

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ... Psalm 100:3



**Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2022**

## **ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

*Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.*

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW (red book)**, All Creation Sings-**ACS (purple book)**

Page numbers (P.) in front of ELW and hymn numbers (#) in back of ELW and ACS  
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC:** “Ex Sion Species Decoris” - Brooke Joyce

**PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**KYRIE:** p. 193-194

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of

God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## ADVENT WREATH LITANY

Let us join in prayer together.

**Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.**

You fasten righteousness around your waist  
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

**Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames;**

teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

**We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth. Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF WREATH *as the hymn is introduced*

### \*HYMN: ELW 263 Savior of the Nations Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
- 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version

Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

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**\*GREETING:** From the one who is, who was and who is to come, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray ... **Amen.**

## WORD

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 7:10-16

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 - *Psalm 80 is a lament over the destruction of Jerusalem by foreign powers. The psalmist pleads for God's intervention with the powerful demand in verse 2: Stir up your strength and come to save us! This petition is the source for our beautiful Advent prayers, which each begin with the words: Stir up.*

<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.

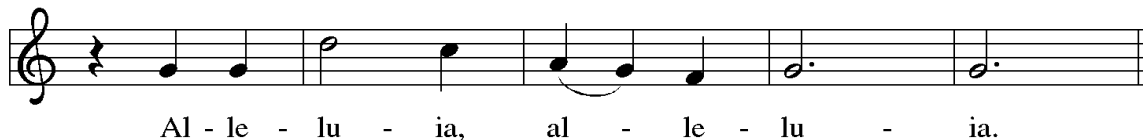
<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**

## **SECOND READING:** Romans 1:1-7

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **\*GOSPEL:** Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

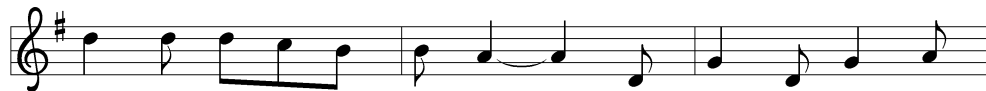
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 242 Awake! Awake! and Greet the New Morn! vs. 1, 2, 4**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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**\*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.**

*We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.*

## MEAL

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ELW 262 Wait for the Lord – sung 2 times

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' The score consists of two systems, each with a Soprano line and a Bass line. The first system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system also ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Text: Taizé Community  
Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray ... **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY-LORDS PRAYER:** P. 199-201

...Together let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup... We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.... Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven...** (we will pray the ecumenical version of the prayer during Advent)

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All are welcome at Christ's table. The ushers will direct you out to the aisle on the right of your pew, you will return on the aisle to the left of your pew. You can hold out your hands to receive gluten and dairy free bread, then the plate of cups will be offered for you to select red wine or grape juice. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart. If you need an individual, pre-packaged serving of bread and wine, please request that of your server. Place wine/juice cups in the basket by the aisle as you return to your pew.

**Sunday school youth, leaders, and fellowship servers are invited up first to allow time for fellowship before programming. If Pr. Amy forgets to announce this just come up!**

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** Lamb of God P. 201, ELW 247 Come Now, O Prince of Peace (see next page)



*O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm*  
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



*u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.*  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope  
 Music: OSOSŌ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947  
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## \*TABLE BLESSING- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION... Amen.

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING ... Amen.

#### \*SENDING SONG: ELW 248 People Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:** “Savior of the Nations, Come” - Johann Pachelbel

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY** –USHERS: Jeri Laursen, John Moeller; ASSISTING MINISTER: Reg Laursen; READER: Harland Nelson, CANTOR: Melanie Folkerts; FELLOWSHIP: Ruth & Jerry Bruce, Ingrid Callaghan, Sandya Purohit Caton; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Rev. Amy Zalk Larson

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY:** All are invited to Fellowship Hour today – Jerry & Ruth Bruce are hosting in honor and **celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TONIGHT:** You are invited to the Christmas Program put on by Good Shepherd youth TONIGHT Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. A dinner will be served following with sandwiches, (gluten and dairy free options), chips, and homemade desserts. Come join the festivities!

**Note to Families:** Please plan to have your children at church by 4:15 p.m. Parent volunteers are needed to help with costumes and keep kids busy before the program starts. Parents volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving and clean up of the dinner. Please email Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Kelli Gapinski at [kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org) to volunteer. Children providing special music will need to be at the church by 4:00 p.m.

**USHERS & READER NEEDED:** Ushers and a reader are still needed for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service. Help create a welcoming service and sign up by contacting the Church Office or on the paper outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER- WINTER SOLISTICE-LONGEST NIGHT** This week we continue our series on Opening to Holy Disruption with the final practice of **rejoicing**. On the longest night, in a season that can be difficult for many, we'll practice opening to God's gift of joy- joy that is not dependent on our circumstances and not up to us to manufacture. *You can join this practice at home. Begin with 3 deep breaths. Then, on an inhale, close your fists. On an exhale, open them and raise your hands in a gesture of offering and thanksgiving. Try this 3 times.*

### **CHRISTMAS WITH GOOD SHEPHERD:**

**Christmas Eve worship:** Dec. 24, 5pm, Preaching, Carols, Holy Communion, Candle lighting

**Christmas Day worship:** Dec. 25- 9:30am, Preaching, Carols, Holy Communion

**Second Sunday of Christmas:** Jan. 1- 9:30am, Service of Lessons and Carols, Holy Communion. Following this service folks are invited to stay and help take down the ornaments from the tree. After all are welcome to bring a tray of leftover treats and share in coffee and fellowship together!



**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY** - Altar Guild announces that the **deadline has been extended to Tuesday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m.** The cost is \$15.00. The red poinsettias will be placed on the altar rail for the Season of Christmas beginning with our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Place your order with Erica by phone, email, or leave a check in the office made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Poinsettia on the memo line. You are welcome to pick up your plant after the Christmas Sunday Service.

**SIGN UP TO HELP WITH JANUARY DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL:** Good Shepherd is scheduled to provide volunteers, salads, and desserts for the **January Community Meal on Thursday, January 5**, at Decorah Lutheran Church. This **free** Community Meal is held the first Thursday of each month, with serving from 5:00-6:15 p.m. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College and different organizations provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. Sign-up on the board by the Fellowship Hall or contact **Erica** at the church office, **563-382-3963** or [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org).

- **STILL NEEDED:** 2 volunteer workers 4:15-5:30 pm, 5 volunteer workers 5:20-6:45 pm, 4 green salads, 1 fruit salad, 3 other salad/side, 6 desserts

**END OF GIVING YEAR:** As we approach the end of 2022, the Church Office requests any final gifts intended towards a 2022 pledge be given **before** Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Thank you.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** Stephanie Hoff, a member of Good Shepherd who has been worshipping online through Covid until just recently, has polycystic kidney disease (PKD). This has caused her kidney function to diminish over time. She is now in Stage 5, the last stage of chronic kidney disease, and needs a kidney transplant. She is seeking a living donor and is reaching out for your help. That help can take many forms: your prayers and positive support; your willingness to share her story with family and friends who might know someone who is willing to become a living donor; and your serious consideration of becoming a living donor. For the complete story and more information about living kidney donation:  
[www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/)

**EXCITING UPDATE - 2023 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL "FRUIT of the SPIRIT":** The Stewardship Committee reports that the goal has been met! Thank you for your gifts, intents, and prayers in this process. Statements of Intent are still welcome! You can bring your statement to worship and place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, mail, or complete it online at [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/online-statement-of-intent/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/online-statement-of-intent/) If you need a Statement of Intent form, they are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**2023 GIVING ENVELOPES:** Giving envelopes for 2023 are available for pick up on the counter outside of the offices.

**ARE YOU TRAINED IN CPR OR WOULD LIKE TO BE?** The Facilities and Grounds Committee would like to identify GS Members who are trained in CPR, so they can create a team who can respond with CPR and the AED defibrillator when necessary. The Committee is also planning to host a CPR training/recertification class at GS. If you are trained in CPR or would like to be, please contact Erica at the Church Office.

**ERICA OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Monday & Tuesday: 10:00-5:00 pm, Friday 8:00-10:00 am. I will be available via voicemail and email on other days. Thank you.

### PRAYER LIST:

**Good Shepherd Family:** Clara and Karl Knudson and family, Wood Family, Jonathon Struve, Sandhya Purohit Caton, Donna Bahr, Harland Nelson, Charilyn Hover, Melanie Folkerts, Jerrine Jacobsen, Glenn Nelson, Janet Gall, Verne Koenig, Lowell Erdman, Ed Hover, Jutta Anderson, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, Mosaic Homes, and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, and those preparing for public ministry: Joseph Doegen and Kathryn Thompson. **Relatives and Friends:** Diane Borness (Sister of Marilyn Anderson), The family of Luke Hackman (Friends of the Bureshs), Carol Moe (Naomi Craft's sister), Ann Hovde Nelson (Daughter-in-law of Glenn Nelson and Jane Borelli), Sarah Jane, Tim and Sue Broderick (friends of Jerry and Ruth Bruce), Bob Bruce (Son of Jerry & Ruth Bruce), Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), Robin Darland (Friend of Erik Berg), Dennis Martin (brother-in-law of the Slinds) Karen & Randy Erion (friends of Charilyn & Ed Hover), Nathan Scheuerelein (grandson of Bonnie Flora), Lynzee Makowski (friend of Laurie Biedermann), John Monson (Martha Monson Lowe's father), Jane Hood (Martha Monson Lowe's cousin), Erik Wangsness (nephew of Sharon Drew), Todd Hove (son of Gloria Hove), Aaron Buzza (son of Jim and Kathy), Marilyn Walli (Cousin of Marv Slind), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebeade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary.

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*Please sign the red hospitality books for the sake of welcome and as a record of worship attendance. Guests, if you leave your email in the hospitality books, the Church Office will contact you if there is news of a positive case of COVID in worship.*

**WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.** All are invited to join in fellowship following worship – treats and beverages are available on the far side of the church building.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE.** The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags are available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child. An Infant Feeding Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary) for more privacy if desired.

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** *This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Antiracism Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each week: find the full statement at [goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-Statement](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code:*



**We trust** in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)