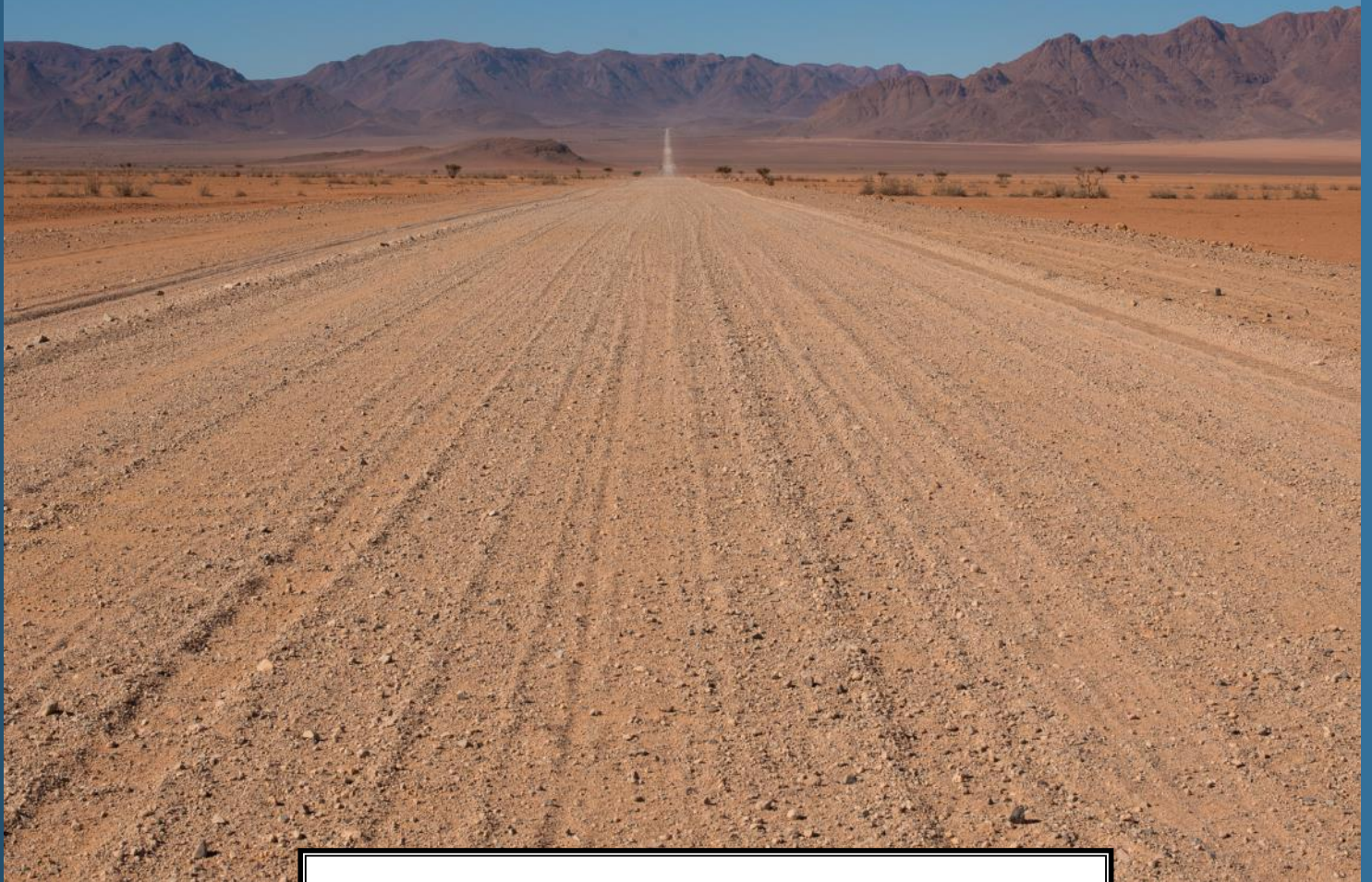


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE  
DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 10:45 AM

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

ROMANS 15:7

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## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Praise Team

Welcome

\*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.*

**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.**

\*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.

**C May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

**L** We long today for peace among nations.

**C May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

**L** We long today for peace among races.

**C May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

**L** We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.

**C May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

**Chorus 1**

Come come Emmanuel  
Son of God appear  
Heaven and earth rejoice  
Salvation is drawing near  
Salvation is drawing near

**Verse 3**

O come O Rod of Jesse's stem  
From ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust Your mighty pow'r to save  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave  
(Chorus)

**Verse 1**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
(Chorus)

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

☞ 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**

☞ 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**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

☞ The word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

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**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

☞ The word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

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**Children's Message**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 3:1-8**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

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**Sermon**

Pastor Karen Boda

**\*Song of the Day**

**"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

Words and Music by Charles Wesley and  
Rowland Hugh Prichard  
Add'l Words and Music by Rita West  
Gernon  
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**Verse 1**

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

**Bridge**

You're our joy  
You're our hope  
(REPEAT)

**Verse 2**

Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal Spirit

**Ending**

Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**☑ 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**

**☐ The peace of Christ be with you always. ☑ And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)*



**Offering**

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

**Song During Offering**

**"Waiting Here for You"**

**Praise Team**

*By Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Martin Smith*

**\*Offering Prayer**

**☐ 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. ☑ Amen.**

**\*Words of Institution & 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**

**Communion Songs**

**"Jesus Messiah"**

**Verse 1**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

**Chorus**

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

**Verse 2**

**"We Prepare"**

**Verse 1**

We prepare for your coming  
We prepare for your call  
We accept your invitation  
Given to us one and all

**Chorus**

Prepare the way, open our hearts  
Prepare the way of the Lord

**"Messiah"**

**Verse 1**

Someone's shouting from the desert  
Someone's shouting from the sea  
Someone's shouting from the mountain  
Someone's shouting from the valley

**Chorus**

Messiah, come and be our King  
Messiah, come and be our King

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing  
*(To Chorus)*

**Bridge**

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world  
*(To Chorus)*

Words and Music by Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves  
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**Verse 2**

In our rushed and hurried world  
We are filled with restlessness  
The Messiah comes to our world  
Emmanuel, God with us  
*(Chorus)*

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**Verse 2**

Someone's shouting from the city  
I am young, I am cold  
Someone's shouting from the country  
I am lonely, I am old  
*(Chorus)*

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**Verse 3**

Someone's shouting I am broken  
Someone's shouting make me whole  
Someone's shouting come and change me  
Someone's shouting save my soul  
*(Chorus)*

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

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

**\*Communion Prayer**

**A** 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. **G Amen.**

**Announcements**



**\*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 Song**

**"Prepare the Way"**

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**Verse 1**

He has come  
To bring light into the darkness  
He has come  
To bring freedom to the captives  
He has come  
To restore the brokenhearted  
It's time to proclaim  
The year of the Lord

Make ready your heart  
Make ready your home  
Make ready the people of God  
Prepare the way

**Verse 2**

He has come  
To bring hope to the hopeless  
He has come  
To comfort all who mourn  
He has come  
To heal our ev'ry sickness  
It's time to proclaim  
The year of the Lord  
(Chorus)

**Chorus**

Prepare the way  
Prepare the way for our Redeemer  
Prepare the way  
Prepare the way for our Restorer

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Sending Music**

**Praise Team**

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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 - 30

*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](http://gslutheran.org)  
 ([Sign-up Central Online](#)) or  
 Sign-up Central in Fellowship Hall

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



**CELEBRATING 17 YEARS THANK YOU**

AARON FRINK

Blessings to you on this amazing milestone! Good Shepherd is grateful for your service!

Throughout December for Timothy's Cupboard

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."



## 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

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