

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

10:45 AM Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

\*You are invited to stand

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### GATHERING

Gathering Music

Praise Team

Welcome

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **C Amen.**
- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P** God of mercy,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**
- P** God of might,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**
- P** God in our midst,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**
- P** A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## Advent Blessing

☞ Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin. As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved. O house of David, come,

☞ **let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.**

## Candle Lighting Song "Come Light Our Hearts"

*Words and Music by Sandra McCracken, © 2015 Integrity Worship Music | Paper News Publishing*

### Chorus

For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait  
For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait  
Truly our hope is in You  
Truly our hope is in You

On all who look to You in the dark  
Emmanuel come come light our hearts  
*(Chorus)*

### Verse 2

Oh joy above all other loves  
In You we find more than enough  
We come as we are O heal and restore  
Come light our hearts *(Chorus)*

### Verse 1

O Lord of life our only hope  
Your radiance shines

## First Reading

☞ A reading from Micah 5:2-5a

*At conclusion of reading*

☞ The Word of the Lord. ☞ Thanks be to God.

**Micah 5:2-5a**

*Pew Bible, Page 849*

## Second Reading

☞ A reading from Hebrews.

*At conclusion of reading*

☞ The Word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

*Pew Bible, Page 1095*

## Children's Message

### \*Gospel Reading

☞ The holy gospel according to Luke.

*At conclusion of reading*

☞ The gospel of the Lord. ☞ **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Luke 1:39-45**

*Pew Bible, Page 932*

## Meditation

**Pastor Karen Boda**

## \*Song of the Day

## “Magnificat”

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend; © 2008 Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

My soul will magnify the Lord  
I rejoice in God my Saviour  
In the wonder of His favour  
For He has done great things for me  
He was mindful of His servant  
Every age shall call me blessed  
The Hope of Abraham come  
In the giving of a Son  
For He who promised is mighty  
In remembering His mercy

### Verse 2

My soul will magnify the Lord  
For His grace to those who fear Him

Through every generation  
The proud He scatters to the wind  
As the ruler’s strength is broken  
And the rich are left with nothing  
The humble lifted high  
And the hungry satisfied  
Our Portion and our Treasure  
Our Hope and Help forever

### Ending

My soul will magnify the Lord  
I rejoice in God my Saviour  
In the wonder of His favour

## \*Apostles’ Creed

☒ 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

*The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, “Lord in your mercy,” worshippers respond with the words, “receive our prayer.”*

## \*Peace

☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always. ☒ **And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God’s peace.)*

 MEAL 

## Offering

*The “Who’s Who in the Pew” pads are passed as the offering is received. For online giving, see the QR code on the back page.*

**\*Offering Prayer**

**A** Let us pray. Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**C** 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/Communion Songs**

**"Prepare The Way"**

*Words and Music by Charlie Hall and Louie Giglio; © sixsteps Music | worshiptogether.com songs*

**Chorus**

Prepare the way prepare the way  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
Prepare the way prepare the way  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus  
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus

**Verse 2**

You are the King of the earth  
You are the King of the earth  
You are the King of the earth Jesus  
You are the King of the earth  
You are the King of the earth  
You are the King of the earth Jesus  
(Chorus)

**Verse 1**

You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world Jesus  
You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world Jesus

## **"Jesus Messiah"**

*Words and Music by Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves; © 2008 Rising Springs Music | Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs | Wondrously Made Songs*

### **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

## **"Emmanuel"**

*Words and Music by Steve Angrisano; © 2004 spiritandsong.com*

### **Chorus**

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

### **Verse 1**

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

### **Verse 2**

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)

### **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  
  
Come come Emmanuel  
Son of God appear  
Heaven and earth rejoice  
Salvation is drawing near  
Salvation is drawing near  
Rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel  
Rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

### **\*Post Communion Blessing**

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

### **\*Prayer After Communion**

☞ Let us pray. Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.☞ **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

## SENDING

### **\*Blessing**

☞ God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ☩ bless and keep you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Song**

### **"Greater Things"**

*Words and Music by Kathryn Scott, Jeremy Riddle, Tayla Rede and Paul Arend;© 2020 Jewellane Publishing | Low Ambition Publishing | Vindicate Publishing | Watershed Music Publishing | Watershed Worship Publishing | Remaining portion is unaffiliated*

#### **Verse 1**

There are greater things  
That are yet to come  
There's a stirring here  
And it's just begun  
We can see Your hand  
We can hear Your voice  
We are ready for You  
Ready for You to come and move

#### **Chorus**

King of all Kings take the highest place  
Be lifted up as we bless Your name  
Reign and revive Jesus have Your way

We are ready for You  
Ready for You to come and move  
We are ready for You  
Ready for You to come and move

#### **Bridge**

To our Father in the Heavens  
Holy is Your name  
May Your kingdom be established in this place  
Would You manifest Your glory  
As we seek Your face  
Come and move here in Your power once  
again (Chorus)

**\*Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Sending Music**

**Praise Team**



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**Christmas Services**  
Christmas Eve | Dec. 24  
Traditional Worship | 4 pm | 9 pm  
Praise Worship | 7 pm  
Christmas Day | Dec. 25  
Lessons & Carols | 10 am  
*Christmas Eve services include candle lighting  
All services include holy communion*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS | DECEMBER 22, 2024**

*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 – 106

10:45 AM - 97

Online – 31

**The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of our Lord, and are given by Tom & Mary Wilson celebrating this amazing congregation.** To help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway, the cost is \$40.

**Thank you to Tom & Mary Wilson for providing the 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.*

### **VISITORS and GUESTS**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following each service for coffee and refreshments.

## This Week

Sun	12/22	8:30   10:45 AM	Worship Services
		9:45   11:45 AM	Fellowship
		12:00 PM	Youth & Family Mtg.
Mon	12/23	7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Tues	12/24	4:00 & 9:00 PM	Traditional Christmas Eve Worship
		7:00 PM	Praise Christmas Eve Worship
Wed	12/25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship   Lessons & Carols
Thur	12/26	Office Closed	
		7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Fri	12/27	Office Closed	
Sun	12/29	8:30   10:45 AM	Worship Services
		9:45   11:45 AM	Fellowship

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