

# ***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***

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Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your Son to be priest and sovereign. By your will, restore all creation to the beauty of his lordship, and unite all our divided world under his glorious and gentle rule, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Suggested Bible readings for the last week of the Church year:

M Micah 6:9-12; Revelation 10:1-7; Luke 11:1-13.  
T Micah 6:13-16; Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 11:14-23.  
W Micah 7:1-5; Revelation 11:1-14; Luke 11:24-28.  
Th Micah 7:6-13; Revelation 11:15-19; Luke 11:29-36.  
F Micah 6:14-17; Revelation 21:1-8; Luke 11:37-44.  
S Micah 6:18-20; Revelation 22:1-21; Luke 11:45-54.

Next Sunday's Texts- Last Sunday of the Pentecost Season – Christ the King Sunday

## Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression God's people were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: Indeed, it shall end. The Ancient one who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to God's people who are represented by "one like a human being."

## Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins with a series of messages addressed to seven churches. John's greeting to these churches extols God as one who controls their past, present, and future.

## John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

## **Brief reflection on the readings for Sunday:**

We proclaim Christ our king as he goes to the throne of the cross. We acclaim him our ruler as he sheds his blood. We acknowledge him as our Lord as he gives himself to us in bread and cup. Christ is our king as he reigns from the tree, sharing our fears and experiencing our frailties. In the reign of God, the powerful one does not intimidate the weak, but cares for them. In the reign of God, the person of authority does not use others, but seeks them out and crowns them with mercy.

### **Let us pray...**

*For those in need of healing and comfort:* Marilyn Marquis, friend of the Leones, reoccurrence of cancer; Jerry Otten, friend of the Hollerans, surgery for gangrene; Karen Watts, Debra Finney's sister, surgery, Dec 1; Pastor Andy Ballentine, (Glenn and Rae Carlson's pastor); Veronica Serrano, recovering at home; Sue Hough, recovering at home; Faye Holmes, (mother of Sue Hough) cancer reoccurrence; Margaret (friend of the Schiess' and Tim Carlsons), lung cancer; Helga Furnes, receiving treatments; Andy, father of a member, prostate cancer; Kenneth Volek, relative of Arlene Juliano; Mary Curtis, friend of Trudi Black's, breast cancer; Christine Lawrence, friend of Eileen Remlin's, breast cancer; Joy Kotrch, (Ken Furnes' cousin), pancreatic cancer; Ty Bordenet, (friend of Eric Dreher's daughter), seriously injured in a motorcycle accident; Bob Wesche, now at home; Peg Wesche, Giant Cell Temporal arteritis; Raymond Plouffe, husband of Lynn Heim's co-worker; Linda Pleva; Sarah Mora; Victor Poklemba, brother of Helen Steinnagel, brain cancer; Jean McKinnon (metastasized breast cancer) and her husband Alex (friends of the Jacksons); Arlene Juliano, pain management; Bill Giarla (friend of Billie Flaherty), Lou Gehrig's disease, Ellie Ferguson, Wegener's vasculitis; Frank, prostate cancer

*For peace with justice for all peoples of the Middle East.*

### **Happenings at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church this week and beyond:**

Monday, November 20	Confirmation Class – King David and Nathan	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 21	The Use and Means of Grace - Adult Forum Why we worship the way we do.	7:00 PM
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Day – No Choirs	
Friday, November 24	Office Closed – Holiday	
Sunday, November 26	Last Sunday of the Church year – Christ the King Sunday Services at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM	

**New Year's Eve Party in Gibiser Hall for all ages 9:15-10:15**  
Celebrate the end of the Church year and the beginning of a new one with the arrival of Advent. Make Jesse Tree ornaments for your family, and receive an advent devotional. This is for everyone! Young, old, married, or single. Join with your Good Shepherd family to celebrate out with the old year, and in with the new as we begin Advent.

**Shepherd's Pantry** supplies non-perishable food items for the Monroe Food Pantry. The requested items for the month of November are: stuffing and potatoes (fresh, canned or boxes of instant mashed potatoes).

The Youth Group is conducting a **cell phone drive** to donate to the battered women's shelter. This drive will be from September through the end of December. Thank you for your support.

The Youth Group is also collecting hats, mittens, and gloves for the Salvation Army. A box for your donations is located in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

*Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen*

***Pastor Bryan A. Leone***