

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Joy TO THE
World

Christmas Eve | December 24, 2022 | 9 p.m.

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“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.

Please silence your cell phones.

 **GATHERING** 

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Musicians of Good Shepherd

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin. God of life,

C you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on

us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

P Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In **+** Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Assembly responds, “Amen.”

GATHERING HYMN

“Love Has Come”

ELW #292

1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;

3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

GREETING

Assembly responds, “Amen.”

CHRISTMAS HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

Refrain
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

- 2 The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God
in the highest: *Refrain*

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you. **P** Let us pray....
Assembly responds, "Amen."
Sit

CHRISTMAS HYMN

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW #282

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

L A reading from Isaiah:

²The 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96 (read responsively)

- A** ¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- C** ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- A** ³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
- C** ⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**
- A** ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- C** ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- A** ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- C** ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- A** ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- C** ¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**
- A** ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- C** ¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**
- A** ¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

CHRISTMAS HYMN

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

ELW 288

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| 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today! | Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this! |
| 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore. | 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save! |

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

- L** A reading from Titus:

¹¹For 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

- L** The Word of the Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW #276 vs. 1

Infant holy, infant lowly,
 for his bed a cattle stall;
 oxen lowing, little knowing
 Christ the child is Lord of all.
 Swiftly winging, angels singing,
 bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
 Christ the child is Lord of all!
 Christ the child is Lord of all!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

P The holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter. **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW #276 vs. 2

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
 vigil till the morning new
 saw the glory, heard the story,
 tidings of a gospel true.
 Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
 praises voicing, greet the morrow:
 Christ the child was born for you!
 Christ the child was born for you!

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn king;
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled."
 Joyful, all you nations, rise;
 join the triumph of the skies;
 with angelic hosts proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
 Hail, incarnate deity!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
 Hail the Sun of righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 ris'n with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise each child of earth,
 born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

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, “Word made flesh,” worshipers respond with the words, “**hear our prayer.**”)

PEACE

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

Sit



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Assembly responds, “Amen.”

“Rejoice, Emmanuel”
 by Gael Berberick and Barney Walker

Chancel Choir

DIALOGUE (sung)

- 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.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (pg. 132)

- P** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C** Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

- P** With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

- C** Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

- C** Come, Holy Spirit.

- P** All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

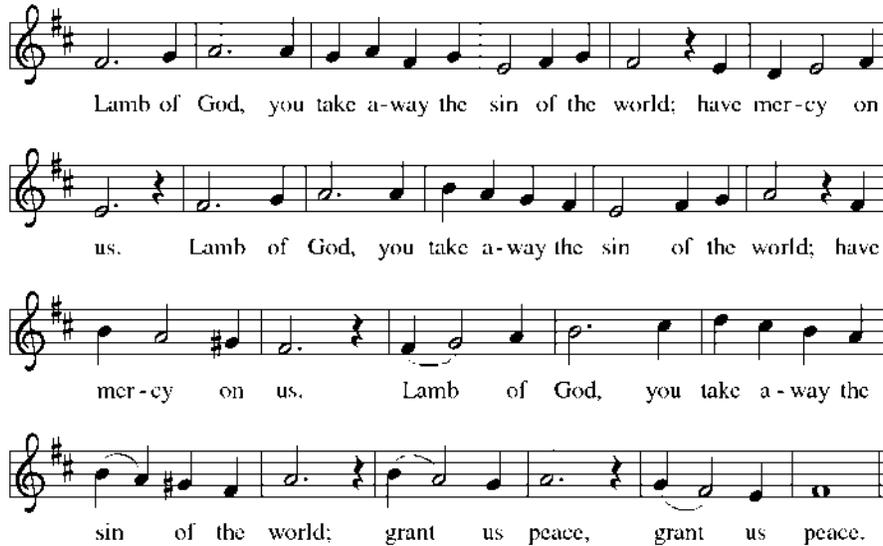
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sit

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

- † All believer 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. Gluten free wafers and sealed wafer & juice combination packets are also available upon request.
- † 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.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

“Largo e Dolce”
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jessica McCormack, Flute

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW #279

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Refrain
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

4 This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Assembly responds, "Amen."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assembly responds, "Amen."

Stand

 **SENDING** 

CANDLE-LIGHTING HYMN

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

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.

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING

Assembly responds, "Amen."

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

- A** Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News!!
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
– H. Alexander Matthews

Thomas Eisnor



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

John and Sharon Bost in memory of our parents and those who died of Covid

Kathie Casagrande in memory of Bob Casagrande

Sandy Cerstvik celebration of the birth of our Savior and in memory of loved ones

Jason and Jenny Champion in celebration of their children Paul and Lily and their loved ones

The Dias Family in memory of Ed Dias

Elizabeth Fennell in celebration of their beautiful children, Dylan, Lily, Eva, Taylor and Omar. In memory of James Fennell and Margaret Cobb and in honor of her wife, Alice

The Frink Family in memory of Mimi and Pop Mellor and in honor of Pastor Rosy and the GSLC Staff

Sally and Terry George in celebration of their grandchildren

Tom & Kris Hebeisen in memory of Karen Rodning and Rita Friederichs

The Hutchison Family in memory of our lost loved ones

Ken and Barb Kidder in celebration of the Christmas season

Brenda Kviten Schumaker in memory of all her loved ones who have passed away

Victoria and Colin Lasater in celebration of Dave and Lisa Gregerson's 40th wedding anniversary

Cathy Mattocks in celebration of Christ's birth and in memory of Grant and Jayne Mattocks and in memory of Lisa Panhorst

David and Melinda Mundis in memory of Ruth and Oliver Mundis and Dale and Otto Kraese

Scott Panhorst in memory of Lisa Panhorst

The Peter's Family in celebration of the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ and in honor of the gift of family and friends

Myra Rissmiller in celebration of Christ's birth and in memory of many departed loved ones.

Ed and Judy Roberts in honor of all those working for peace in our world

Ted and Carol Rodi in memory of our parents Bill, Inga, John and Armella

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

Sharron Ryan in celebration of her children, grandchildren and new great granddaughter

Ben and Gail Setzer in celebration of the birth of first their grandchild, in 2022

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

Reba Sumner in honor of Caring for Creation Team and Garden of Grace workers

The Swordsma Family in memory of their grandparents and in honor of their parents

Steve Wattrick in memory of Susan Wattrick

Pam Weinelt in memory of Sylvia Exley

Eileen White in memory of her husband, George and family members

Sandy and Terry Williams in memory of Miles James Olson and in celebration of Walker William Punch

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.

"Come as you are" (jeans, jammies — whatever!)

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m. & 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.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time?

WE WELCOME YOU!

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!

Rev. Rosalina Rivera Pastor

Thomas Eisnor Director of Music Ministry

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