

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



December 22nd – Fourth Sunday of Advent

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection.

We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.

In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO *Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW** (red book)

All Creation Sings – **ACS** (purple book)

Page numbers (P.) in front of the red hymnal, (#) in back of ELW/ACS
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: “The Star Carol” – Alfred Burt/W. Hutson

The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might, **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst, **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

WREATH LIGHTING:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

God's promised One brings justice and righteousness.

Show us your ways, O LORD, and teach us your paths.

We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

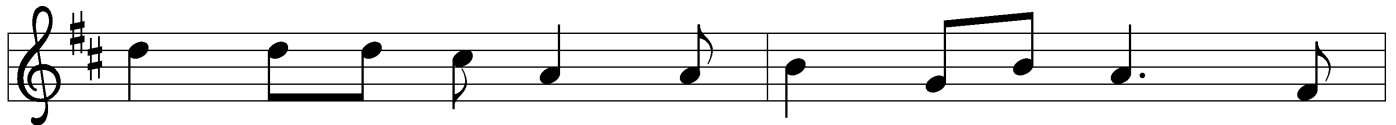
GATHERING HYMN: ELW #266 "All Earth is Hopeful"



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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*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.**

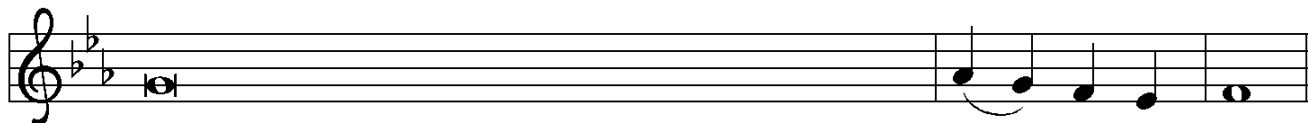
***KYRIE:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



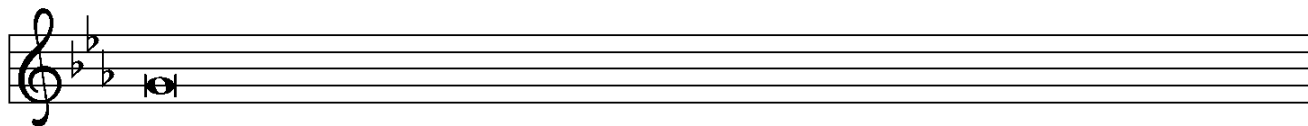
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



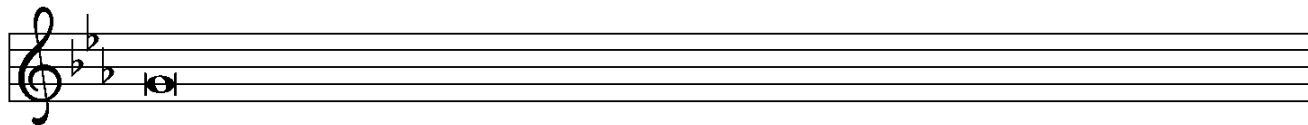
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.

**⁵⁰ You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.**

⁵¹ You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

**⁵² casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³ You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

**⁵⁴ You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

**⁵⁵ the promise made | to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-45**

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #258 "Unexpected and Mysterious"**



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle
 2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
 3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace, Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -
 ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us



in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we



faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
 ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.
 watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

***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 power of 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 INTERCESSION:** *When indicated, respond: hear our prayer.*

***PEACE OF CHRIST:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "O Holy Child" – Michael Cox/P. Canty

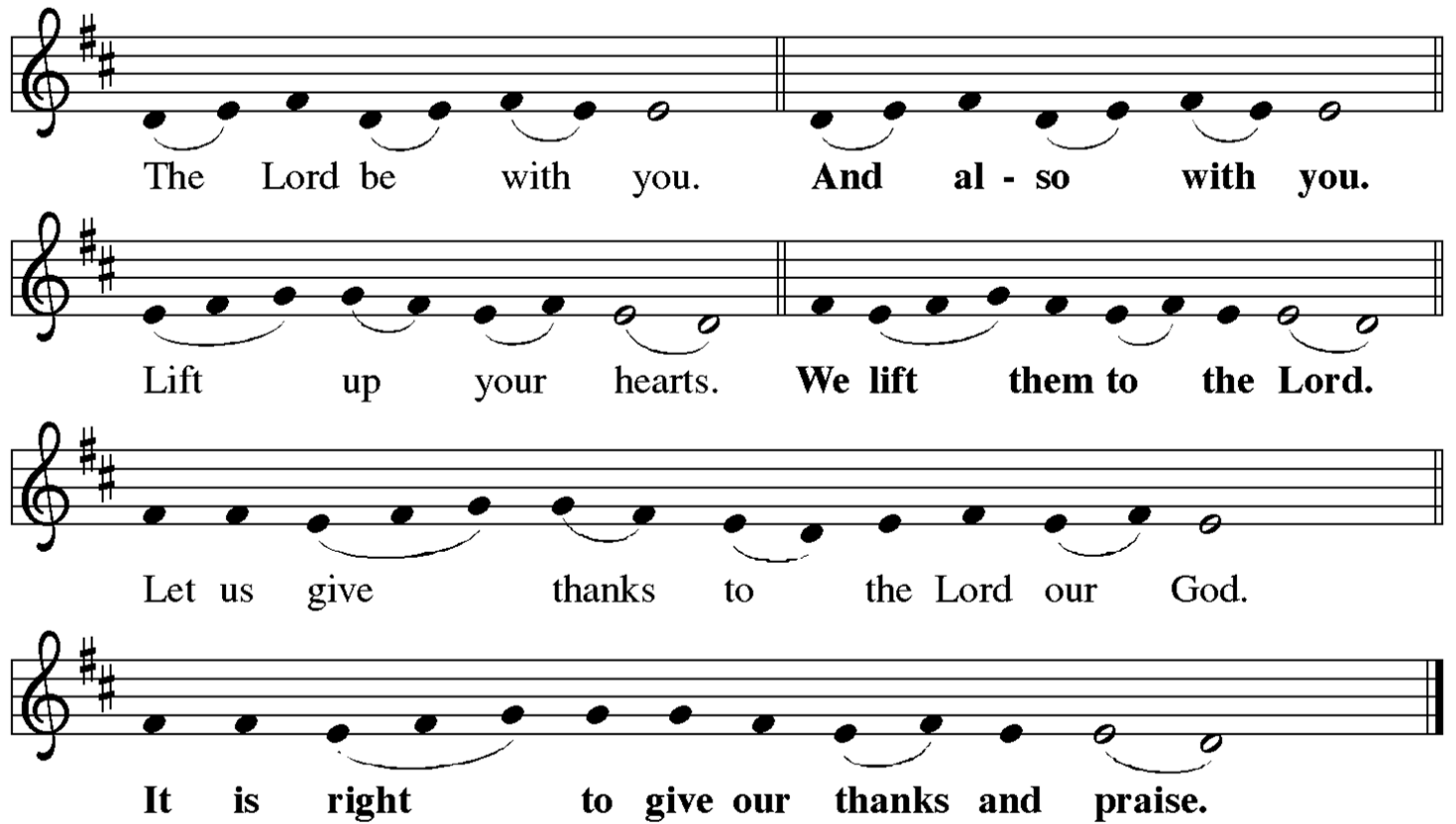
***OFFERTORY SONG:** *Part 1: Pulpit Side of Sanctuary, Part 2: Organ Side of Sanctuary*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line has two first endings marked '1' and '2'. The lyrics are: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord; Fill to the brim our cup of bless - ings. Gath - er the har - vest from the seeds that were sown And be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence; Give us a fore - taste of the feast, Give us a fore - taste of the feast, Give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." The score ends with a double bar line.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord; Fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ings. Gath - er the har - vest from the seeds that were
sown And be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the
dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.
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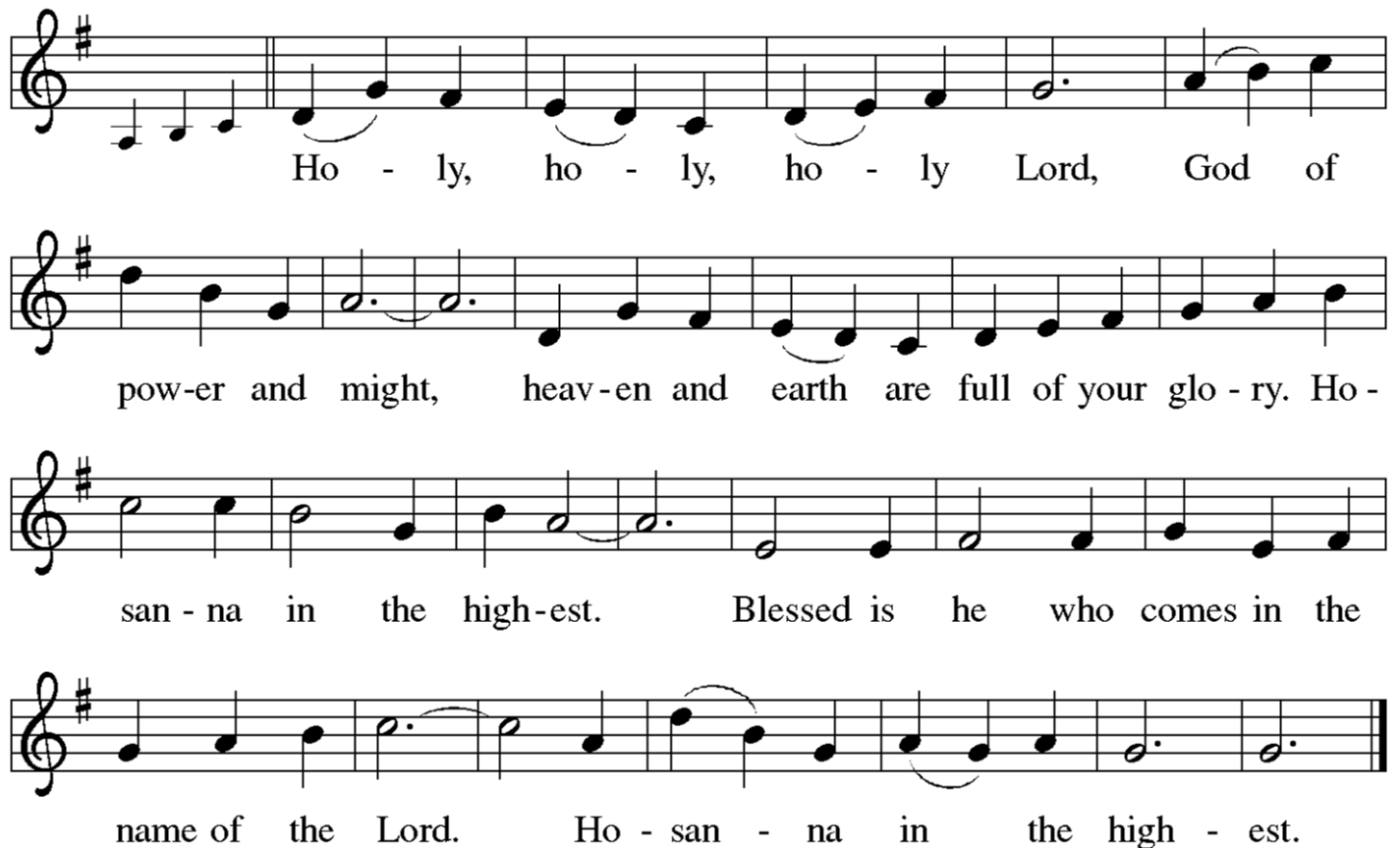
***OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION – THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: Our Father...**

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you.

- Worshippers are welcome to stand or kneel at the Altar Rail.
- Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.
- Egg-free wheat wafers are also available
- If you prefer only a blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.
- Place wine/juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.

COMMUNION SONG: "Wait For the Lord" – Rolf Svanoë



1. Wait for the Lord. Wait for the Lord. For the
2. God nev - er tires. God nev - er wea-ries. God gives



Lord will come and re - new your strength. Wait for the Lord. And you shall
pow'r to the faint and streng-thens the weak.

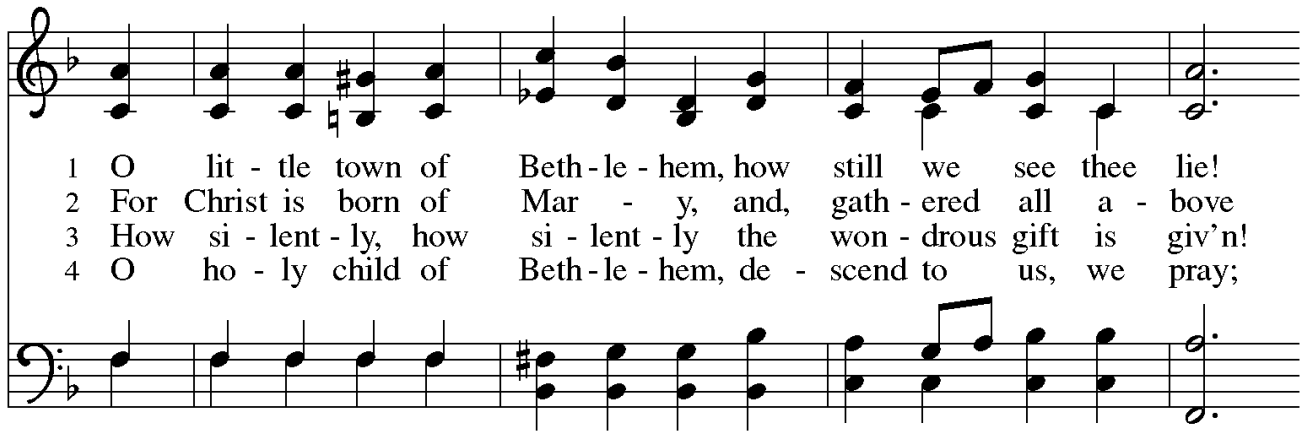


fly like an ea-gle. You shall run and not get tired. You shall walk and not be



wea - ry, on-ly wait for the Lord. Lord, on-ly wait for the Lord.

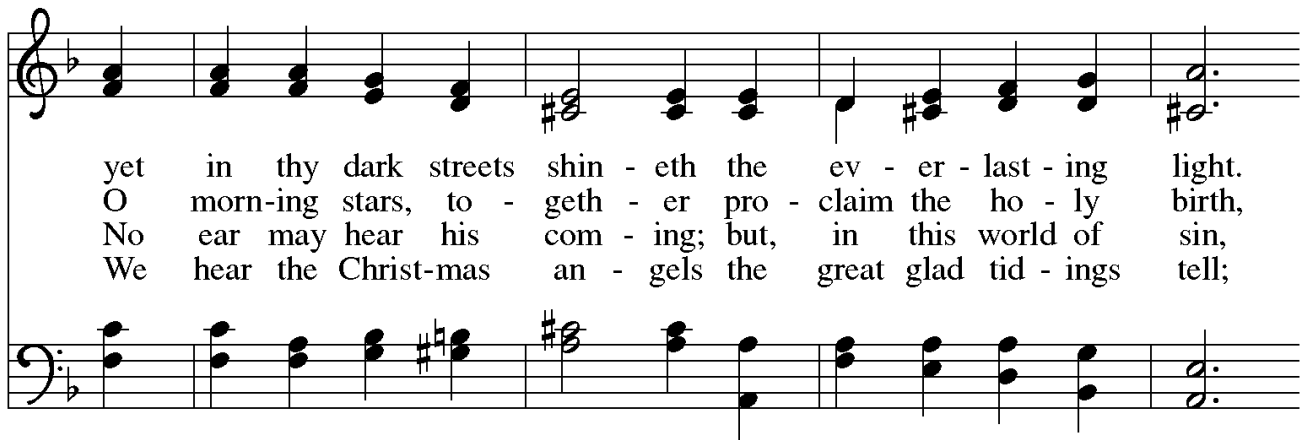
ELW #279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



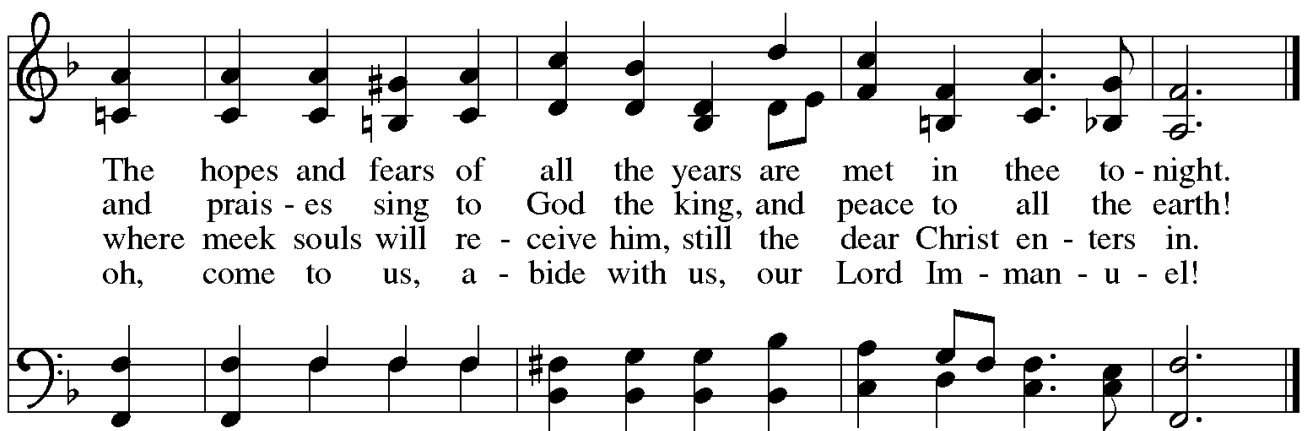
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

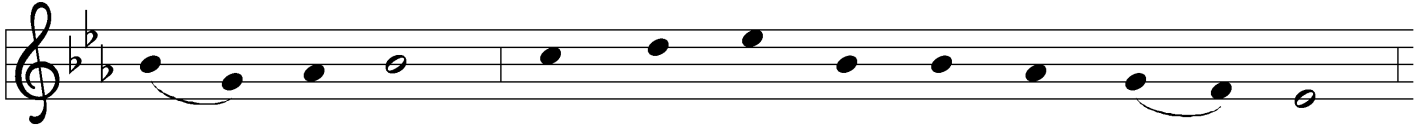


The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

ELW #295 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"



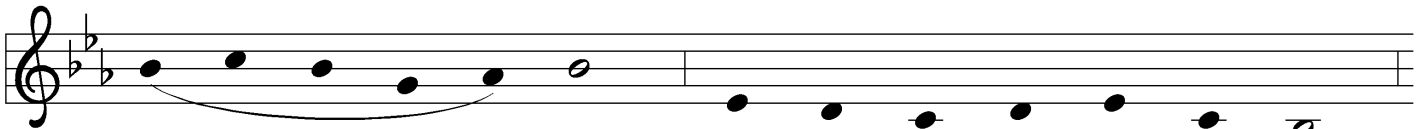
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



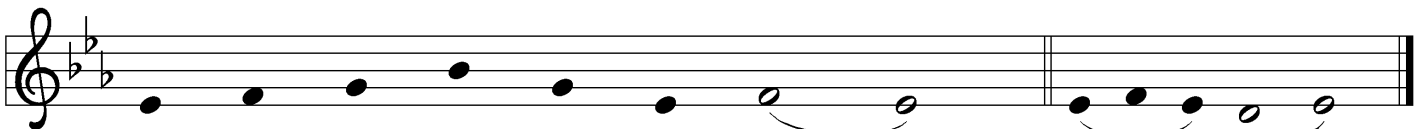
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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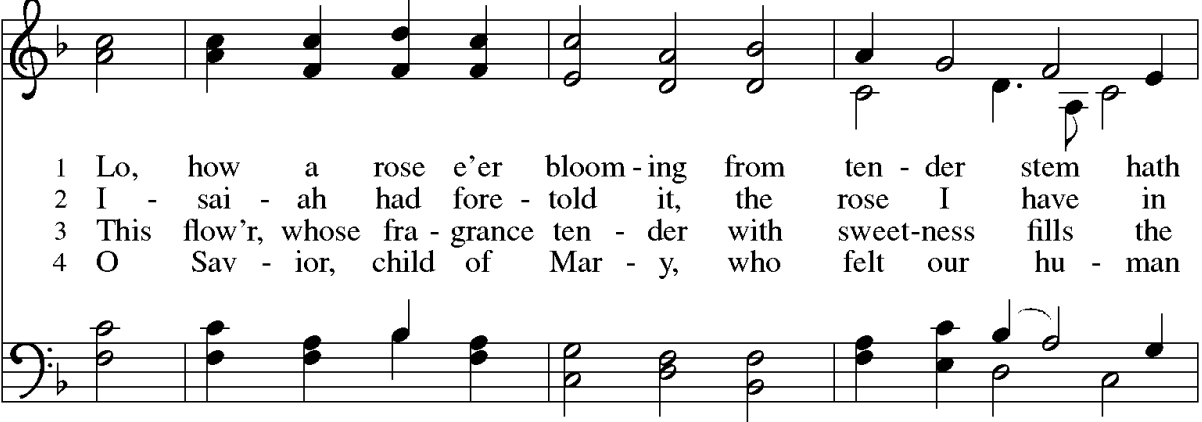
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TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

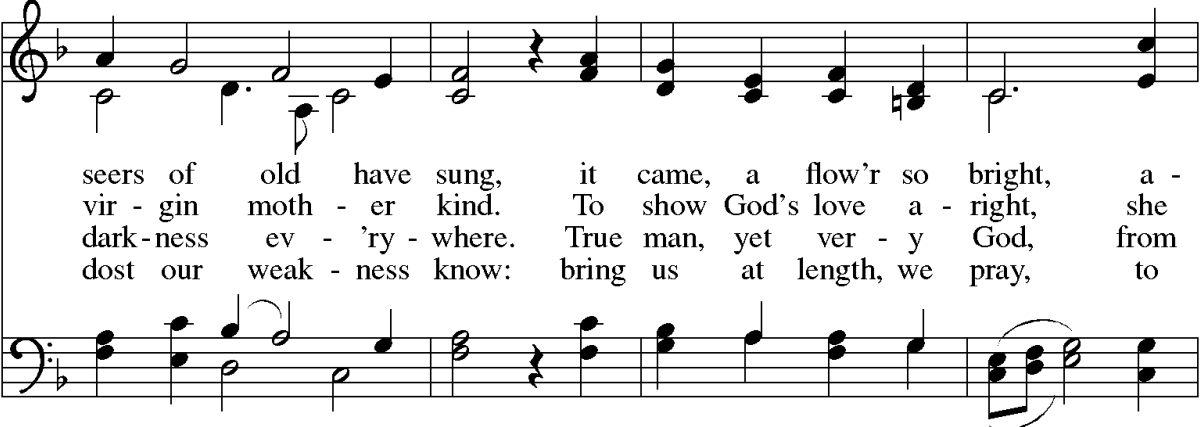
*BLESSING – SENDING SONG: ELW #272 “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Christmas in the Straw” – Lloyd Pfautsch/C. Walsh

The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!

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TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PRESIDING & PREACHING:

Pastor April Ulring Larson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Kimberly Svanoë; FLUTE: Laura Barlament; ADDITIONAL MUSIC: Martin/Hiner/Thompson Families; USHERS: John Moeller, Bob Felde; GREETER: Rebecca Shaffer; READER: Anne Clausen; ASSISTING MINISTER: Dave Shaffer; CANTOR: Melissa Bills; AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN: Aidan Nalean-Carlson; FELLOWSHIP: Marty Steele, Carrie Solberg, George Lowe, and Linda Donoghue.

GOOD SHEPHERD CALL COMMITTEE: Megan Buckingham (Convener), Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland.

OPENING FOR PART TIME MINISTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR:

A part-time Ministry & Communications Coordinator position is currently open, due to the resignation of **Erica Yaneff**. This position assists the Pastor and works collaboratively with the Good Shepherd staff and congregation members to fulfill the everyday function of the Church, as well as the needs that arise throughout the calendar year. The job description can be found on our website under the “Connect” tab. Help share this opening!

NOTE: NO GATHER BIBLE STUDY IN DECEMBER. *Gather* Bible Study is usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month, and will resume January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LOTS OF HOLIDAY TREATS REMAINING AFTER CHRISTMAS? Following the model from 2023, the Green flock invites you to share some of them for Fellowship hour on Sunday, December 29. They can be dropped off in the kitchen before church begins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 – have a great winter break!

ADULT LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study Tuesdays, December 24 & 31 Bible Study Resumes With Pastor April On January 7, 9:15-10:30 A.M.

MEMORIAL SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JANET GALL - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary - Long-time member Janet Elaine Lynes Gall, age 95, mother of member Liz Fritz, passed away peacefully at Barthell Eastern Star Home on Saturday, July 20, 2024; she was buried in California in August. She leaves a legacy of kindness, generosity, and faith. Pastor April will preside and preach. Please join in the Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee, punch, and cookies. Blessed be the memory of our friend Janet Gall.

- **We are requesting 1 usher for this service.** Please get in touch with Tristan in the Office.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: 9 AM – 12 PM Monday and Tuesday.
The office will be closed Wednesday–Friday for Christmas.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. There are no time constraints to our care for others as we offer their needs up to God.

People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.

Those with health concerns:

- Marilyn Andersonp
- Jon Wendling
- Helen Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- Stephanie Hoff
- Wanda Rueber
- William Kurth
- Stacey Nalean-Carlson
- Mickey Slind
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ulring
- Phillip Swanson, son of Ted & Joann Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson
- Harland Nelson
- Bob Fahrenkrug, grandfather of Sarah Wicks
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

Those who grieve:

- Norma Refsal and family, upon the death of her husband Harley Refsal on Sunday, September 8th.
- Laurie Biedermann, Linda Martin, and all the family of Millard Nelson upon his death on Saturday, September 7th.
- Denise and Matt Tapscott and family, upon the death of Denise's mother Evelyn Ford on August 25th.
- Jeff and Cindy Ernst and family, upon the death of Jeff's mother Darlene on August 19th.

Those serving the needs of others:

- Martha Monson Lowe
- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*
- Kathryn Thompson as she serves higher education students through LuMin in La Crosse

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Tristan/Erica at: office@goodshepherddecorah.org

Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, December 22nd: 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion;

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Green Flock

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Worship

Worship at 5:00 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion; candle lighting

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Sunday, December 29th: 1st Sunday of Christmas

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion;

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Green Flock

Sunday, January 5th: 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion;

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Blue Flock

Sunday, January 12th: 15th Anniversary of Haiti Earthquake

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion;

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor Mike Blair

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Blue Flock

Sunday School programming **resumes** after winter break!

Youth Group (7-12 grade) in Fellowship Hall – 3-6th In the Library – Pk-2nd

Grade in Sanctuary

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther College Students! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE!

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.



We proclaim that God has created the diversity of humankind in God's image and we are all equal and beloved children of God. Racism and white supremacy are evils that estrange us from one another, from God, and from the fullness of our humanity. (*Genesis 1:27a*)

We are in need of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy. (*Romans 3:23*)

We confess by what we have done and left undone that we have perpetuated systems of racial injustice and violence. (*Micah 6:8*)

We acknowledge that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the Ioway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers. (*2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery*)

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