

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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

## Advent Blessing

- 📖 Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people. As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations. O people of hope, come,
- 👉 **let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. 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 Malachi.  
*At conclusion of reading*
- 📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God.

**Malachi 3:1-4**  
*Pew Bible, Page 874*

## Second Reading

- 📖 A reading from Philippians.  
*At conclusion of reading*
- 📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 **Thanks be to God**

**Philippians 1:3-11**  
*Pew Bible, Page 1068*

## 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 3:1-6**  
*Pew Bible, Page 934*

## Meditation

**Pastor Karen Boda**

## **\*Song of the Day**

## **“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 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

### **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)

## **\*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**

**"Emmanuel"**

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

**Chorus 1**

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 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)

**Chorus 2**

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

## **"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

## **"Even So Come"**

*Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, and Jason Ingram; © S.D.G. Publishing|Sixsteps Songs|Worship Together Music|Openhands Music|So Essential Tunes|Lily Makes Music|Remaining portion is unaffiliated*

### **Verse 1**

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

### **Verse 2**

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

### **Chorus**

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
God we wait You're coming soon  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

## **\*Post Communion Blessing**

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

## **\*Prayer After Communion**

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

## **Announcements**

### SENDING

## **\*Blessing**

**P** God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey,  $\mp$  bless and keep you now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## **\*Sending Song**

## **"Greater Things"**

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### **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**

# Joyous Light

WEDNESDAYS

DECEMBER 4, 11, 18

NOON AND 7:30 PM

*Make a Wooden Nativity with  
Youth and Family Committee during the  
hour before each service*

• **DECEMBER 11: LUKE 2:8-20**

*EXPLORE "THE CHARACTERS" OF THE NATIVITY  
AND CRAFT SHEPHERDS.*

• **DECEMBER 18: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

*MEDITATE ON "HEARING THE STORY"  
AFTER MAKING WISE PEOPLE.*

FELLOWSHIP WILL PROVIDE  
DESSERT AT 6:30 PM  
DURING THE CRAFT TIME  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

And don't miss our regular worship services on Sunday, December 15, for unique approach to Christmas in Song, Story, and Costume at 8:30 and 10:45 AM. Feel free to dress as your favorite nativity character. (Limited costumes will be available at church). The nativity craft this day will feature Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus and will take place in between services at 9:45 AM and will also be the time of our Annual Christmas Cookie Walk.



Pick up a post card on the Welcome Desk and invite someone to a Christmas Service this year.

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