

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3

Pastor Amy Larson

Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Brooke Joyce, Music Director



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

9:30 a.m.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Stand as you are able; Congregation responses are  
Page numbers (P.) found in front of red book in pew; hymn nu*

### GATHERING

**GATHERING** "Qui Sedes, Domine" - Brooke Joyce

**PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God, who comes to wake us from  
who leads us into the light of grace. **Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God of all time, **we confess that we have not prepared for your  
us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice.  
In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light  
things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

In ☐ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new.  
Rejoice in this good news! **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG:** # 436 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

**\*GREETING-KYRIE** P. 138-139

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH- HYMN #262** Wait for the

### WORD

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 64:1-9

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore | us, O God;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD | God of hosts,**

**how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears;


you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**


**and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.  
<sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,  
 the one you have made so strong | for yourself.  
<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- | way from you;  
 give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.  
<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;  
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**  
**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have th



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL:** Mark 13:24-37  
 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** # 435 Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

each petition ends: Stir up your power, O God; **stir up your power and come**

**\*PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you**

**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** "Hear Us" - Joyce

**\*OFFERING SONG:** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, vs. 1

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
 Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**\*OFFERING PRAYER - COMMUNION LITURGY P. 144**

**LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 145 *Our Father in Heaven..* (during Advent we version of the Lord's prayer)

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** P.146 Lamb of God, #247 Come Now, C #257 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, #438 My Lord, What a Mornir

**TABLE BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

\*SENDING SONG: #260 The King Shall Come

\*PRAYER BELL - DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Savior of the Nations, Come" - Paul Manz

(The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps

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### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Sunday, December 3** - First Sunday of Advent

8:15 a.m. - Choir Warm Up

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion - 11 a.m. Broadcast

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Youth Forum

10:50 a.m. - Adult Forum: The Art of Sister Mary Thomas – Brooke Joyce

**Tuesday, December 5**

4:00 p.m. Mary Circle - Marilyn Larson hosts

**Wednesday, December 6**

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

5:30 p.m. - Advent Service

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 7**

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Pr. Amy

12:00 p.m. - Communications Sub-committee

1:30 p.m. - Property and Management Committee

5:00 p.m. - Community Meal at First Lutheran

**Friday, December 8**

11:30 a.m. - Education Committee

**Sunday, December 10** - Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. - Band Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion – Live Broadcast

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Youth Forum

10:50 a.m. - Adult Forum: Vesterheim and Immigration - President/CEO Chris Johnson

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** – USHERS: J Faldet; GREETER: Reg Laursen; ACOLYTE: Lulu & Poppy Bellrichard; LIGHTING: The Bellrichard Family; ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Larso Struve; COMMUNION SERVER: Martha Steele, ALTAR GUILD: Jeri L Linda Wolfs; FELLOWSHIP: Jeri Laursen, John Jefferson, Marion Pru Naslund, Barbara Berg; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Amy Larson.

**ADULT FORUM TODAY- The Art of Sister Mary Thomas, PCPA**

Brooke Joyce will show and tell about his cousin, Sister Mary Thomas, a cloistered nun in Cleveland for more than 50 years. She is also a trained artist who has created large-scale murals for churches around the country. Her mural, "The Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and the Communion of Saints," is a masterpiece and will be installed at the Vatican.

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY** - Altar Guild has again arranged an economical way to provide poinsettias for the Christmas season. Payment, are to be placed through the Church Office no later than December 18; cost is \$12.00/plant. Checks should be made payable to Lutheran Church with Poinsettia in the memo line. Plants may be given as memorials by including names with the order. Decorah Greenhouses will provide poinsettias wrapped in gold foil on December 22. They will be placed in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 24, through January 7. Plants may be ordered after the 7th or earlier, if desired. Last year, 18 plants graced our sanctuary and we appreciate and welcome your contributions to our Poinsettia Project.

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL, "A PLACE TO CONNECT: WITH GOD, OUR WORLD"**: As of Friday, 87 households have completed a Stewardship Appeal. We have passed our goal of 85 households - this means two generous members have joined. We have not yet sent in their intent to join others so we can see our goal. Good Shepherd households have offered intents of over \$64,000 through regular giving and one time gifts. If you have yet to fill out your Stewardship Appeal, it is still time for you to participate. Please fill out a form today so the plan for next year.

**DECEMBER 6 WORSHIP LEADERSHIP** USHER: Steve Zittergruen; ACOLYTE: David Judisch; GREETER: David Judisch; PRESIDERS: Amy Larson & Steve Zittergruen

**DECEMBER 10 WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** – USHERS: J Fritz; GREETER: Doris Barnaal; ACOLYTE: Weston & Mason Cote; ASSISTING MINISTER: Lisa Zittergruen; CANTOR: Megan Buckingham; COMMUNION SERVER: Jeri Laursen, Chris Hick, Linda Wolfs; FELLOWSHIP: Linda Wolfs, Diane Kruse; ALTAR GUILD: Jeri Laursen, Chris Hick, Linda Wolfs; FELLOWSHIP: Linda Wolfs, Diane Kruse; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Amy Larson.

**ADULT FORUM DECEMBER 10** - *What role should Vesterheim Norwegian – American Museum play in our national discussion about immigration?* Vesterheim’s mission is to celebrate the living heritage of Norwegian immigrants to America and to share this cultural legacy for the inspiration and enrichment of people of all backgrounds. As the museum makes plans for the future questions to ponder are, *How it can do a better job of telling the Norwegian immigration story, and How that story can be made more relevant to those who are not of Norwegian ancestry?* Congregation member and Vesterheim President/CEO Chris Johnson will lead what he hopes will be a back-and-forth discussion and is seeking your perspectives on this topic.

**TREE DECORATING DECEMBER 10** - We will be decorating the Christmas tree next Sunday, December 17 at 11:30am, following Sunday School. Please come help!

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM-** Will be Sunday, December 17 at 5pm. Sandwiches and cookies will be served following the program. Please bring a plate of cookies to share.

**SYMPATHY** to Ruth Hasvold whose mother, Teresa Velez, died Monday, November 27 in Cuenca, Ecuador and to Bob and Ann Naslund whose grandson, Brendan Nuredahl, died Tuesday, November 28. The funeral for Brendan will be December 9, 11 a.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES** will be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 6, 13 and 20. We will sing Holden Evening Prayer and will hear the ancient, beautiful, contemplative O Antiphons chanted. (These are most familiar to us as verses of O Come, O Come Emmanuel.) The services will last about 30 minutes; followed by informal meal gatherings at local restaurants. This Advent, come into prayer, reflection and community.

**THE LUREN SINGING SOCIETY** will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10th, at Decorah Lutheran Church, at 3:00 PM. Admission is free and a free offering will be taken for Disaster Relief and for the Decorah Area Food Pantry. This year, the Good Shepherd Lutheran Band, directed by Brooke Joyce, will be featured during part of the concert. Several Good Shepherd members participate in the Luren Singers and their director is Dave Judisch. Come support Good Shepherd members making music during this special season.

**THE DECORAH CHORALE** will present their 18th annual “Home for Christmas” benefit concert for the Winneshiek County Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, December 9, 7:00 pm at the Decorah Lutheran Church.

**PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family:** Cathy Bakke, Shirley Casel Mary Fritz, Ruth Hasvold and family, Elizabeth Kaschins and family, Harland Nelson and family, Anthony Ruiz, the Solberg Family, Anv and the staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place, and Val and Daniel Grainger studying through Wartburg Seminary. Debraann (cousin of Louise Duwe), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne (father of Brooke Joyce), Doris Buresh (mother of Tom Buresh), Hele Knudsvig (son of Leota Knudsvig), Beth Knudsvig (daughter in-law of Lester (father of David Lester), Phyllis Grainger (mother of Daniel C Jorgensen (nephew of Jeri Laursen), Mary Lou Mohr, Rosalyn Ramse (friend of Judy Schoel), Jean Swiggum, Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebad Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Congregation in Tsu

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.** exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* church affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and other persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation.

**WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.** Guests are welcome to sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews. Guests, you’re invited to take an information card about Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd members are invited to share information cards about Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd members are invited to share information cards about Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd members are invited to share information cards about Good Shepherd.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** Ushers will be at the communion line which forms at the back of the sanctuary and moves forward. You wish to have the Pastor serve Communion in the pew, please inform the Usher. The bread is gluten-free. Receive the bread with open hands, then the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. Egg-free Communion is available upon request. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in prayer. You are also welcome to remain in the pew and offer prayers.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME.** The presence of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. Our congregation is glad to share in this work. A nursery is also available for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well. **All grade, including children who are guests today, are welcome to join us from 10:50 - 11:30 a.m.** Listen for the bell during Fellowship Hour on Sunday School. Parents, please sign your kids in and out. **All youth are invited to Youth Forum in the Annex from 10:50 - 11:30 a.m.**

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