

She will bear a son,
and you are to name
him Jesus, for he
will save his people
from their sins.



Matthew 1:21

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

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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

P: ✠ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

ELW 263

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. 1-4

We sit

FIRST READING

CELEBRATE INSERT

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

CELEBRATE INSERT

SECOND READING

CELEBRATE INSERT

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to ...

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

GOSPEL

CELEBRATE INSERT

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit

SERMON

We stand

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257

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

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, a good and joyful thing...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

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 (*Agnus Dei*)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We stand

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE (*Nunc Dimitis*)

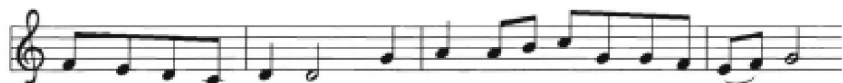
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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

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,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **ELW 631**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Counters this week are Amy Hancock and Sara Poovey

Guest Pastor: Rev. Ed Wolff

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Pianist: Sara Poovey

Lector: Cody Nelson

Zoom: Josh Gray

Office Secretary: Cody Nelson



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Members

Healing, comfort & strength

Pastor Bob Scheffer

Elizabeth Scheffer

Josh & Bergen Gray, *God's guidance*

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

Ashley Puckett, *Ric & Karoline Van Horn's daughter*

Lisa Poovey, *Bill & Sara Poovey's daughter-in-law*

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

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

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*

Military Serving our Country

Protection, comfort & strength

John Gray, *Joshua Gray's brother*

Ian Anderson, *Alan Anderson's nephew*

Joshua Sheaf, *Good Shepherd member*

2023 Flower Chart

The 2023 flower chart is now hanging in the narthex. Please consider signing up as you are able. The cost is \$45 for two Sundays. Therefore, you may sign up for two consecutive Sundays.

Advent Study

Our Advent study continues 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.

Deborah Circle

News from Deborah Circle

All the ladies of Good Shepherd and their friends are invited to attend our next Deborah Circle meeting on Friday, January 13, 2023. We will meet in the narthex of the church at 10:00 a.m. Please read chapter 1 of Power Surge by Michael W. Foss. We will be discussing this chapter at our meeting. If you need this book, please see Chris Thompson. There are two books available for anyone.

We are looking forward to seeing all the ladies on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Blessings,

Chris Thompson, Secretary.

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

COMING UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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
Tuesday, December 20	5:30 pm Christ News
Wednesday, December 21	7:00 pm—8:00 pm Advent Study
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 25	Nativity of our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Tuesday, December 27	5:30 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
Tuesday, January 3	5:30 pm Christ News
Sunday, January 8	Baptism of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Tuesday, January 10	5:30 pm Christ News