



“Here is the
Lamb of God who
takes away the
sin of the world!”

John 1:29, NRSV

UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- an. 1** - Happy New Years!
- an. 3** - LHN Free Neighborhood Market,
- an. 7** - Worship Committee Meeting @ 1:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
- an. 10** - Roeding Saturday Sports @ 10-12PM, Roeding Elementary
- an. 12** - Esther Circle @ 5PM, Comm Ctr
- an. 15** - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall
- an. 18** - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr
- an 19** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
OFFICE CLOSED
- an. 19** - OWLS @ 12pm, Pam Gerster's home
- an. 28** - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, January 18

- 10am: Worship Service
- 11:15am: Coffee Social
- 11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2
- 4pm: GSLC Book Club, Comm Ctr

MONDAY, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

OFFICE CLOSED

- 12pm: OWLS, Pam Gerster's

TUESDAY, January 20

- 6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

WEDNESDAY, January 21

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

THURSDAY, January 22

FRIDAY, January 23

SATURDAY, January 24

SUNDAY, January 25

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

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

Members Needing

Prayer:

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:

Christopher Robbins (Robbins)
Dan Taylor (Wilk)
Dee's friend, Barbara's family as
they grieve over her death this past
Wednesday
Kevin (Hays)
Randy Williams (Dueker)
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)
Gary Assmussen (Dueker)
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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
January 18, 2026 - 10AM
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Susan Berg, Pianist

Announcements

Temple Talk

Janet McQuillan

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 Creatures of Our God and King" by St. Francis of
Assisi, Arr. and chorus by David Crowder (Public
Domain, Arr. c 2003 worshiptogether.com Songs/
sixsteps Music/ASCAP)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam;
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
O Alleluia! Alleluia! O Alleluia! Alleluia!
O Alleluia! Alleluia! O Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Special Music

"Gloria!" by Douglas E. Wagner (c 2004 Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of the The Lorenz Corporation)
Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

Lesson 1	Isaiah 49:1-7	Page 665 in the cranberry Bible Page 753 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Page 1038 in the cranberry Bible Page 179 in the red Bible
Gospel	John 1:29-42	Page 966 in the cranberry Bible Page 94 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 Home Field Advantage" Pr. Ted Niemi

Sermon Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #310 (vv. 1-2, 4)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address, God in flesh made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king spurs;
an at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee address, God in flesh made manifest.

4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest

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

"Christmas Grace" by Ruth Elaine Schram
(c 2005 and this edition c 2015 Lorenz Publishing
Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation)
Choral Ensemble

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

"Lord, Be Glorified" #744
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Blessing

Closing Song

"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 to love and serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Susan Berg, Pianist

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42

Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. —Martin Luther King Jr.



Millard Fuller was a self-made millionaire by age 29. In the 1960s, he was living the American dream — high income, high profile and high stress. His success came at a cost: his health, his marriage and his confusing sense of purpose. Everything was deteriorating.

In 1965, after a deep personal and spiritual crisis, Fuller and his wife, Linda, sold all of their possessions, gave their wealth to charity and sought a simpler life rooted in Christian service. They spent time at Koinonia Farm, a Christian community in Georgia committed to racial reconciliation, justice and communal living. It was there that the idea for Habitat for Humanity was born. In Fuller's own words, this change was the result of a call to radical discipleship: "I had to rediscover what it meant to follow Jesus — not just with my beliefs, but with my whole life."

In 1976, the Fullers founded Habitat for Humanity International, which has since built or renovated millions of homes around the world for people in need. The organization is fueled by the belief that every person deserves a decent place to live and that faith in action changes lives — including the lives of those who build.

This is a great story. But most of us aren't called to make headlines or found organizations. And as we age, it can feel as though we have less to offer — less energy, fewer opportunities and not much to "show" for our faith. Or so we feel.

But in John 1, when Jesus calls his first disciples, he doesn't ask for résumés. He simply says, "Come and see." That invitation still stands — not just for the young and strong, but for the quiet and faithful. Discipleship doesn't always look dramatic. Sometimes it looks like a steady prayer life, a word of encouragement, a generous heart or simply trusting God in difficult seasons.

The world may not notice these things — but God does. Faithfulness matters. Obedience matters. Trust matters. You may never have walked away from a Fortune 500 company like Millard Fuller, but every time you say yes to Jesus in your daily life, you are answering his call.

—Timothy Merrill

Lord Jesus, thank you for calling me — not because I'm strong or successful, but because I'm yours. Help me to live each day as your disciple, even in small and hidden ways. Remind me that faithfulness, not fame, is what you value most. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Matthew 8-11

Monday: Matthew 12-15

Tuesday: Matthew 16-19

Wednesday: Matthew 20-22

Thursday: Matthew 23-25

Friday: Matthew 26-28

Saturday: Psalms 4-6

Verse to Remember

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

—Matthew 16:15-16

Can you do this in two minutes?

Here are 10 short words, all with the letter F in them. Can you unscramble them in two minutes? That's about 11 seconds per word. Try it!

yfl _____

tefe _____

hsfi _____

gofr _____

ofx _____

nfa _____

rouf _____

rokf _____

evfi _____

fcea _____

EMPTY BOXES

Arrange the numbers 2 through 10 in the boxes so that each column, row and long diagonal add up to 18. One number is already given.

			Can you do this in two minutes? fly, feet or fete, fish, frog, fox, fan, four, fork, five, face.
	6		
			EMPTY BOXES: Top row: 9,2,7; Middle row: 4,6,8; Bottom row: 5,10,3.


"I Have a DREAM..."

MLK DAY

Monday,
January 19, 2026

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



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 Everybody



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



OWLS Jan. 19th @ Noon



Come to a Quilting Bee. No quilting required! Learn some quilt history. Bring your family quilt and tell us its story.

Jan. 19th, NOON at Pam Gerster's homestead.

Gerster chili is to be on the menu. Bring a LABELLED side dish, your complete table setting and your family quilt.

See Pam or Sandy for directions.

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.

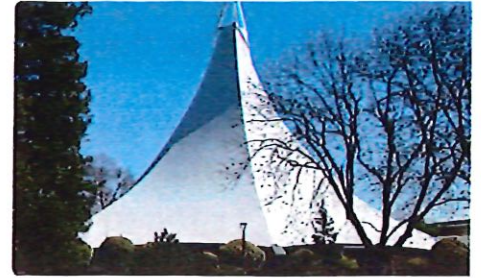
Every donation, big or small, will make a tremendous difference. Together, we can bring warmth back to our church and restore the place where our community worships and grows faith. Thank you for your support.

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 on February 7th from 9-11. We will need lots of volunteers to help get people signed in, food sorted and packed, and cars loaded.

Roeding Saturday Sports & Crafts

There was no gathering in January due to the length of Christmas break & the unavailability of a custodian to open the bathrooms. We will be back out there on Saturday, February 14 & will be planning a special Valentine's Day for the kids and their families. Please see me if you have any ideas you'd like to share!

Shalom. Peace. Paz.

Julie Werfelmann



Special Birthday Celebration for Neil Walden on January 25th



Neil is turning 98!! We will be celebrating him on 1/25/26 during the fellowship hour after worship with a cake brought by his daughter and a card shower. You are invited to make a fuss over our friend for his birthday!