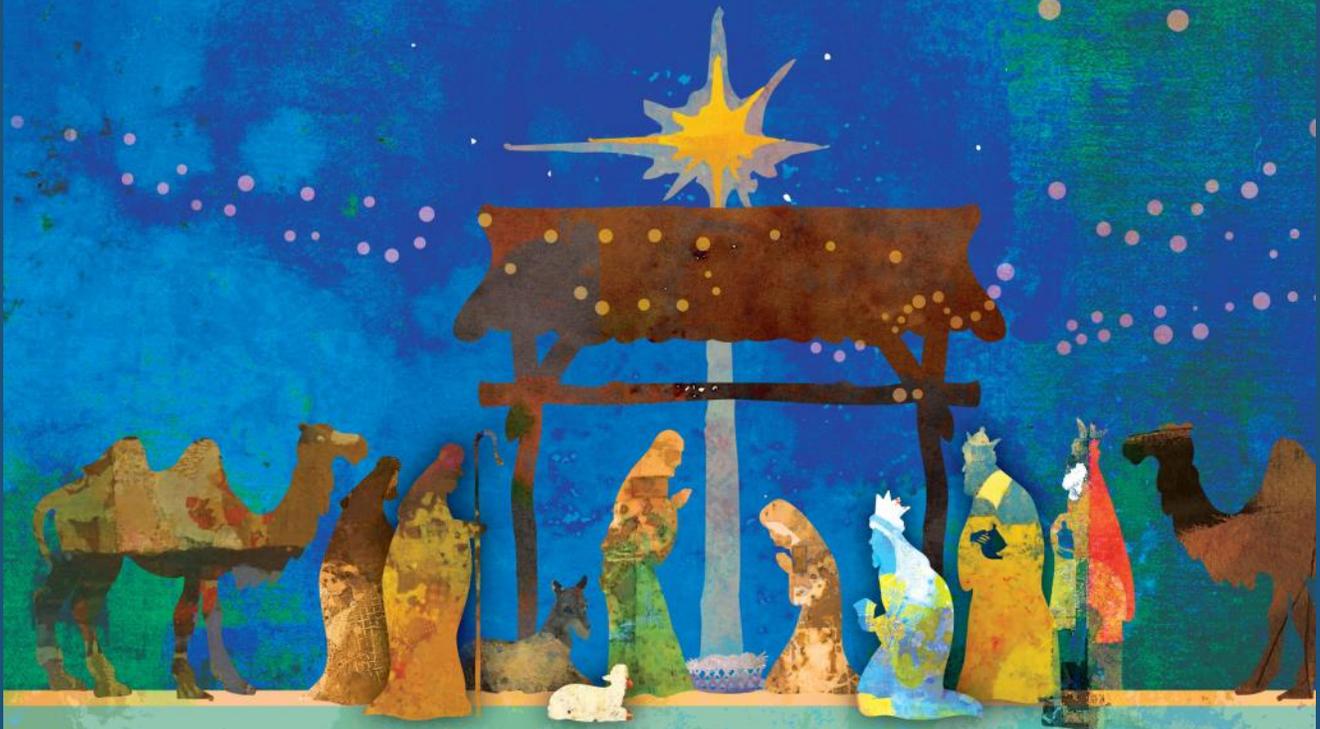


Christmas Eve | December 24, 2021 | 9 p.m.



AND THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED,
**GLORIFYING AND
PRAISING
GOD**

FOR ALL THEY
HAD HEARD AND
SEEN, AS IT HAD
BEEN TOLD THEM.

LUKE 2:20

“WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, THEREFORE, AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU.”

ROMANS 15:7

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES PEOPLE OF ANY AGE, RACE, NATIONALITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE, AND PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPABILITY.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time?
WE WELCOME YOU!

Typically, our Sunday services are at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
We offer Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. for ages 3 through adult.
Come Worship with Us!

Please
Silence
Your
Phone

☞ GATHERING ☞

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“What Child is This?”

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Piano accompaniment – Thomas Eisnor

THE BELLS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

“A La Nanita Nana”

- Walter Ehret

Piano accompaniment – Thomas Eisnor

CYNTHIA CHRISTENSEN
EMILY ADAMS

“Born is the King of Israel”

Arranged by Sandra Eithun

Piano accompaniment – Thomas Eisnor

THE BELLS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro Yon (1886– 1943)

Piano accompaniment – Thomas Eisnor

EMILY ADAMS

“Christmas Tapestry”

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Piano accompaniment – Pam Weinelt

THE BELLS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Stand and face the baptismal font.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of peace,

C We confess that we are not at peace— With others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our

own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God’s pardon and peace: In the name of † Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

GREETING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

L A reading from Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

L A reading from Titus.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L The Word of the Lord.

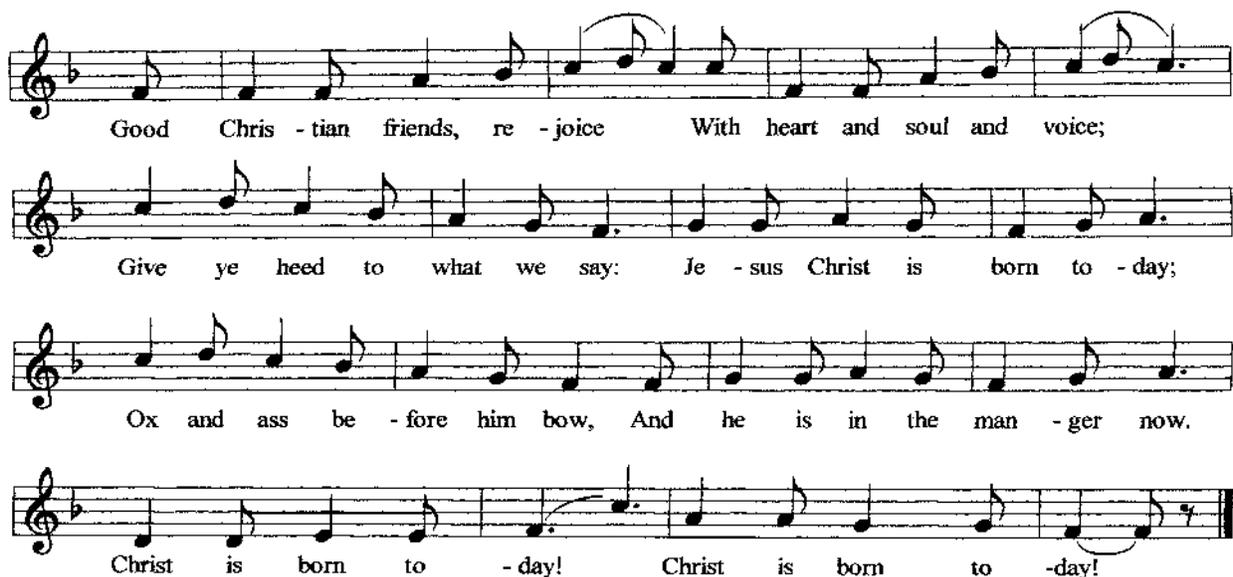
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL PROCESSION

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

ELW #288



Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!

☐ The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

ELW #288

Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
 Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Sit

SERMON

“Unwrapping the Gift of Peace”

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

NICENE CREED

C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, “Merciful God,” worshipers respond with the words, “receive our prayer.”)

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

Sit

 MEAL 

OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Holy Is the Newborn Child”
by Mary Kay Beall and John Carter

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Stand

OFFERTORY

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW #289

OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Continues on next page.

- P** It is indeed right
we praise your name and 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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray, saying:
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** The bread of life comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live.
 Sit

COMMUNION

- † All Christians are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.
- † Follow the directions of the ushers, who will release you from your rows toward the center aisle.
- † Please take the bread and an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. Sealed wafer & juice combination packets are also available.
- † Those who do not wish to take communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.
- † Use the trash receptacles provided.
- † After receiving communion please proceed around the side aisles to return to your seat.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: **Amen.**

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

“Amid the Cold of Winter”

CHANCEL CHOIR

- Bret Rhoades

COMMUNION HYMNS

“The First Noel”

ELW #300

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus’ name we pray.

CANDLELIGHTING

The pastor will light a candle from the Christ candle spreading the light to the ushers, who in turn will spread the light to those nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when spreading light to another.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

John 1:1-5

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

ELW#281

 SENDING 

BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- ☐ A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
- ☑ C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Creator of the Stars of Night”
by Pietro Yon

THOMAS EISNOR



Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS AT GOOD SHEPHERD
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
 Saturday, December 25 at 11 a.m.
“Come as you are” (jeans, jammies — whatever!)
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
 Sunday, December 26 at 10:30 a.m.
EPIPHANY
 Sunday, January 2 at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

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Ruth E. HamiltonInterim Pastor
 Thomas EisnorOrganist/Choir Director

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If you ordered a poinsettia and want to take it home, you may do so following the 9 p.m. service tonight or following the Christmas Day service tomorrow.
Any poinsettias not picked up will be given away.



Poinsettias

Ed Aebischer in Memory of family and friends

Jim and Janice Cady in Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and in Memory of Lynn and in Honor of James C. Cady

Sandy Cerstvik in Memory of loved ones

Jason and Jenny Champion in Celebration of their children Paul and Lily

The Dias Family in Memory of Ed Dias

Peter and Susan Dumpis in Memory of Ilmars and Baiba Dumpis and Richard and Lottie Worley

Tony and Michelle Endozo in Memory of Rey Endozo and Ron Chambers

The Escamilla Family in Memory of Sybil Hammers and Oscar Solis and OD Allen, Armando Escamilla and Virginia Serrato

Ronnie and Linda Ferentini in Memory of their loved ones and their children and grandchildren

The Finney Family in Memory of James Benjamin Finney, John Albert Finney, Cari Finney Ouderkirk and Ellen Stoll

The Frink Family in Honor of GSLC Staff, Church & Call Committee

Ruth Hamilton in Memory of Elaine Jennings

Tom & Kris Hebeisen in Celebration of Christmas

The Hutchison Family in Memory of Herb Hutchison

Vic and Deborah Johnson in Honor of their daughter Aubrey's engagement

Ken and Barb Kidder in Celebration of the Christmas season

David and Melinda Mundis in Memory of their parents

Ed and Judy Roberts in Celebration of Christ's birth

Poinsettias

Vic & Linda Rowell in Honor of Lloyd & Clara Rowell, Joseph & Barbara Damico, and Tom & Mary Farley

Sharron Ryan in Memory of James and Sylvia Weyandt and in Celebration of her children and grandchildren

Brenda Kviten Schumaker in Celebration of the marriage of Bridget Kviten and Andrew Brown

Brenda Kviten Schumaker, Brdget and Kari Kviten in Memory of Glen Kviten

Craig & Bev Stichtenoth in Celebration of God's Greatest Gift

Reba Sumner in Memory of Mary McCoy

The Swordsma Family in Memory of their grandparents and in Honor of their parents

Jennifer Taylor in Memory of loved ones

Don and Wendy Vogt in Celebration of the 24th anniversary of the adoption of our daughter Irina and in Memory of family and friends

Steve Wattrick in Memory of Susan Wattrick

Pam Weinelt in Memory of Sylvia Exley

Eileen White in Honor of her family and friends

Sandy and Terry Williams in Memory of Miles James Olson



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