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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
February 2, 2020 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

[Matthew 5:9]

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WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

**9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be the miracle.”

Phillip Brooks

## PRELUDE

## BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign the attendance book at the end of the pew.)*

## GATHERING PRAYER

God has searched us and known us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**God discerns our thoughts from far away and is acquainted with all our ways.**

Such knowledge is too vast and wonderful.

**God knows us deeply and loves us endlessly. God is good!**

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WHOLENESS

**God, you have searched us and known us. You discern our thoughts from far away and know our ways. You understand how lost we sometimes feel. We confess that we have acted in our own interest, without concern for others. We have hurt the ones we love, told lies to protect ourselves, and taken things we had no right to own. Forgive us and deliver us. Astound us with your mercy, ground us in your grace, and lead us in your everlasting light.**

*Stand*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

**By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.**

*Stand facing the cross.*

**GATHERING HYMN**    **Shall We Gather at the River**    **ELW 423**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**    **Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs**



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;  
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** [*Celebrate Insert*]

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.**

*Sit*

**READING** [*Celebrate Insert*]

Micah 6:1-8

**A**    The word of the Lord

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL** [Celebrate Insert]

Matthew 5:1-12

**A** The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

*(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

**SERMON**

*Jesus is the Message*

*Silence for reflection*

*Stand as you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **Let Us Break Bread Together** **ELW 471**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 INTERCESSION [Celebrate Insert]

*Sit*

OFFERING

Blest Are They (The Beatitudes)

ELW 728

*Stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through these gifts and offerings. Bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors that they may bring closer fulfillment and usher in your peace and love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## PEACE

*Stand as you are able*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With thanksgiving and unending joy we echo on earth  
the song of the angels in heaven  
as they praise Your glory for ever:

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*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

The Kingdom of God

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

*Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.*

*Taizé Chant*

Tierce en Taille Jean François Dandrieu

*Stand as you are able*

## **DISMISSAL FROM THE TABLE**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **BLESSING**

## **SENDING SONG**

**Spirit of Gentleness**

**ELW 396**

## **DISMISSAL**

Do what is just, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by Barbara Fewer in memory of Michael Fewer.



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## LOOKING AHEAD.....

*Mark your Calendars for these events!*

**February 5** - New Member Class at 5:30PM

**February 9** - Annual Congregational Meeting

**February 9** - Scout Sunday

**February 10** - Game Day at 1PM

**February 12** - Technology Basics at 1PM

**February 24** - Game Day at 1PM

**February 26** - Ash Wednesday

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### At a Glance

Here is a summary of Giving and Worship Attendance for the past two months.

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<b>Total Giving</b>	37,840.80	32,359.94
<b>"Tune Our Hearts"</b>	2,250.00	36,405.90
<b>Average weekly Attendance</b>	84	133

Interested in Online Giving?? Contact the Church Office or click on the following link: <http://www.gslcnovato.org/>

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Prayers:** Shirley Border, Barbara Fewer, Adrienne Johnson, Ruth Koenig, Art LaVere, Rakel Osterlund, Nichol D. Perotti, Trina Perotti, Frank and Sylvia Seidel, Katie Tsou, Irene Wielt, and the families of GSLC & GSLS

**Prayers for families grieving a loss:** The family of (1/29) Carolyn Pyle the mother to Leigh Nicolaisen, the family of Jeff Tuetken the son of Kitty Nagel, the family of Patricia Swaney (12/21), the family of Norinne Adair (12/12)

**Prayers for Our Staff:** The Rev. Daniel Christian, Falon Barmaki, Larry Braun, Jean Campbell, Stephen McKersie, and Tom Wise

**Prayers for Our Church Council:** Mark Ashe, Tom Gannon, Joanne Jensen, Paul Moseley, Michael Nann, Leigh Nicolaisen, Melinda Oliveri, Dave Perotti, Donna Peters, Tom Wise

\*\*Memorial for Patricia Swaney March 1

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

**GAME DAY** - Come join the fun in the Senior Room. Games, laughter and snacks

**TECHNOLOGY BASICS** - Get your phone, computer, and iPad questions answered in a small group setting. Bring your technology all are welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY** - Every Friday at 1:30-3:30PM all are welcome.

## SPRING CURSILLO RETREAT



Cursillo is a Christian community of faith dedicated to exploring the love of God and sharing God's love with others. Marin Cursillo is an ecumenical program with active participation of members of Catholic and Protestant denominations in the County. A Cursillo weekend goes from Thursday evening through Sunday and is attended by 40-60 new candidates and serving team members, who are interested in deepening their relationship with Christ. Members of the team will share with the participants through talks, discussions, music, prayer, and laughter.

The spring retreats at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo will be held on the following dates:

April 16- 19, 2020 -- Women's Weekend

Theme: So Loved (Wait List only)

April 23-April 26, 2020 -- Men's Weekend

Theme: Lead Me, Lord

If interested in attending the weekend, information and applications are located in the Narthex or by clicking on the following link to complete an application: <https://marincursillo.com/the-2020-weekends>.

For more information about the weekend or requesting a sponsor please contact Helga May at 415.897.5649 or Tom Gannon at 415.892.5839.

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The Church Council is pleased to announce that we are entering into a lease agreement with the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Novato, led by Pastor Osorio, beginning Saturday, January 25, 2020. We welcome them to the Good Shepherd community. They will be using the fellowship hall, kitchen and sanctuary each Saturday from 8:30-4:30 P.M.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Currently, our Constitution requires that to achieve a quorum to conduct business, there must be 50 voting members present. This represents approximately 31.5% of the active membership. It has been a challenge to gather that many parishioners for our annual and special meetings. The Church Council has proposed a change to the constitution to reduce the percentage to 22.5%. We will vote on the proposed amendment to the constitution at the Annual Meeting on February 9th.

The current section of the Constitution :

### SECTION V - THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

C. A quorum for the conduct of business of annual and special congregational meetings shall consist of 50 voting members.

Proposed change:

C. A quorum for the conduct of business of annual and special congregational meetings shall consist of 22.5 percent of the current active membership.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

It is recommended that the following paragraphs are modified as follows:

Chapter II: The Committee is modified as follows:

2. The Committee shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ seven (7) members, all of whom shall be voting members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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7. A quorum shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ four (4) members. The affirmative vote of at least ~~five (5)~~ four (4) members shall carry any motion or resolution.

## ANNUAL MEETING CHANGES

This notice is to inform the congregation of the need to change the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting from January 26<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup>. This change is necessitated by our constitutional requirement to provide the congregation thirty (30) days' notice in advance of a congregational meeting that involves consideration of changes in the church constitution and/or bylaws.

At the meeting, the congregational will be asked to consider two constitutional changes. The first amendment calls for a change in the number of voting members that must be present to meet the requirement for a quorum.

The second amendment involves a reduction in the number of members for the Endowment Committee, and consequently, the number of members required for a quorum for committee votes.

The text of the two amendments will be available in the materials that are being prepared for the congregational meeting. Those materials will be available on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us at this important meeting. Under the current constitution, we will need 50 voting members to be present at the meeting in order to conduct the business of consideration of these constitutional amendments. In addition, we will be adopting our budget and elect new members for the Church Council. All of these are important decisions for the business of the church.

Again, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held:

DATE: Sunday, February 9, 2020

TIME: Following the Worship Service

LOCATION: Fellowship Hall

If you have any questions, please ask one of  
your Council Members.

### **Household Morning Prayer**

God, you have given me the gift of another day; may I live it in gratitude. Help me to be loving to others, to earth, and to myself; in Jesus name. Amen.



### **Household Evening Prayer**

Holy One, this day is drawing to an end. Be with me as I pause and ponder all the love I saw and received today. Help me to see you in each moment of love. Where I fell short of being patient and kind, help me to feel your patience and kindness toward me, and give me peace, as I give this day back to you. Amen.

**Question About Why We Are Church:** How has the community around you changed in the last 10 years?

INTERESTED IN BECOMING  
CHURCH MEMBERS?



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# **NEW MEMBER DISCOVERY CLASS**

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

5:30 - 7PM

MEET IN GSLC  
SENIOR ROOM

Please call the church office and RSVP  
to Falon Barmaki (415) 897-2123



*“O.K., so the meek shall inherit the earth, and the rich will have a hard time getting into Heaven. But what about the middle class?”*

Article posted in the Novato Advance...

Dear editor,

I am writing to thank Novato residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Novato and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.9 million shoebox gifts in 2019. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2019, the ministry is now sending 10,569,405 shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes – packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items – Roswell volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world.

It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Novato are closed until Nov. 16-23, 2020, information about year-round volunteer opportunities can also be found at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) or by calling 714-432-7030. Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project – many who do so year after year. These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

**Dana Williams**

**Operation Christmas Child**

*The families of Good Shepherd Church and School contributed 61 boxes to the Northern California effort. A special thank you goes to Evan Saunders and Helga May who started our campaign.*



## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### SUN. February 2

**9:30 AM** Worship Service

**11 AM** Worship Committee Meeting

### MON. February 3

**1 PM** Game Day

**7 PM** Boy Scouts

### TUES. February 4

**9:30 AM** Middle School Chapel (PCN)

**11:10 AM** GSLS Preschool Chapel

### WED. February 5

**8:35 AM** K-5 Chapel

**11:10 AM** GSLS Preschool Chapel

**5:45 PM** Overcomers Outreach

### THURS. February 6

**6 PM** AA Meeting

**6 PM** Handbell Ensemble

**7:30 PM** Shepherd's Chorus

### FRI. February 7

**1:30 PM** Bible Study

### SAT. February 8

**5 PM** Saturday Evening Worship

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# FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

THIRD  
GRADE  
AND UP

TWO CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS  
AT 5:30PM



**MARCH 10**  
&  
**MARCH 17**

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO  
CHURCH OFFICE

## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

**Regular Office Hours:** Monday - Friday - 9 AM to 3 PM  
**Mailing Address:** 1180 Lynwood Drive, Novato, CA 94947  
**Phone Number:** (415) 897-2123  
**Email Address:** [church.office@gslcnovato.org](mailto:church.office@gslcnovato.org)  
**Website:** [www.gslcnovato.org](http://www.gslcnovato.org)

## PASTOR'S INFORMATION

The Rev. Daniel Christian  
[RevDan@gslcnovato.org](mailto:RevDan@gslcnovato.org)

## OUR MISSION

As a community formed by God's grace, guided by His Holy Word, the Bible, and powered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to:

**Grow** in faith and discipleship,  
**Share** the good news of Jesus through word and deed,  
**Love** others as Christ loves us, and  
**Celebrate** life in Christ through worship, sacrament and service.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Members of Good Shepherd ..... Servants of Christ  
The Rev. Daniel Christian ..... Pastor  
Stephen McKersie ..... Director of Music  
Tom Wise ..... Contemporary Music Coordinator  
Falon Barmaki ..... Congregational Life Coordinator/Admin.  
Larry Braun ..... Facility Maintenance  
Lisa Cassidy ..... Assistant  
Leigh Nicolaisen ..... Lector

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Joanne Jensen - President	Leigh Nicolaisen – Vice President
David Perotti - Treasurer	Michael Nann - Secretary
Mark Ashe - Worship	Melinda Oliveri – Youth
Donna Peters – Activities	Paul Moseley – School Board
Tom Gannon - Stewardship	Tom Wise - Outreach

*Many thanks to those who serve as Ushers, Greeters, Singers, Instrumentalists, and the Altar Guild.*