

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



Christmas Day Worship

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.

The building is in the process of becoming carbon neutral.

Please excuse the mess!

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 MUSIC

PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ELW #275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

***CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE and GREETING:**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world!

The light no darkness can overcome.

In Christ, God's Word is made flesh and lives among us.

In him is life, and the life is the light of all people.

Let us rejoice and give thanks!

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: ELW #267 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4 - Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN:** ELW #292 Love Has Come - see next page

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de Noël's composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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*GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

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

REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #295 Of the Father's Love Begotten — see next page

Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* God of grace, hear our prayer.

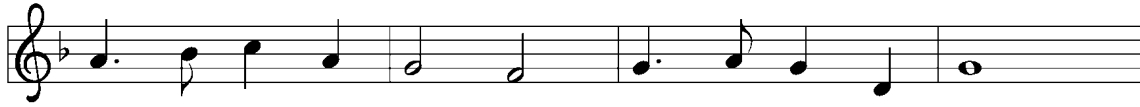
*** PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING SONG: ELW #294 In the Bleak Midwinter



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

*OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray ... Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING - WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *(sung to the tune of Angels, from the Realms of Glory)*

Holy, holy, Lord most holy,

God of pow'r and God of might:

heav'n and earth reveal your glory.

Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!

Blessed be the coming Savior.

Hail, hosanna, Lord of light

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.

HOLY COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew where communion will be served in a continuous line in front of the altar. 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 altar as you return to your pew.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: ELW #286 Your Little Ones Dear Lord, ELW #296 What Child is This?

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
sweet-est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

***TABLE BLESSING- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION... Amen.**

SENDING

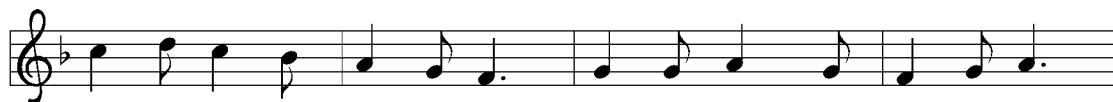
***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG:** ELW #288 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice – see *next page*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

PRAYER BELL/DISMISSAL: Go in Peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!

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POINSETTIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Marv & Mickey Slind

In Memory of Don Kemp – Jane Kemp

In Memory of Rev. Paul Hasvold – Carol Hasvold

In Honor of Jane Jakoubek – Ruth & Jerry Bruce

In Thankful Memory of Our Parents – Dave & Kris Peterson

In Memory of Our Family Members – Marie & Russell Freerking

In Gratitude for the People of Good Shepherd – Pastor Amy Zalk Larson & family

In Memory of Joe Callaghan, Liv Østby, Glen Erik Andersen- Ingrid Callaghan

In Honor of the Good Shepherd Church Family: my church home away from home. – Melissa Jackson

In Gratitude for 2022 Blessings – Connie & Tom Buresh

In Honor of Mike & Carol Moe – Naomi Craft

In Remembrance of our grandson, Brendan Numedahl – Ann & Bob Naslund

In Honor of Glenn Nelson – Jane Borelli

In Memory of Sarah K. Caton – The Caton Family

In Gratitude for Pastor Amy, Brooke, Kelli, and Erica – Joyce and Ed Epperly

White poinsettias: Honor Altar Guild members, Communion Bread bakers, and all who help prepare our sanctuary and church for the seasons of the church year. - Elizabeth Kaschins

Thank you to those who helped fill the Sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas! Please pick-up your poinsettias by Friday, January 6th.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

- **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!



Please note: Pr. Amy has time off this week. She'll lead worship on Jan. 1. Pr. Marion is on call for emergencies.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26th. Erica will be in office per usual Wednesday -Thursday from 10:00-5:00 pm and Friday 8:00-10:00 am.

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. and serves ~150 people. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College and different organizations provide volunteers, salads, and desserts.

- Sign-up on the website under "Sign-Ups", on the board by the Fellowship Hall, or contact Erica at the church office
- **STILL NEEDED:** 5 volunteer workers 5:20-6:45 pm, 3 green salads, 2 other salad/side, 6 desserts

- Volunteers help set up or tear down (depending on the shift), refill the serving table, and bus tables.
- **Food items** can be dropped off to the Decorah Lutheran Fellowship Hall any time before 4:30 PM on Jan. 5th. If dropped off early, please leave in one of the refrigerators in the Decorah Lutheran Fellowship Hall/Kitchen with a label "for the community meal, [your name]".

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. 30th at 8:00 am. Thank you.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY MINISTRY SUPPORT: The January-February Ministry Support sign-up is posted on the board outside the Fellowship Hall and online under "Sign-Ups".

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING: There will be no Sunday School Programming today or January 15th. We will have programming on the 8th, then resume on the 22nd. Thank you to all for a wonderful Christmas Program!

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Adult Forum** Sunday, January 8th: Russ Baldner presenting about the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament.
- **Annual Meeting** Sunday, February 5th at 11:00 in the Sanctuary

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Ed Hover and Family, Family of Verne Koenig, Stephanie Hoff, 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, Lowell Erdman, 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), Barb Reckling (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 Oyebade 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 meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was through the work of the Antiracism Team which held listening congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-scanning the code:*



the annual developed sessions with the week: find the Statement or by

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)

We commit to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (Galatians 5:22)