deposit.

January 4th Art Mehl

January 11th Alan & Brenda Hofmann

January 18th Jim and Ruth Thompson

January 25th John & Joyce Velasquez



Thank You Everybody



Thankful
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Thank you to the whole congregation for your help and patience with the roof in Jacobson Hall.

To Marty and Dana Klein for the wonderful job with the remediation done in the women's restroom.

Next is the sheet rock and painting.

Then, we will tackle the same process with the Jacobson Hall HVAC room; remediation then sheet rock.

Pastor Ted's & Melissa's Address

6141 N. West Ave, #121 Fresno, CA 93711



Memorial Garden Committee Raffle



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

The Memorial Garden Committee is planning another exciting raffle with some wonderful prizes. Check the February Newsletter for more details. You will receive raffle tickets in the mail very soon with instructions on how to purchase as many as you like. The best news is that a portion of the proceeds will be designated for our HVAC Fund.

HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser Goes Live

The Good Shepherd HVAC GoFundMe fundraiser is now live on it's website. <https://gofund.me/05d79cff>

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

Support New HVAC at Good Shepherd
Fresno



Calling All Volunteers



We are hosting the next FREE Neighborhood Market this saturday February 7th from 9-11. We will need lots of volunteers to help get people signed in, food sorted and packed, and cars loaded. Please sign up on the clipboard so we know how many volunteers.

Shrove Tuesday, February 17, 6-7:30 pm In Jacobson Hall

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday, will soon be here, and we are planning our usual celebration of silliness to end the Epiphany season and use up all the "fat" prior to the start of Lent. Janet's bringing a ham and her famous cheesy potatoes, and there will be lots of pancakes and amazing toppings. This is a fun event for ALL AGES! A few pictures are attached from past years for your enjoyment!



Be sure to wear your Fat Tuesday colors - green, gold, and purple - as well as a mask if you have one, and you are also invited to dress as silly as you like. It's always so good to eat together and enjoy the traditional pancake races & a pancake flipping contest, whether as a participant or a spectator. There will be beads and a King Cake, and much more. (Tom found the baby Jesus last year so will be bringing this year's cake. Thanks Tom!) Come find out more about this meaningful and interesting tradition.

If you'd like to volunteer help me flip pancakes, please let me know.

Thank you!

Shalom,

Julie

Ash Wednesday is 2/18, Soup @ 6:15, Worship @ 7
Please see Julie if you would like to make the soup for the congregation. It can be made at home & brought in, or you can use the kitchen. Thank you! Lenten Wednesdays Begin 2/25

