

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 10:45 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 see an usher for more information.*

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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.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

“'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”
Arr. William Ringham

Bells of Good Shepherd

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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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 3-Joy

L Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.

C With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

L Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.

C With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

L Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.

C With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

L Advent is a time to remember the promises to God.

C With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

Chorus 1

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

Verse 4

O come Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of humankind
Make all our sad divisions cease
And be for us the King of Peace
(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 three candles – the candle of hope, the candle of peace, and the candle of joy. The light of this third candle reminds us that we have no reasons to be fearful or anxious, because God has sent us a Savior. We should be glad in this affirmation of God’s love for us and pledge to serve him faithfully with joy-filled hearts.

Prayer

☞ Gracious God, remind us today and every day that we have good reason to be joyful, and forgive us for focusing our minds on negative things. Because you sent your Son into the world we can truly celebrate this season of wonder. Fill our hearts with calm assurance so that we might be messengers of peace who joyfully spread your love wherever we go. ☞ **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

At the conclusion of the reading:

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

At the conclusion of the reading:

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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Children's Message

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

At the conclusion of the reading:

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon

Pastor Karen Boda

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

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)

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)

***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

"Prepare the Way"

Praise Team

By Bethany Wohrle, Chris Cleveland, Dante Bowe, Ethan Hulse and Justin Amundrud

***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 "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

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

"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

"Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble"

Verse 1

Did you feel the mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen One

Verse 2

Did you feel the people tremble
Did you hear the singers roar
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving One

Chorus 1

And we can see that God You're moving
A mighty river through the nations
And young and old will turn to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord
Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope

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)

Ending

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

Words and Music by Tim Ferg and Pam Weinelt
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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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Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

Verse 3

Do you feel the darkness tremble
When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness

Chorus 2

And here we see that God You're moving
A time of jubilee is coming
When young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord
Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope
Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

***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"

Words and Music by Darrell Evans and Eric Nuzum
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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

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 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."

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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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 - 76
10:45 AM - 88

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Max and Susan Epling in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Thank you to Max and Susan Epling 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	12/17	8:30/10:45 AM	Third Sunday of Advent
		9:45 AM	Youth Pageant/Cookie Walk
Tues	12/19	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Sanctuary
		7:00 PM	Ladies Night Out Tuscany
Wed	12/20	11:00 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	12/21	11:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study F. Hall
		7:00 PM	Stewardship Mtg room
Sat	12/23	7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Sun	12/24	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		4:00 PM	Christmas Eve –Traditional
		7:00 PM	Christmas Eve –Praise
		9:00 PM	Christmas Eve –Traditional
Mon	12/25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day –Lessons/Carols
Tues -Fri	12/26-12/29	Office Closed	

Upcoming Event Dates

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

Jan 6	Blood Drive F. Hall 8AM - 1 PM
Jan 7	How to spot a scam seminar F. Hall 10 AM
Jan 14	Ministry Fair F. Hall 9:45
Jan 27	LRPTF Circle Conversations 10 AM –1 PM
Jan 28	Family Fun Night Bowling 5 PM



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



Throughout December for Timothy's Cupboard

Pick up a postcard to invite others for worship.