

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 15, 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

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Christmas Pastorate”

Bells of Good Shepherd

- Douglas Wagner

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

☞ Let us pray. Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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 might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free. As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus. O ransomed people of the Lord, come,

☞ **let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.**

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** - *Sandra Eithun*

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

*At conclusion of each reading*

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

**Bells of Good Shepherd**

**Mark 1:1-3**

*Pew Bible, Page 910*

**"The Angel Gabriel, from Heaven Came"**

**MARY & ANGEL GABRIEL**

**ELW # 265 vs. 1-2**

**Luke 1:26-31**

*Pew Bible, Page 931*

**"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"**

**MARY'S MAGNIFICAT**

**ELW #251 vs. 1**

**Luke 1:46-55**

*Pew Bible, Page 932*

**"Joseph's Song"** - *Words and Music by Michael Card*

**JOSEPH**

**Chase Petersen**

**Matthew 1:19-23**

*Pew Bible, Page 877*

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

**STABLE ANIMALS**

**ELW #279 vs. 1 & 4**

**Luke 2:1-7**

*Pew Bible, Page 933*

**"Angels We Have Heard on High"** - *Arr Kurt Bestor*

**SHEPHERD, SHEEP & ANGELS**

**Chase Petersen/Pam Weinelt**

**Luke 2:8-20**

*Pew Bible, Page 933*

**"As With Gladness Men of Old"**

**MAGI & CAMELS**

**ELW #302 vs. 1 & 4**

**Matt 2:1-2, 9-12**

*Pew Bible, Page 877*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”**

**ELW #247**

**\*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**

**“Advent Carol”**

**Chancel Choir**

*-Richard Purvis*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

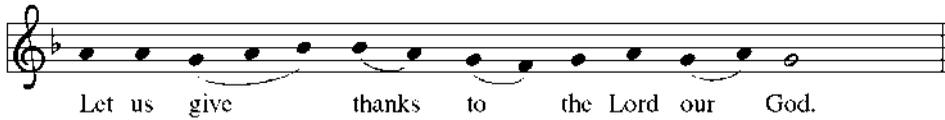
**☩ Let us pray. Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ☩ Amen.**



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.

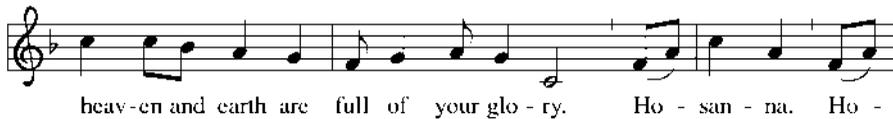


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** 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

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

ELW #256

“Savior, of the Nations, Come”

ELW #263

## \*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.

## \*SENDING HYMN

“Love Has Come”

ELW #292

## \*DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

☩ Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Noel Étranger”

Chase Petersen

-Louis Daquin



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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