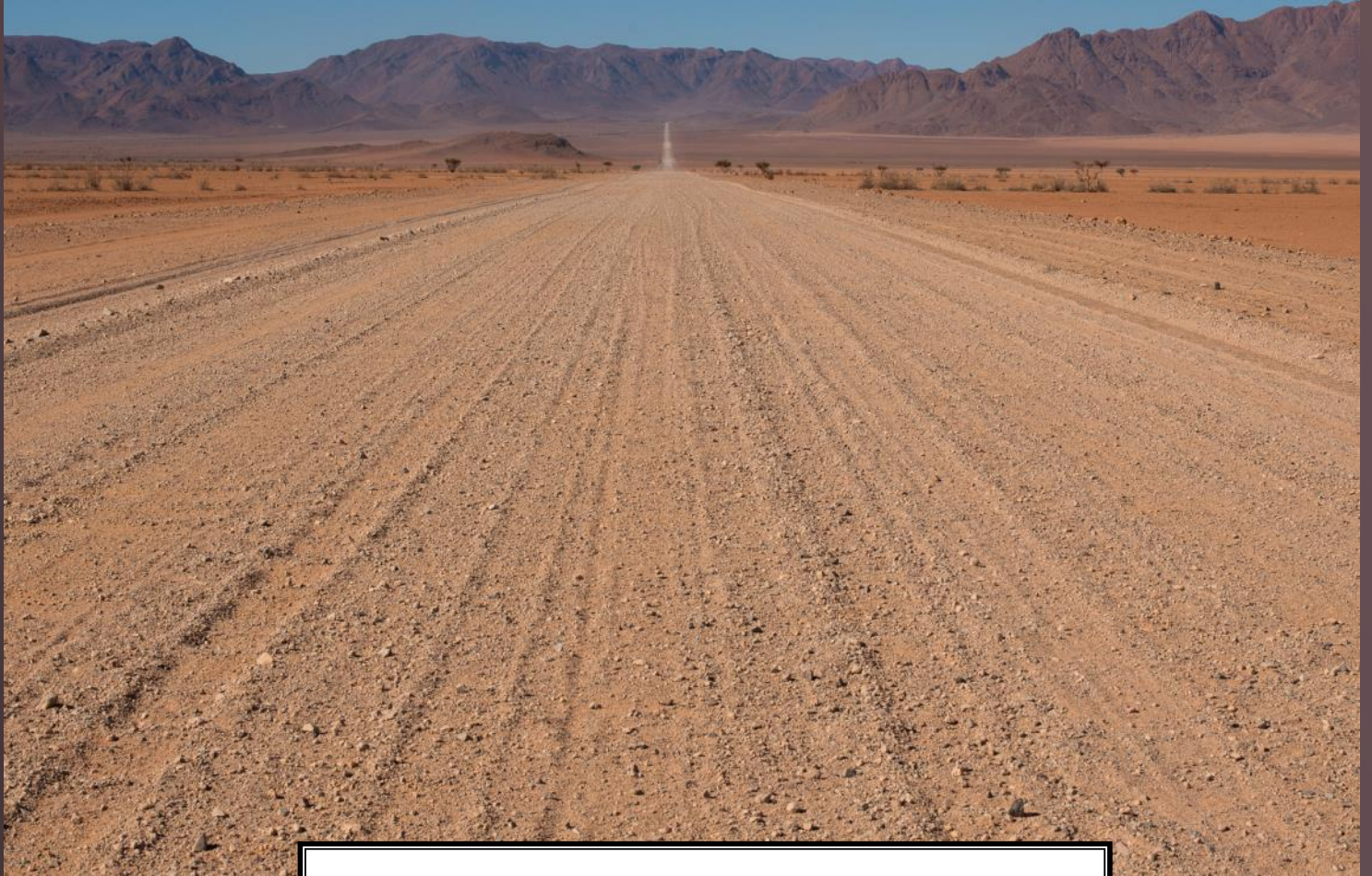


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**Parents of small children: Children can and do encounter Jesus during worship. For your convenience, please know that our entryway and a nursery (Room 113) are equipped with an audio reception of the service. We also have activity bags available for their use during worship. Please*

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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.

(* The Assembly Stands) Note: Hymns marked “ELW” are in the back of the book with numbers at the top of the page.

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Gay Lyn Ferry

- Robert Lau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

C Amen.

P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination. Kneel or stand.

P Everlasting God,

C you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in

systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

P Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all.

C Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound”

ELW #239

*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 And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Word

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH-ADVENT 2-PEACE

- ℒ Advent is marked by a spirit of yearning for peace.
- ☑ **May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**
- ℒ We long today for peace among nations.
- ☑ **May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**
- ℒ We long today for peace among races.
- ☑ **May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**
- ℒ We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.
- ☑ **May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

Hymn "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW #240
Verse 1 & 2

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- ℒ Today we light two candles – the candle of hope and the candle of peace. The light of this second candle reminds us that God's purpose in sending his Son into the world was to bring peace. We look at the division, the fighting, and the turmoil around us, and we see a world in dire need. We remind ourselves that peace begins with forgiveness, and that forgiveness begins in our hearts.
- ☑ **Amen.**

PRAYER

- ℒ Gracious God, we thank you for the promise of peace, and we know that because of Christ, peace is possible. We pray today for the nations of the world, that we could find a way to live together in peace. We pray for our brothers and sisters everywhere, that we could become more forgiving, more understanding, and more loving to one another. Flood our hearts with the light of peace today so that we might take that light and spread your love to the whole world. ☑ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Pew Bible, Page 653

At the conclusion of the reading:

- ℒ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

- Ⓐ You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.
- ☑ **You have forgiven the iniquity | of your
people
and blotted out | all their sins.**
- Ⓐ I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to
those who turn their | hearts to you.
- ☑ **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those
who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**
- Ⓐ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met
together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each
other.
- ☑ **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from
heaven.**
- Ⓐ The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
- Ⓐ **Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

P The gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

ELW #249

*APOSTLES' CREED

G 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 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

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Merciful God," worshippers respond with the words, "receive our prayer.")

*PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you always.

G **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING

The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Carol for Advent"
Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig; Music by Don Besig

Chancel Choir
Alan Boda, Violin

OFFERING SONG

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW#465

*OFFERING PRAYER

A God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C** **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join them in singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND 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

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Wait for the Lord" (*Choir leads verses, congregation sings refrain*)

ELW #262

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ELW #254

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

*COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. ☑ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

*BLESSING

P The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever. **G Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

ELW#256

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Keep Awake. **G Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G minor”

- Fr. Walczynski

Gay Lyn Ferry

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2023
Advent Wednesdays
Noon & 7:30 p.m.
 Each Wednesday we will look at the words of the Magnificat, the song of Mary from the gospel of Luke 2:47-55.

Meditation Topics:
 December 6 - Words come to life
 December 13 - A “yes” instead of a “no”
 December 20 - Revolution and reversal

Join us prior to the evening worship service, anytime after 6:45 PM, for fellowship and dessert.

And Mary said,
 “My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
 Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name;
 indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things
 and sent the rich away empty.
 He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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 Gay Lyn Ferry Supply Organist
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 Melina Thurmond Youth/Family
 Ministry Coordinator
 & Office Coordinator
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Blessings to you on this amazing milestone! Good Shepherd is grateful for your service!

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

Attendance Last Sunday
 8:30 AM - 82 | 10:45 AM - 78
 Online - 18
 Sunday School - 20

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by John and Diane Mau in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.


Thank you to Ken & Barb Kidder for providing donuts/snacks for Fellowship this morning.
 If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway, the cost is \$30.

This Week

Sun	12/10	8:30/10:45 AM	Second Sunday of Advent
		8:30 AM-12 PM	Gift Tag/Wrapping
		9:45 AM	Youth Pageant Rehearsal
		9:45 AM	Coffee with Council
		12:30 PM	Confirmation
		6:00 PM	Youth Group Night –Extension
Tues	12/12	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Choir Room
		7:00 PM	Council Fellowship Hall
Wed	12/13	10:00 AM	WOW Fellowship Hall Teams
		11:30 AM	Lunch & Learn Mtg. rm
		12:00 PM	Advent Worship Service
		1:00 PM	Staff Mtg
		6:00 PM	Bells of Good Shepherd
		6:45 PM	Advent Desserts
		7:30 PM	Advent Worship Service
Thu	12/14	10:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study F. Hall
		7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Sun	12/17	8:30/10:45 AM	Third Sunday of Advent
		9:45 AM	Youth Pageant /Cookie Walk
		6:00 PM	Social Justice Meeting Room

Upcoming Event Dates
 Sign-up sheets are available at gslutheran.org
 ([Sign-up Central Online](#)) or
 Sign-up Central in Fellowship Hall

Dec 10	Youth Gift Wrapping Meeting Room
Dec 13, 20	Advent Desserts 6:45 PM
Dec 13, 20	Wed Advent Worship Noon & 7:30 PM
17-Dec	Youth Christmas Pageant & Cookie Walk 9:45 AM
19-Dec	Ladies Night Out Tuscany 7 PM
24-Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent 10 AM only
24-Dec	Christmas Eve 4 & 9 PM Traditional 7 PM Praise
25-Dec	Christmas Day 10 AM
31-Dec	First Sunday After Christmas 8:30 & 10:45 AM
06-Jan	Blood Drive F. Hall 8AM - 1 PM

 2nd Annual Cookie Walk—December 17 after Youth Christmas Pageant
 Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring cookies to share. \$5 on day of walk will fill a box of cookies to take home. Proceeds will benefit our youth.



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 17
 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND COOKIE WALK
 9:45 AM

DECEMBER 24
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 10 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE
 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH CANDLE LIGHTING
 4 PM & 9 PM
 PRAISE WORSHIP WITH CANDLE LIGHTING
 7 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
 LESSONS & CAROLS
 10 AM

DECEMBER 31
 8:30 AM TRADITIONAL
 10:45 AM PRAISE

Two-Can Sunday: Timothy's Cupboard | December

DECEMBER Urgently Needed Donations
 Jelly Syrup
 Canned Fruit
 Canned Vegetables
 Cake Mix & Frosting
 Pancake Mix

Food Drive
 thank you for your donation

Place donations in bins in Fellowship Hall; Donations outside go to MUST

Throughout December for Timothy's Cupboard