

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 8th – Second 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: “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” – Paul Manz
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.

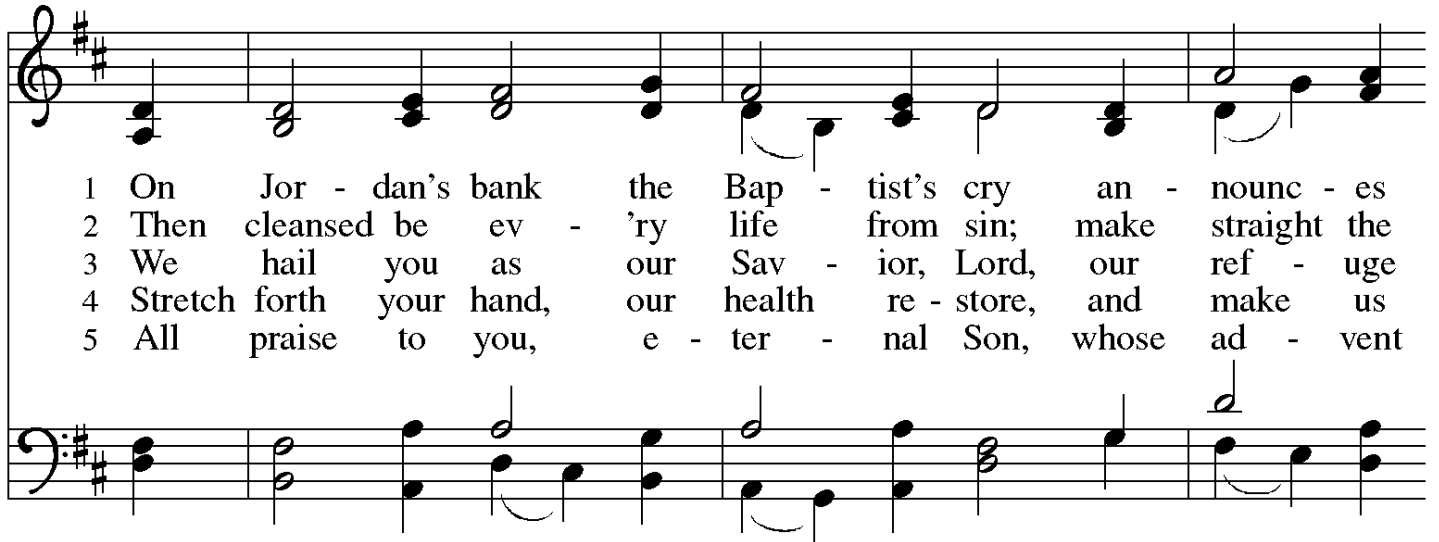
God's promised One brings justice and righteousness.

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

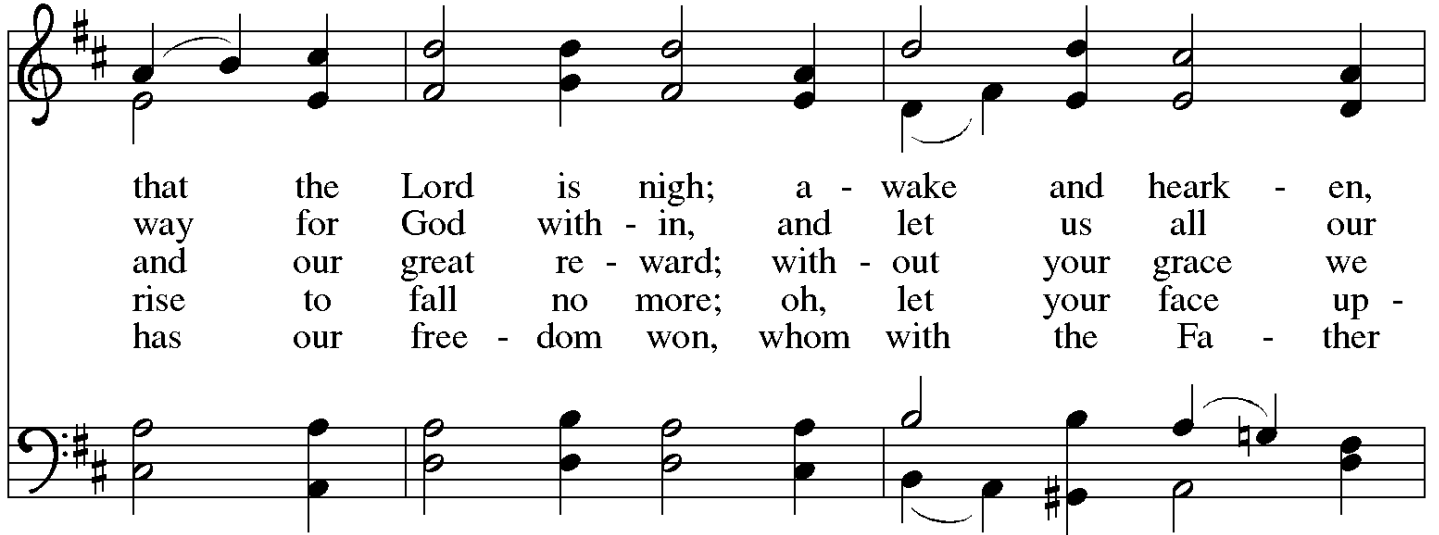
We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

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

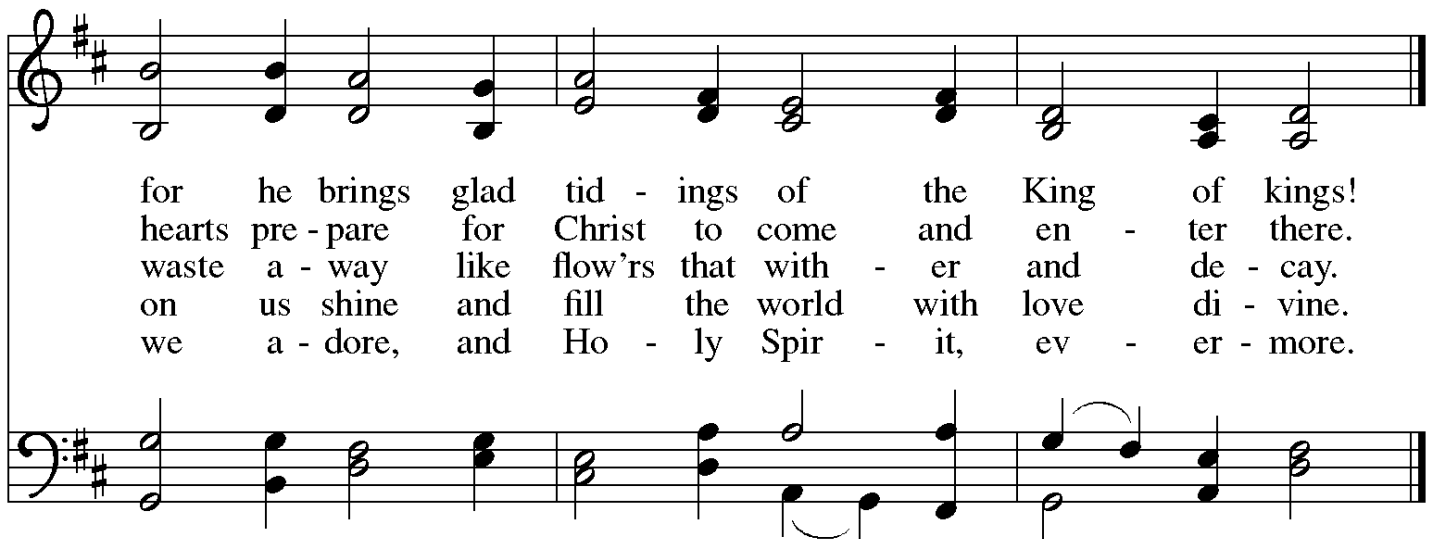
GATHERING HYMN: ELW #249 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

***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.**

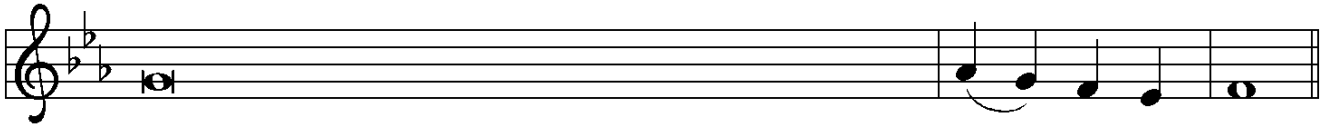
***KYRIE:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



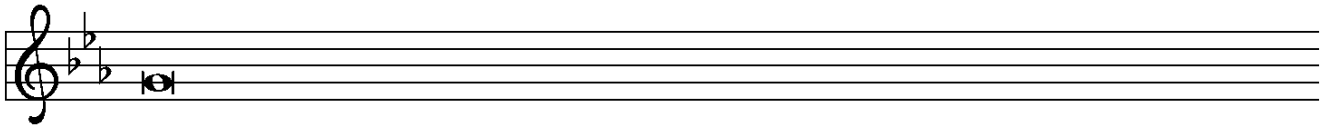
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



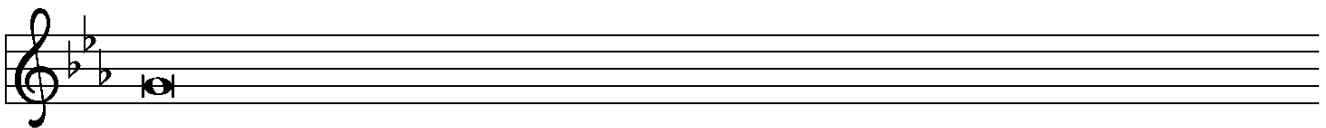
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David.**

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
⁷¹ from the hands of | all who hate us,

⁷² **to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
**free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

⁷⁹ **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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.
Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6**

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

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

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

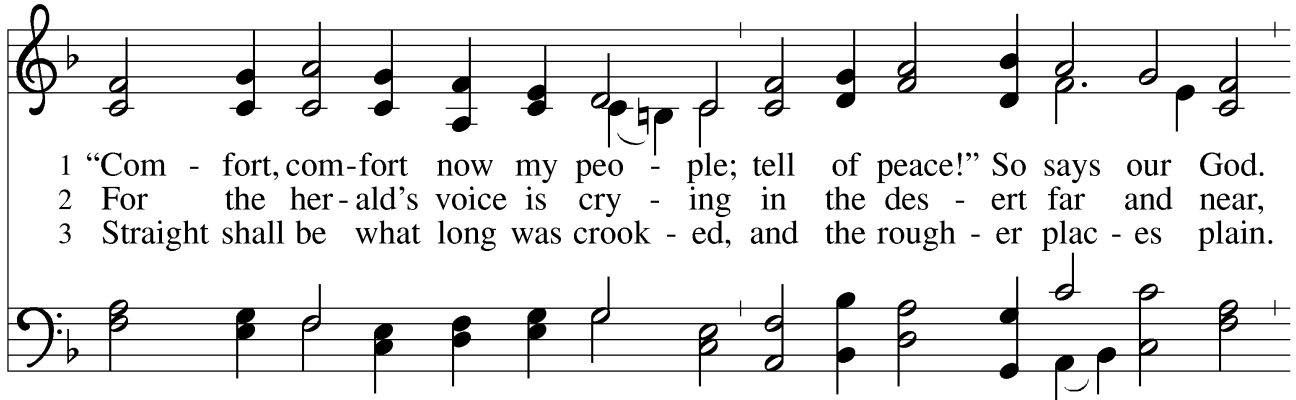
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

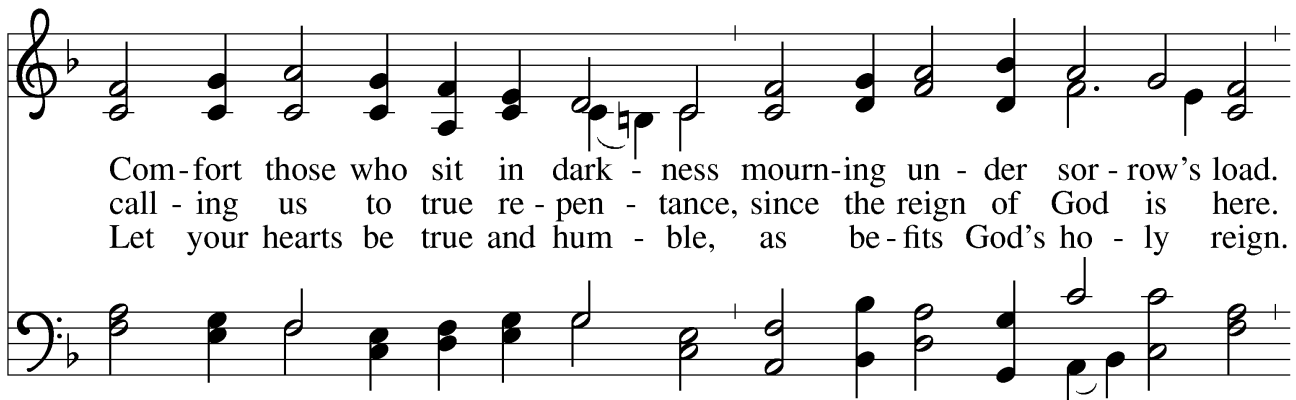
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #256 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"**



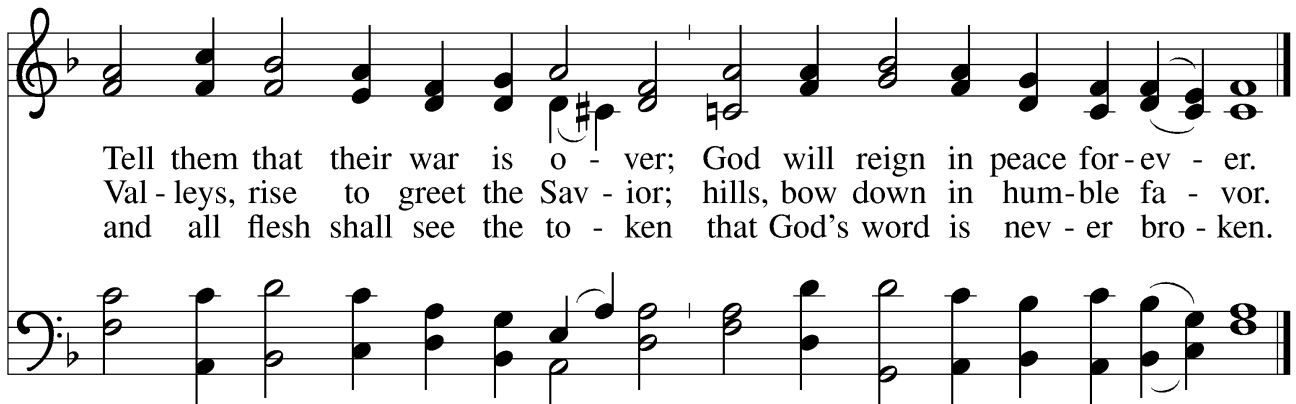
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

***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: "The King Shall Come" – arr. Busarow

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

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.

***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" – Rev. Dr. Rolf Svanoe

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

9

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.

13

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

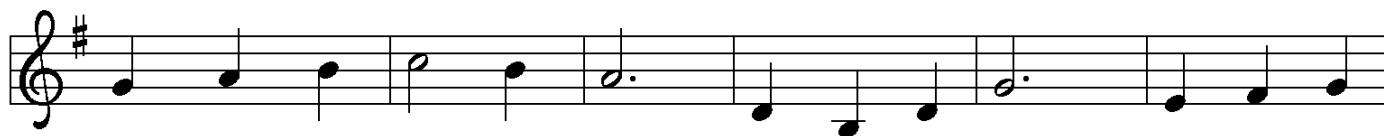
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1. wea - ry, on-ly wait for the Lord. 2. *rit.* Lord, on-ly wait for the Lord.

ELW 593 "Drawn to the Light"



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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ELW 242 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



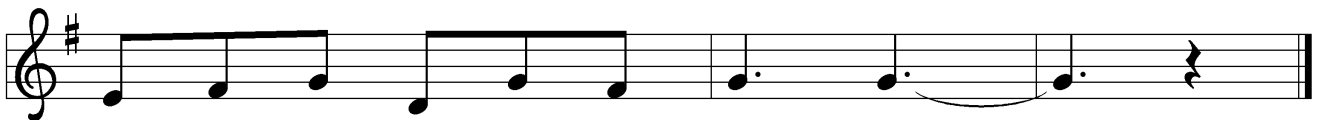
soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

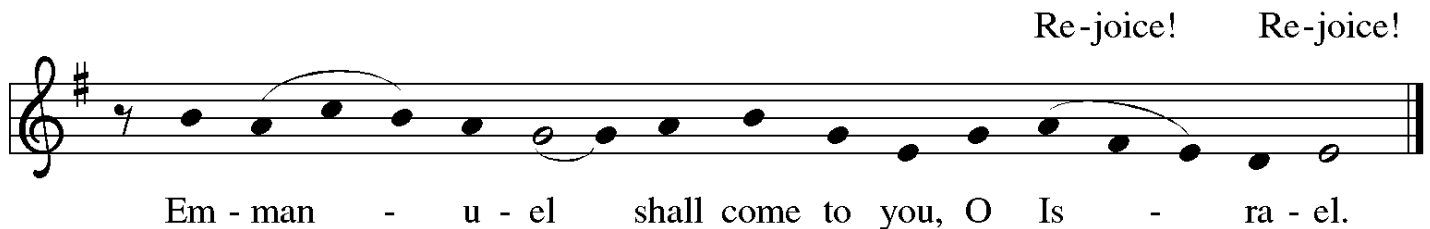
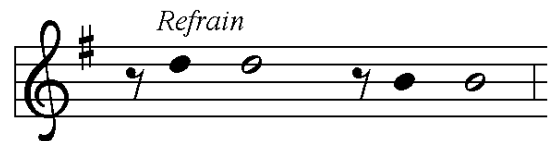
TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING – SENDING SONG:** ELW 257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 6, 7, 8

- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*



- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: “Savior of the Nations, Come” – Paul Manz

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:** Brooke Joyce; **USHERS:** Steve Holland, Leah Holland; **GREETER:** Gloria Hove; **READER:** Krista Holland; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Martha Monson Lowe; **AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN:** Carter Thompson; **FELLOWSHIP:** Ruth Bruce, Marty Steele, Norma Refsal, Kathi Wild, and George Lowe.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & YOUTH GROUP TODAY: Christmas Program rehearsals resume today 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Costumes will be assigned & lines rehearsed. Christy and Bobby Vrtis are the directors of this year's program, along with Sunday School teachers Brooke Joyce and Melissa Bills. **The final run-through before the program is on December 15, from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. The program begins at 5:00 p.m.**

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP: Advent Services using Marty Haugen's *Holden Evening Prayer* will be on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, in the Good Shepherd Sanctuary. Please come and reflect on this holy season under our theme "Songs of our Mothers: Hannah, Miriam and Mary". This year's Advent offerings will go to ELCA World Hunger, in honor of its 50th year providing services around the globe.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Any group or family is welcome to help begin Advent worship services on Sundays by lighting the candles and helping to speak the litany. **Sign up** at the website's **SIGN-UPS Tab** or in the Gathering Space.

DECORATE THE TREE: All are invited to stay after Sunday School (around 11:30) **TODAY** to decorate the tree in the Sanctuary.

ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY: Altar Guild announces its annual project and has arranged with Decorah's The Country Garden for members to provide poinsettias for the Christmas season at \$15.00 per plant. Red poinsettias wrapped in gold foil will be placed on the altar rail for services beginning Tuesday, December 24. You are welcome to remove your plant after the Christmas services, but no later than Saturday, January 4. Communion at the altar rail resumes on Sunday, January 5. Plants may be given in honor, as memorials, or as a gift by including names with the order. Names will be included in bulletins. Please email, or print clearly the names of those for whom you are dedicating the poinsettia. **Orders, with payment, are to be placed through the Church Office no later than Sunday, December 15.** Contact the church office via phone, email, note, or put your check in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with *Poinsettia* in the memo line.

SEASONAL MUSIC WITH TROMBONEOTA: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., PIVO Brewery, 101 Huber Dr, Calmar - All are welcome to listen to Tromboneota, a local trombone quartet, playing seasonal music at PIVO this Sunday afternoon. Good Shepherd member **Ray Torresdal** is a member of the quartet.

18TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS FROM CHRISTMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH, BETHLEHEM, PALESTINE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9:00 a.m., Gathering Space - Join members **Martha Monson Lowe** and **George Lowe** to experience in community the service **simulcast live** between Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine and Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral in the United States. Hear familiar carols and readings in Arabic and English, and a word of hope preached this year by Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. The **free** live service will be broadcast at 9:00 a.m. Central Time (5:00 p.m. Bethlehem time).

PALESTINIAN CRAFTWORK AND ART SALE: Sunday, December 15th in the Gathering Space: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM & 4:30-6:30 PM. Martha Monson Lowe and George Lowe will offer Palestinian handwork, as well as rugs from Gaza, for sale on Sunday morning and later before and after the Youth Christmas Program. All proceeds benefit Palestinian artists, shopkeepers, their families, and organizations in the area.

ADULT FORUM: WHAT IS THE LATEST NEWS FROM BETHLEHEM? SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 11:00 a.m., Gathering Space - Please join member **Martha Monson Lowe** next Sunday to hear news from her recent trip to Palestine.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND LIGHT SUPPER: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary - Everyone is welcome at the Youth Christmas Program! Members of the Good Shepherd community are invited to attend, as well as help with the catered simple supper of sandwiches, chips, juice, and cookies in the Fellowship Hall after the program. Sign up to help with the supper at the link under the SIGN-UPS Tab.

LUREN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 3:00 p.m., St. Luke Catholic Church, St. Lucas - All are invited to attend the Luren Singers annual Christmas Concert. Our member **Dr. David Judisch** is the director and a number of Good Shepherd members sing with Luren. A free will offering will benefit the St. Luke Catholic Church restoration project and local food pantry.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM Monday-Friday
Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Monday
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Tuesday

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:

- 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 8th: 2nd 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

Sunday School – Christmas Program Rehearsal 11:00-11:30 in the Sanctuary

Youth Group (7th-12th grade) 11:00-11:30 in the back of the Fellowship Hall

Decorate the Tree in the Sanctuary! 11:30 am

Wednesday, December 11th: Midweek Advent Worship

Worship at 5:30 pm; Sanctuary; Holden Evening Prayer

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Sunday, December 15th: 3rd 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

Sunday School – Christmas Program Rehearsal 11:00-11:30 in the Sanctuary

Youth Group (7th-12th grade) 11:00-11:30 in the back of the Fellowship Hall

- *Help set-up the Nativity Scene in the Sanctuary after Sunday School!*

Adult Forum: what is the latest news from Bethlehem? – *Martha Monson Lowe shares news from her recent trip to Palestine*

5:00 PM - Youth Christmas Program and Simple Dinner Following – All are invited!

Wednesday, December 18th: Midweek Advent Worship

Worship at 5:30 pm; Sanctuary; Holden Evening Prayer

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor April Ulring Larson

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.



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