

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 15, 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

"Christmas Pastorale"

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

- P** 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. **C Amen.**

## 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"**  
**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Bells of Good Shepherd**  
**Mark 1:1-3**

*Pew Bible, Page 910*

**"Gabriel's Message"**

### Verse 1

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came  
His wings as drifted snow His eyes as flame  
All hail said he thou lowly maiden Mary  
Most highly favored lady gloria

**MARY & ANGEL GABRIEL**

### Verse 2

For known a blessed mother thou shalt be  
All generations laud and honor thee  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold  
Most highly favored maiden gloria

**Luke 1:26-31**

*Pew Bible, Page 931*

**"Holden Magnificat"**

### Verse 1

My soul proclaims your greatness O God  
And my spirit rejoices in you  
You have looked with love on your servant  
here  
And blessed me all my life through

### Chorus 1

Great and mighty are you o holy one  
Strong is your kindness evermore  
How you favor the weak and lowly one  
Humbling the proud of heart

### Verse 2

You have cast the mighty down from their  
thrones

And uplifted the humble of heart  
You have filled the hungry with wondrous  
things  
And left the wealthy no part

### Chorus 2

Great and mighty are you o faithful one  
Strong is your justice strong your love  
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham  
Kindness forevermore.

### Ending

My soul proclaims your greatness O God  
And my spirit rejoices in you  
You have looked with love on your servant  
here  
And blessed me all my life through

**MARY'S MAGNIFICAT**

**Luke 1:46-55**

*Pew Bible, Page 932*

**"Joseph's Song"**  
**JOSEPH**

**Praise Team**  
**Matthew 1:19-23**  
*Pew Bible, Page 877*

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

**Verse 1**

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light

The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

**Chorus 1**

In thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

**STABLE ANIMALS**

**Luke 2:1-7**

*Pew Bible, Page 933*

**"The First Noel"**

**Verse 1**

The first Noel, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as  
they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Chorus**

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**SHEPHERDS, SHEEP & ANGELS**

**Luke 2:8-20**

*Pew Bible, Page 933*

**"We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

**Verse 1**

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

**Chorus**

O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

**MAGI & CAMELS**

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

*Pew Bible, Page 877*

**Meditation**

**Pastor Karen Boda**

## \*Song of the Day

## "Even So Come"

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### 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

## \*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.*

## Song During Offering

## "Waiting Here For You"

## Praise Team

- Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Martin Smith

## **\*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**

#### **"O Come O Come Emmanuel"**

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#### **Verse 1**

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

#### **Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

#### **Verse 2**

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight

#### **Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

#### **Interlude**

Oh oh

#### **Verse 3**

O come Thou Key of David come  
And open wide our heavenly home  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery

#### **Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

## “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

### 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)

## “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

## \*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

**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



## \*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.

**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

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)

### Chorus

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

## \*Dismissal

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

**G Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Music

## Praise Team

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