"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths

Straight.'"

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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#### \* WORSHIP NOTES \*

- Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.
- Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.
- All baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.
- When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.

#### SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

#### Prelude

We Stand

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.
- P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God of new beginnings,

C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
we have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on + Christ,

and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn Come Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196
(back of bulletin)

#### 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

CELEBRATE INSERT

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- L: Blessed are you, O Lord our god, ruler of the universe.
- C: John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near.
- L: Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness
- C: welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
- L: for he is our light and our salvation.
- C: Amen.

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

ELW 240 v. 1-2

We sit

#### FIRST READING

CELEBRATE INSERT

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** 

CELEBRATE INSERT

(spoken or chanted responsively)

SECOND READING

CELEBRATE INSERT

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

We stand

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The holy gospel according to ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

CELBRATE INSERT

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit

#### SERMON

We stand

Hymn of the Day On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ELW 249

#### APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: 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

CELEBRATE INSERT

**PEACE** (a time set aside for sharing only God's peace)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

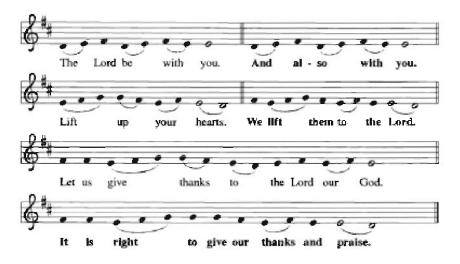
We stand

#### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

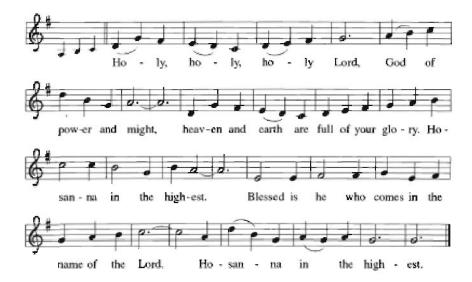
C: Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread and wine,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, a good and joyful thing...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life;
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you For Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

## C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## P: With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

#### C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

## C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,

power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

## C: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

#### COMMUNION

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center of the tray

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen.

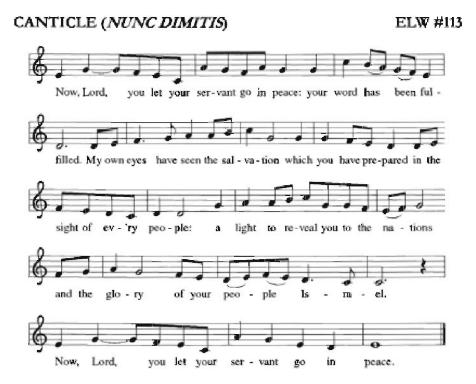
## LAMB OF GOD (Agraus Dei)



Communion Hymn All Earth is Hopeful WOV 629 (back of bulletin)

#### BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

P: God the eternal Word,
 who dwells with us in Jesus,
 and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
 H bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Prepare the Royal Highway

**ELW 264** 

#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

## REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Counters this week are Jim and Sue Whiting

Guest Pastor: Rev. Scherry Fouke Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Pianist: Sara Poovey Lector: Sue Whiting Zoom: Tony Anderson

Office Secretary: Cody Nelson



#### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



#### Members

Healing, comfort & strength

Pastor Bob Schefter

Elizabeth Schefter

Josh & Bergen Gray, God's guidance

Robert French, comfort and peace in the tragic death of his daughter, Crystal

Family & Friends of Troy Absher, comfort in time of sorrow

Bill Poovey

Sally Allen

Carolyn Absher

Darlene Kline

Juanita Reynolds

Our congregation and future pastor – that we are guided by the Holy Spirit as we go through the call process

#### Family & Friends

Healing, comfort, strength & peace

Family & Friends of Shannon Mason, Cody Nelson's uncle, comfort in time of sorrow

Bill & Genie Wallingford, Larry & Jan Wallingford's family

Gary & Irene Nielson, comfort and peace in the sudden death of their son

Cheryl Ward, Mike & Chris Thompson's friend

Liam Cottrell, Bergen Gray's co-worker

Family & Friends of DeForest Way, Mike Thompson's friend, comfort in time of sorrow

Ric Van Horn, Karoline Van Horn's husband

Amy Anderson, Alan Anderson's niece

Morgan Corthell, Larry & Jan Wallingford's granddaughter

Jackie & Dwayne Collins, Nancy McLoughlin's friends

Mary Jean Wesche, Ed & Judy Skorski's friend

## From our Community

Libby Long, guidance, comfort, assurance and peace

### Military Serving our Country

Protection, comfort & strength

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother lan Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member

## Advent Study

Our Advent study continues on Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm in the narthex.

Once again, we will explore one of Pastor Adam Hamilton's series entitled "Incarnation - Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas".

We will read a chapter each week, watch a short DVD and have discussion.

## News from Deborah Circle

Attention Ladies of Good Shepherd, instead of our regular meeting on Friday, December 9, Sally Allen has graciously invited all the ladies of Good Shepherd and their friends to a potluck lunch at her house.

- -Friday, December 9, 2022 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
- -Sally Allen: 4645 Fowler Drive, Morristown, TN 37814
- -Meet at Church at 11:30 p.m. to carpool to Sally's house
- -Please bring: Cover dish to share. We will be having ham.

If you don't eat ham, please bring what you prefer to eat. It can be a vegetable dish, fruit, anything you like, but please no fish dishes.

-Desserts, etc. Drinks will be supplied by Sally as well as the ham.

Also, please bring a wrapped White Elephant gift for a game. For the White Elephant gift, please no scented candles, perfume, etc..

Questions: Please contact Chris Thompson at 865-674-0133 or Sally Allen at 423-327-2789 or email us (please see Church directory).

Please sign - up for the Christmas Lunch on the sheet in the narthex on the tall table.

Please write your name and who may come with you and what you plan to bring for the lunch.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, December 9.

Blessings,

Chris Thompson

## Food Pantry

The Food pantry will be open on Monday December 19 from 10 am to 12 pm. Needs:

- -All soups except Cream of Mushroom or Cream of Chicken
- Beef Stew
- -Chili
- -Canned meats: Vienna sausage, chicken, ham, Tuna Fish
- -Mac & Cheese,
- -Peanut Butter,
- -Jelly/Jam,
- -Dried beans,
- -Rice,
- -Pasta, Sauce, Spaghetti,
- -All types of fruit,
- -Carrots, Canned potatoes
- -Instant Milk
- -Large and small boxes of cereal
- -Saltine crackers
- Cheese & crackers
- -Peanut Butter & crackers

Please remember to buy cans with pull tab lids.

I can't thank each of you enough for your generosity in keeping the Food Pantry stocked.

We will also need volunteers to sign up for the third Monday of each month in 2023.

Please see sign-up sheet in Narthex on the tall table.

Blessings,

Chris Thompson

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830, harm. from The English Hymnal. 1906

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# All Earth Is Hopeful Toda la tierra



## COMING UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News Tuesday, December 6 5:30 pm Christ News 7:00 pm American Legion Wednesday, December 7 7:00-8:00 pm Advent Study Friday, December 9 12:00 pm Deborah Circle Home of Sally Allen Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 11 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News Tuesday, December 13 5:30 pm Christ News Wednesday, December 14 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm Community Dinner 7:00-8:00 pm Advent Study Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News Monday, December 19 10 am-12 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Christ News Tuesday, December 20 Wednesday, December 21 7:00-8:00 pm Advent Study Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24 7:00 pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25	Nativity of our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Saturday, December 31	7 pm-12 am Christ News
Sunday, January 1	Name of Jesus 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Sunday, January 8	Baptism of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News