WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Christmas Day | December 25, 2023 | 10:00 a.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.

PRELUDE

"Carol of the Bells with I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" By M. Leontovich and Jean Baptiste Calkin Arr. Tom Fetke

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WELCOME

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

GATHERING HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

ELW #288

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

THE CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

- P Unto us a Child is Born!
- **C** Unto us a Son is given!
- P And His name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
- © Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,
- P Son of David, Son of God,
- Prophet, Priest, and King,
- P Root of Jesse's Stem, Key of David,
- Rock of Ages, the Cornerstone,
- P The Dayspring from on High,
- **G** The Light of the World,
- P The Alpha and the Omega,
- The Beginning and the End,
- P The Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep,
- The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World,

- P Emmanuel, God with us,
- **Q** Jesus, Our Savior, Which is Christ the Lord!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Solution → WORD →

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN WORD AND SONG

LESSON 1: Genesis 2:4b-9		Pew Bible page 2
LESSON 2: Isaiah 7:10-14		Pew Bible page 623
CHRISTMAS HYMN	"Once in Royal David's City"	ELW #269
LESSON 3: Isaiah 9:2-7		Pew Bible page 624
LESSON 4: Luke 1:26-38		Pew Bible page 931
CHRISTMAS HYMN	"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Come"	ELW #265
LESSON 5: Matthew 1:18-25		Pew Bible page 877
LESSON 6: Luke 2:1-7		Pew Bible page 933
CHRISTMAS HYMN	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ELW #279
LESSON 7: Luke 2:8-14		Pew Bible page 933
LESSON 8: Luke 2:15-20		Pew Bible page 933
CHRISTMAS HYMN	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	ELW #272
LESSON 9: Matthew 2:1-12		Pew Bible page 877
LESSON 10: John 1:1-14		Pew Bible page 966
CHRISTMAS HYMN	"Of the Father's Love Begotten"	ELW #295

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Hear us, O God." worshipers respond with the words, "Your mercy is great.")

PEACE

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

OFFERING

MEAL

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OFFERTORY

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Arr. Divid Pearl

Pam Weinelt

Stand

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OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

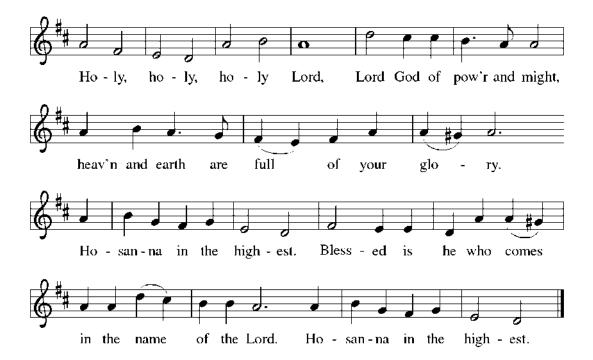
DIALOGUE

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

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P Holy One, the beginning and the end... ...Do this for the remembrance of me.
 - Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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;

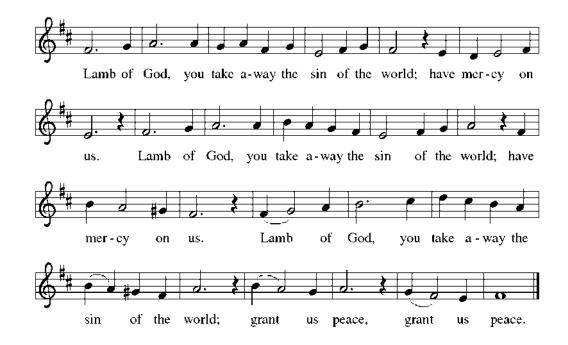
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sit

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"What Child Is This"

ELW #296

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

ELW #294

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING <</p>

FINAL BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. ■ Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW #290

DISMISSAL

A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God!"

POSTLUDE

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" Arr. Divid Pearl Pam Weinelt

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CONTINUES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 31, 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 worshiping with us for the first time?

WE WELCOME YOU!

Please stop by our welcome desk and receive a gift of appreciation for joining us today.

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!

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