

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Grace Place: 45
Traditional: 77
Contemporary: 70

OFFERINGS & EXPENSES

(as of March 31, 2024)
Offerings-to-Date: \$375,975
Budget-to-Date: \$396,962
Expenses-to-Date: \$384,327
Offerings Last Week: \$11,212
Weekly Offering Need: \$9,924

Ways to Give:

- 1 **GIVE IN PERSON**
Offering Plate, Drop in at church office
- 2 **GIVE ONLINE or by MOBILE APP**
Give using Realm: onrealm.org/
GoodShepherdChattanooga/give/now
- 3 **GIVE BY TEXT MESSAGE**
Text "goodshepherdlutheran" to 73256 followed by a gift amount.

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Romans 15:7, NRSV



Thank you for worshipping with us!

Please fill out the Attendance Book located in your row. Please include your contact information. If you desire more information about our church, Pastor Sheets or Pastor Rosser will be glad to answer any questions you might have about Communion, Salvation or Church Membership. *Please visit with us again and may God bless you today!*

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This Week's Sermon Themes

Saturday (Grace Place) - *"Standing in Awe!"*- Pastor Ed Rosser

Sunday - *"The Fruitful Branch Growing from the Vine of Love"*- Pastor Sheets

ANNIVERSARIES: No Anniversaries this week.

BIRTHDAYS: 27- Daniel Maples, 29- Roberta Robinson, 29- Nevaeh Hoover, 30- Konnie McKown, 30- Melanie Gibbs, May 1- Brogen Baker, 1- Devin Sirois, 2- Bill Thomas, 4- Kaitlyn Brannan, 5- Barbara Smith, 5- Chuck Rankin

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please contact the office by 9:00 am, Thursday

CONGREGATION

New: Gene Ebert- healing.

Short-Term: Lydia Whisenant, Debe Hodges, Brenda Locklear and family of Henry Jones, Randy Mauritzen, Dick Reimer, Dan Jacobs

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

New: Susan Gilbert- cancer, Lyra Dewees- healing. Christine Pope- healing Tim Walker- healing, Robbie- healing.

Short-Term: Rhonda Barnard & Family, Michael Harper, Daniel Ortega, Joe Jacks, Lee Russell, Kay Love, Caden K., Josh Fincher, Diane Gregory, Danny Lindrose, Lis Schaefer, Gary Wagoner & family, Lattimore family, Joanne Mathre, Diane Hicks

NEW LONG-TERM (*Names requested after the newsletter had been printed.)



THE HOLY SACRAMENTS

COMMUNION IS SERVED AT EVERY WORSHIP SERVICE

To receive the sacrament worthily, a baptized Christian who is able to examine themselves in accord with the Word of God must be able to say "yes" to the following questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and repent of them intending to amend my sinful life?
2. Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins and forgives me?
3. Do I believe I am receiving the true body and blood of Jesus under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?

If you can not answer "yes" to all or if you have questions, we still want to invite you to come forward and receive a blessing. Just cross your arms to show that you would like a blessing instead of communion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: April 28 – Easter 5

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: April 28: John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS! Please take a moment before or after service to fill those out and place them either in the offering plate or in the basket as you leave. Thank you!

HELP WANTED FOR HOMELESS BISCUIT MINISTRY! We desperately need people to help with the Homeless Biscuit Ministry! There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. For Questions, please contact Bernie Hilbrandt, 423-400-7232 or Debi Cate, 423-488-9710.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS EACH WEEK TO SET UP CHAIRS either Friday, Sat., or Sun. morning for the Contemporary service. Sign-up sheet downstairs!

TENNESSEE LLL DISTRICT CONFERENCE– DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS APRIL 30TH!! Conference is Sat., May 4 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Loudon, Tennessee. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. (EDT) with the conference beginning at 9:30 a.m. (EDT). There is not a registration fee for the day, but please register online at <https://LLL-tn-80-conference.eventbrite.com>. Lunch is included. If you have any questions or need more information you can contact Judith Schmid-Bielenberg, TN LLL District Secretary by email: judithboko-she@gmail.com. OR talk to Mark Glucker-

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: It’s almost time for the annual Baby Bottle Campaign benefiting Choices Pregnancy Resource Center! As in years past, we will have empty baby bottles available for members and friends to fill and turn in shortly after Fathers Day. Be looking for the baby bottles in early May. More details in the May Flock.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU~ Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your generous donation to Walther Christian Academy. We are so grateful for your gift of \$467.00 to help our band. Without donors like you, we could not continue with our ministry. Your on-going support of our students and school is deeply appreciated! Yours in Christ, Tim Bouman, Head of School

Events & Programs

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY ~ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
office@gslcflock.org ~ 423-629-4661 ~ www.gslcflock.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
28 PLEDGES Traditional Service- 9 am Sunday School/New Member Class- 10:10 am Handbell Practice- 10:30 am Contemporary Service- 11:15 am	29 Blessing Place- 9 am—2 pm Square Dance Class- 7 pm	30 Blessing Place- 9 am—2 pm Bible Class- 10:30 am Bulletin Deadline- Noon Servant Council- 6:30 pm	MAY 1 BCA Chapel-8:30am Blessing Place- 9 am—2 pm Choir- 6:30 pm Youth- 6:30 pm Orchestra- 8:00 pm
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2 Prayer List Deadline- 9 am Blessing Place- 9 am—2 pm P.H.A.T Ladies/ Beloved Dust- 6 pm	3 Fearless Women- 10 am Stuff Bulletins- 10 am	4 LLL District Conference in Loudon, TN- 9:30 am Bible Class- 3:45 pm Grace Place- 5 pm	5 Traditional Service- 9 am Biscuit Prep- 9 am Sunday School/New Member Class- 10:10 am Handbell Practice- 10:30 am Contemporary Service- 11:15 am

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Altar Guild: April- Jane Mullinax, Libby Eachus, & Kelly Chipman.
 May- Kathy Helter & Ruth Ebert
 Homeless Biscuit Prep: 5/5- *Need Volunteers*
 Trad. Lector: 4/28- Randy Mauritzen, 5/5- Craig Mullinax
 Cont. Chairs: 4/28- *Need Volunteers*, 5/5- *Need Volunteers*
 Children’s Church: 4/28- Malinda Hunter, 5/5- Ellen Abillie
 Kingdom Kids: 4/28- Glenda Heinz, *Helper needed*, 5/5- Barbara & Eric Eades