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*Sunday, November 25, 2018*  
*The Fourth Sunday of End Times*

## **Service Notes:**

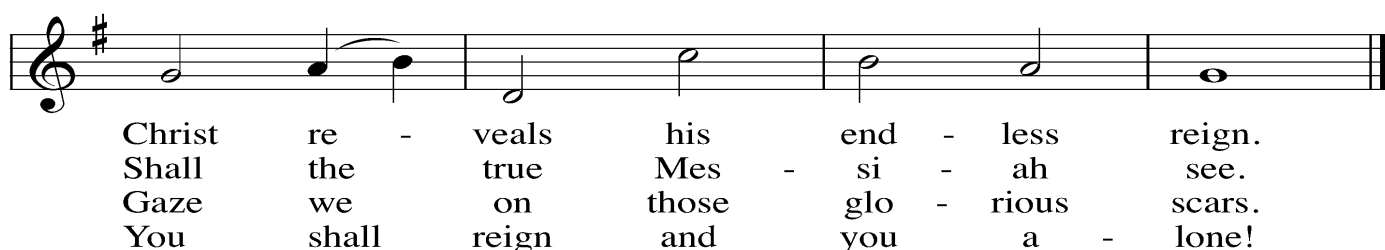
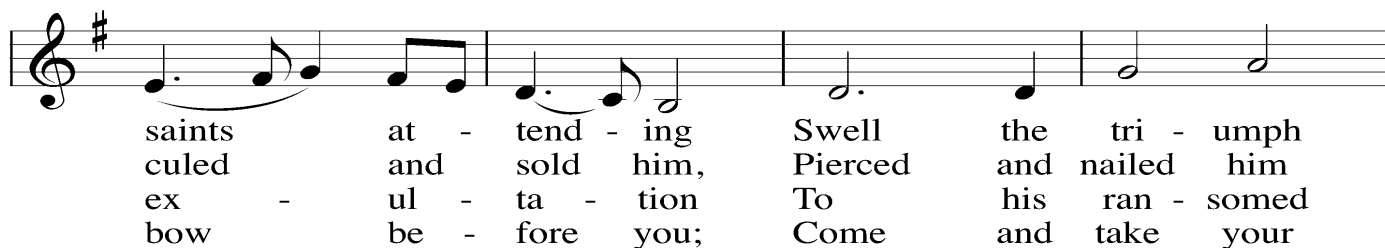
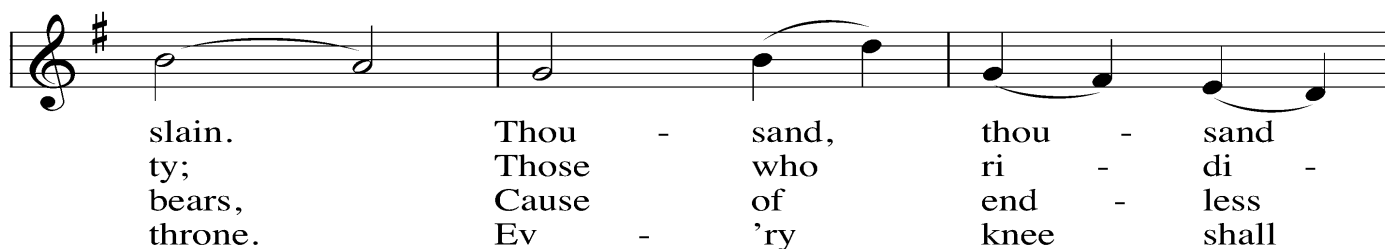
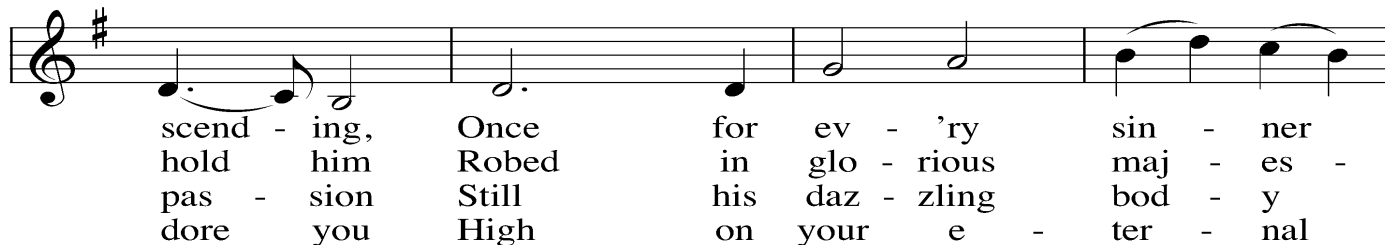
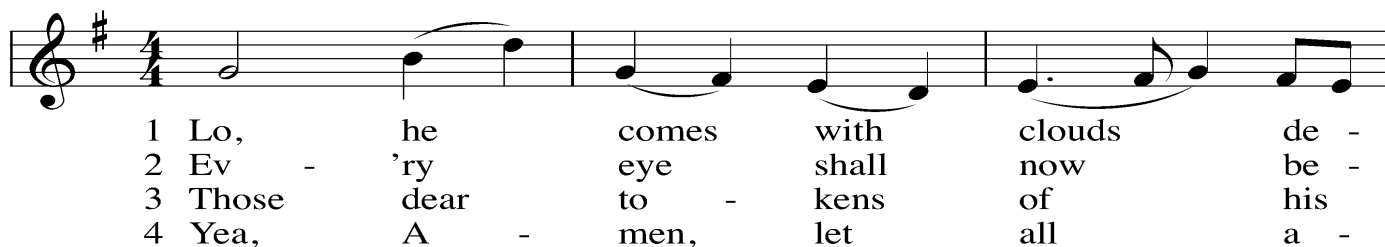
- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE** (page 15)

**OPENING HYMN: #704** "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" (See next page.)

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Thomas Olivers; Setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams



**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

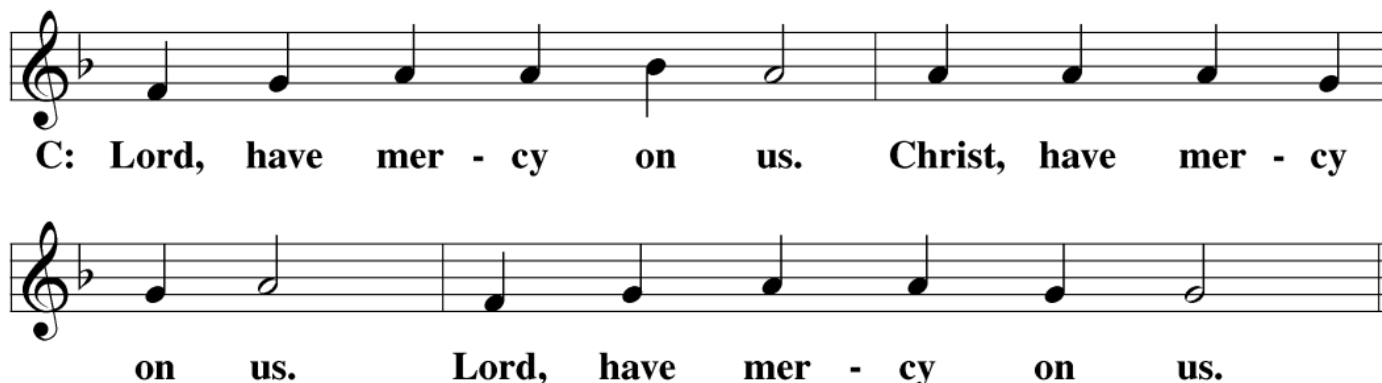


## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:13,14**

<sup>13</sup> “I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.  
<sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 45 – The congregation will sing Hymn #369 “Beautiful Savior.”

### **SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the soloist):

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

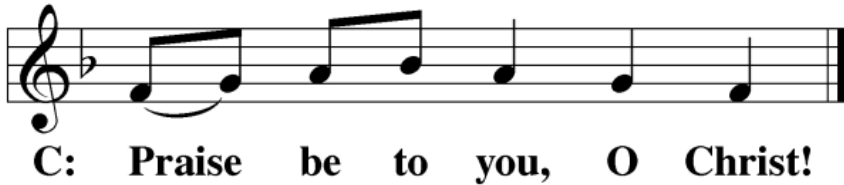


## **GOSPEL LESSON:** John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom



were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”



## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son  
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary,**

**and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is**

**worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

***BE SEATED***

**GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Before the Throne of God Above”**

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Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea:

A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.

I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin,

Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.

For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb: my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased with His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

## HYMN OF THE DAY: #217 “The Head that Once Was Crowned”

### SERMON

**STAND**

**PSALM 51 RESPONSE** (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

### OFFERING

**STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH  
FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**M:** To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

**M:** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

**M:** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

**C: Help us live as royal priests.**

**M:** We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

**C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

**M:** We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful

nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

**C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

**M:** O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

**C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.



## THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

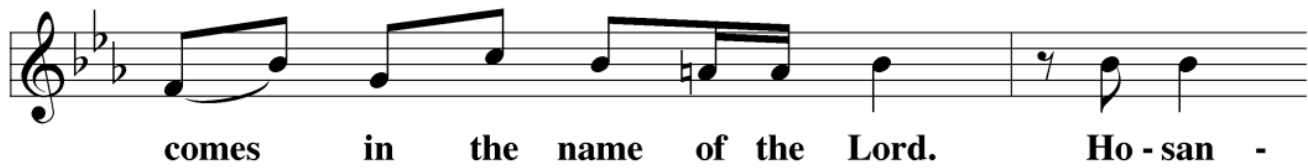
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

**#341** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**THANKSGIVING** (page 24)

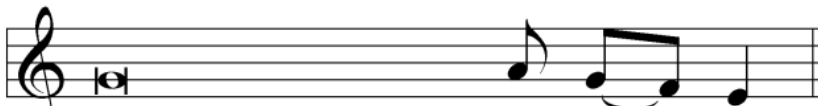
**STAND**

**SONG OF SIMEON** (*Nunc dimittis*)



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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### **OFFICIANTS:**

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Communion Assistants: Bruce Winkler and Ron Bude

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Today	- 9:30 AM Divine Service - 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
Tuesday	- 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday	- 8:30 AM Bible Class
Thursday	- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	- 12:00 PM Church Christmas Decorating
Sunday -	- 9:30 AM Divine Service - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Diane Wendland; Ushering – Team 3

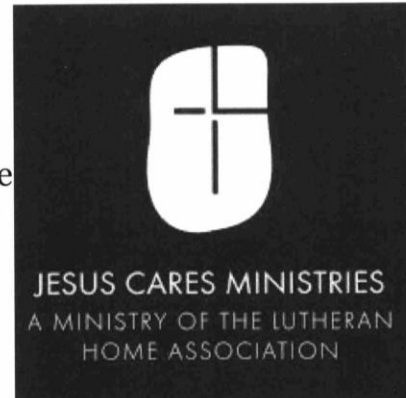
**ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated to the glory of God by the Marlow family.

November is our LWMS **BEFRIEND A MISSION MONTH**. Our World Mission assignment is Stephanie Ivan, a teacher in Peridot, Arizona. Our Home Missions pastors are Rev. Timothy Spiegelberg in Firestone, Colorado; and Rev. Nathaniel Walther in Minot, ND. Please check out the display in the narthex. There are cards to sign and a collection plate to make a free will offering to our missionaries. We hope to send them gift cards.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will be held at **NOON** on **Saturday, December 1**. We hope to have a good turnout so we can finish quickly.

**WORSHIP AT THE CROSS** fliers are available in the narthex. The first worship service is December 11.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Novi (9 Mile & Meadowbrook) is eager to meet and to serve people with special needs. In conjunction with Jesus Cares Ministries (<http://www.tlha.org/jesus-cares-ministries>), we are offering a monthly worship called **Worship at the Cross**. **Worship at the Cross** is a 25 minute service which is tailored to the needs of its participants. Volunteers will assist to ensure everyone feels comfortable and can take part to the best of their ability. Following the service, we will enjoy a snack and an interactive project.



**Worship at the Cross** will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

To register, contact Pastor Thomas Schroeder at 248-349-0565 or at [welsnovi@aol.com](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com). Good Shepherd's web page is [www.GoodShepherdNovi.org](http://www.GoodShepherdNovi.org)

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