

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:30 AM Traditional 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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

**“Kommst Du Nun, Jesu,
-Vom Himmel Herunter”**

Chase Petersen

J.S. Bach

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.

GATHERING HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264

*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

- ☐ 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. ☑ **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.**

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW # 257 vs. 2

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

PSALM: LUKE 1:68-79 *(Sung responsively, R indicates Refrain to be sung by all.)*

REFRAIN

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high will break up - on us.

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| <p>☐ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people
and set them free.</p> <p>☑ You have raised up for us a mighty
Savior,
born of the house of your servant
David.</p> | <p>☐ Through your holy prophets, you
promised of old to save us from our
enemies
from the hands of all who hate us,
☑ to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy
covenant.</p> |
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- A** This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
- C** **free to worship you | without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. R**
- A** And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

- C** **to give God’s people knowledge | of salvation by the forgiveness | of their sins.**
- A** In the tender compassion | of our God the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
- C** **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death, and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. R**

SECOND READING

L A reading from Philippians.
At conclusion of reading

Philippians 1:3-11
Pew Bible, Page 1068

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sung*)

front of ELW pg. 142

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

***GOSPEL READING**

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

Luke 3:1-6

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

Pew Bible, Page 934

At conclusion of reading

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

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “There’s A Voice in the Wilderness”

ELW #255

*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.)



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.

OFFERTORY

"Prepare Ye!"

-Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir

*OFFERING HYMN

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

ELW #247

*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. **☩** Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Front of ELW pg. 144



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***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**

LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

Front of ELW pg. 146

☑ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

ELW #250

*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. **A** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 SENDING 

*BLESSING

P 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.

*SENDING HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound!”

ELW #239

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

A Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Freu Dich Sehr”

Chase Petersen

-Justin Knecht

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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