

# 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 ...

Psalms 100:3



**December 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Sunday of Advent**

**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.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship- ELW (red book in pew)  
and All Creation Sings – ACS (purple book in pew)

Page numbers (p.) in front of red book and hymn numbers (#) in back of books;  
congregational responses are in bold; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## GATHERING

### PRAYER BELL

**GATHERING MUSIC:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - Lee Dengler

### WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. **Amen.** God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God,

**you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

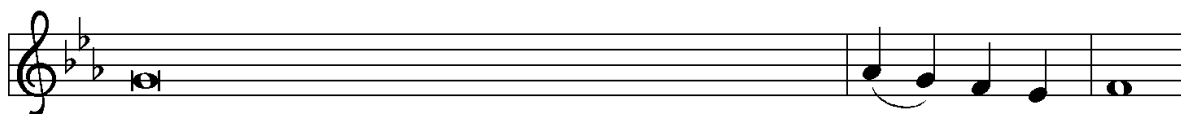
### KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



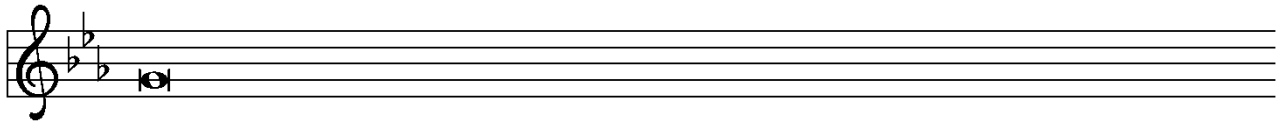
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



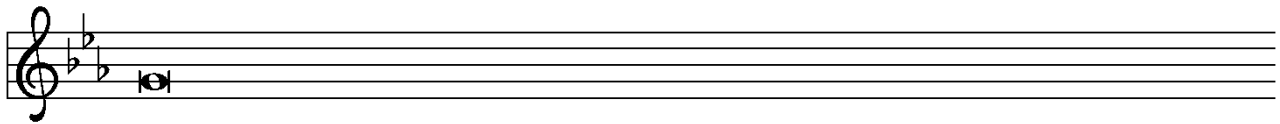
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

## ADVENT WREATH LITANY

**Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.**

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.


**Bless us as we light this candle and keep vigil for your arrival.**

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,  
you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

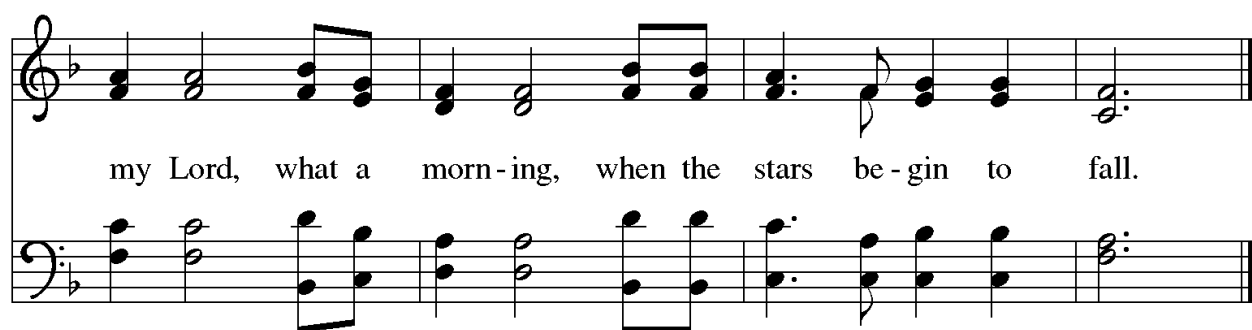
- First Advent Candle is lit during the intro to the Gathering Song.

**\*GATHERING SONG: ELW 438 My Lord, What a Morning**

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

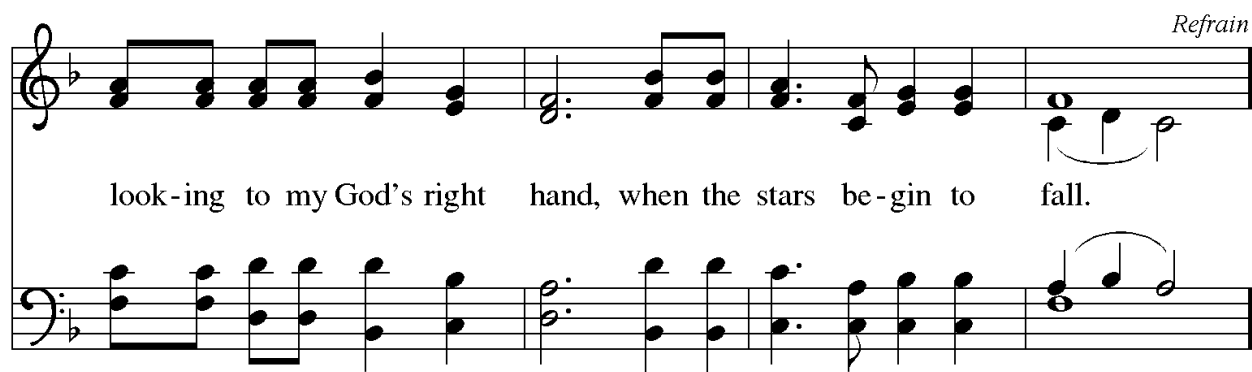


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

**\*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 64:1-9** <sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. - 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

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
- Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

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


[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the

Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

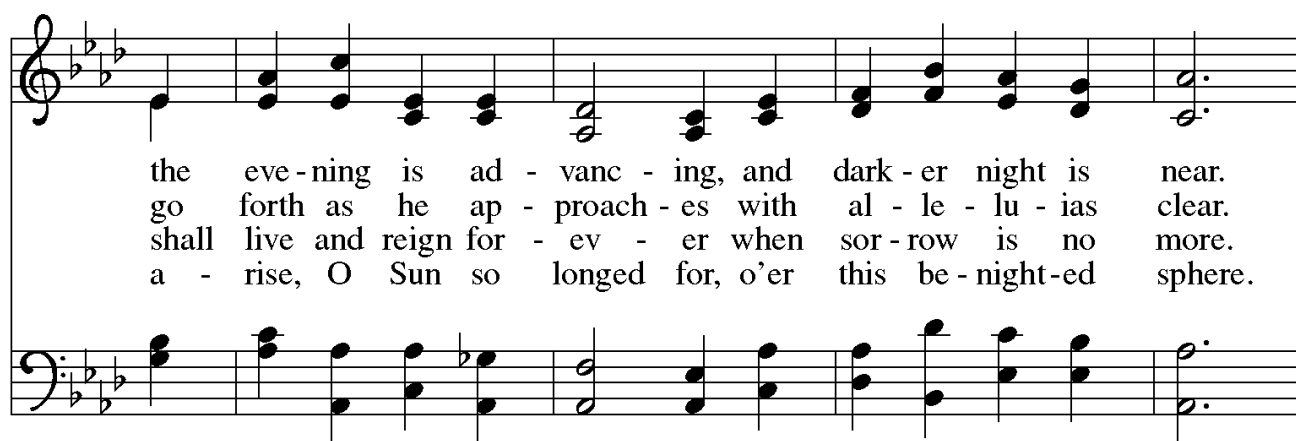
## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (*printed on next page*)

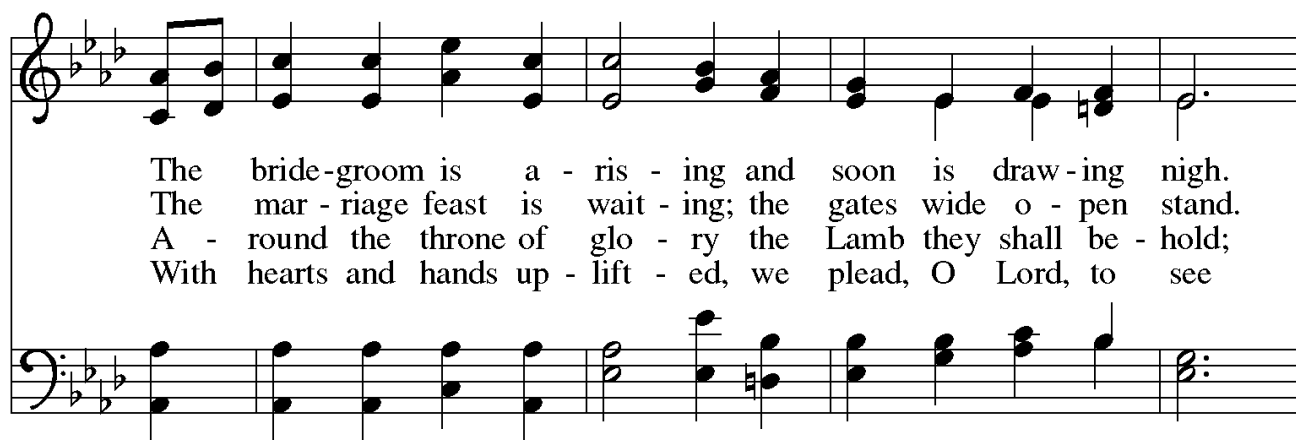
# Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



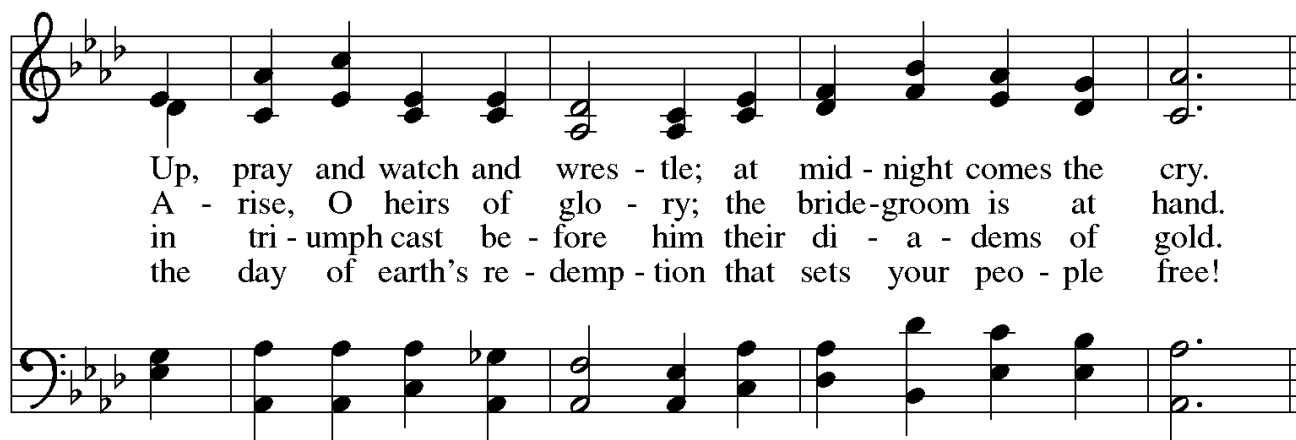
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!



**\*BLESSING OF CAREGIVERS** God, our refuge and strength, we thank you for the compassion you infuse in your people, especially those who tend the physical and emotional needs of friends, family, and strangers. Strengthen all caregivers in body and spirit. Refresh them when weary; console them when anxious; comfort them in grief; and hearten them in discouragement. Giver of peace, enlarge our patience and enable us to embrace all your children with kindness. **Amen.**

**\*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. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!*

## MEAL

**OFFERING MUSIC:** "Open Our Eyes" - Patricia Plude

*Open our eyes, open our ears,  
Open our hearts, O God,  
For she who asks receives,  
For he who seeks finds,  
For those who knock  
The door shall be opened.*

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ACS 998 In Silence We Wait



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Music: IN SILENCE WE WAIT, Susan Masters  
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**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray...**Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY:** p. 107-108, 110

**\*LORD'S PRAYER:** p. 112 – Our Father in heaven... (*we'll use this version of the Lord's Prayer during Advent*)

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive gluten and dairy free bread. The plate of cups will then be offered for you to select 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 SONGS:** Lamb of God p. 112-113;

ELW 257 O Come, O Come Emmanuel; ELW 439 Soon and Very Soon



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

# Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

**TABLE BLESSING- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

# SENDING

## SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**\*SENDING SONG: ELW 260 The King Shall Come vs. 1,2,5**

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phunt breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

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**\*PRAYER BELL**

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" - Johann Pachelbel

*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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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS & GREETERS:** The Cote Family; **READER:** James Barth; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Rolf Svanoë; **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS:** The Larson Family; **FELLOWSHIP:** Jerry & Joan Aulwes, Kim & Mike Huinker, James Barth, Jeff & Cynthia Ernst, Kate Narveson, the Cote Family; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Pr. Amy Zalk Larson

**CALL PROCESS UPDATE:** Establishing a transition team is on hold as its role depends upon whether there is an interim pastor. A call committee will be formed by the annual meeting on Feb. 4. There is a detailed outline of the call process in the December Newsletter and as a handout in the Gathering Space.

- Last week, the Executive Committee of the Congregation Council, along with Brooke Joyce, Music Director, met with a pastor candidate to serve as Good Shepherd's Intentional Interim Pastor. The interim pastor would begin service after January 7, 2024.
- The Council is following the procedure outlined by our Good Shepherd constitution: the Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Council of an interim candidate; when the Council votes to consent, the bishop of the synod appoints the recommended interim.
- The Work ahead: the Council will work to establish a Call Committee composed of 6 voting members of the congregation. According to Section C13.04. of our Constitution, the Call Committee is composed of 6 voting members of the congregation elected by the Congregation Council.
- The work of the Call Committee is outlined in detail by our Synod; these procedures have been shared with Council and digitized by Tristan for the use of the Call Committee. Pastor Liz Bell of the NEIA Synod will accompany the Call Committee in its work.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS BEGIN!** Starting today, youth and children begin rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Program – save the date for Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Please join for a simple sandwich, chips, and homemade treats dinner following the program in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will donation at the dinner will support the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip.

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATED TODAY!** Join in the joyful fun today at 11:30 am. Children and youth and families and all members are invited to help after Sunday School.

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES** will be held **December 6, 13, and 20 at 5:30-6 p.m.**, featuring reflections on the book *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times* by Reverend Dr. Otis Moss III, and the singing of Negro Spirituals.

### **WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED FOR NEWLY-ARRIVED CHILDREN IN POSTVILLE:**

From Rachel Sandhorst, Postville Elementary School counselor: This year we've had an influx of families, mostly from Central America, who are looking for warm clothes for winter. Together with the Postville Public Library, we have set up Clothing Closets at the school and the library. We are accepting donations of warm winter clothing and outdoor gear (coats, gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots) to give to families as needed. We need all sizes, but our youth outdoor gear seems to be in the highest demand. There is a container outside the Good Shepherd sanctuary where you can drop off donations.

### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REMINDER: *Please submit Stewardship Intent Statements.***

Our Stewardship Campaign is going really well, thanks be to God. If you have been prayerfully considering giving to God through Good Shepherd in 2024, thank you. If you have not yet returned a Statement of Intent, consider this a gentle reminder. We are hoping for **100% participation**, in part to honor Pastor Amy's ministry to our church, and in part to sincerely reflect our congregation's spirit in our upcoming call for a new Pastor. Forms are available in the Gathering Space, or online on the church website under "Giving". Thank you, from the Stewardship Committee, and blessings with you and our congregation.

**AUGSBURG FORTRESS ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:** Come, Emmanuel: Devotions for Advent and Christmas 2023-2024. Good Shepherd purchased Devotionals for this Advent and they will be available in the Gathering Space starting this Sunday. A donation of \$3.50 is encouraged to cover the cost of this order - donations can be added to the offering plate or dropped off in the Church Office.

**GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH GATHERING:** Those attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering are hosting a fundraiser: wrapping your gifts for you! GS Youth will provide the wrapping paper and joyous elf-wrapping spirit - simply bring your Christmas presents to be wrapped by Youth **during Fellowship Hour on December 10th**. Wrapped presents will be ready for pick-up from the Annex after Fellowship Hour. Free-will donation. Please RSVP with any special notes (like "bubble wrap please") in the Gathering Space on Dec. 3rd or by emailing [kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org)

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY AT CHRISTMASTIME:** As is our tradition, Altar Guild has arranged with The Country Garden for members and friends to provide poinsettias for the Christmas season at \$15.00 per plant. Red poinsettias wrapped in gold foil will be placed on the altar rail for services beginning on Christmas Eve, December 24. You are welcome to remove yours after Christmas Eve, but no later than Saturday, January 6.

- Plants may be given in honor, as memorials, or as a gift by including names with the order. Names will be included in bulletins. Please email, or print clearly, the names of those for whom you are dedicating the poinsettia.
- Orders with payment must be submitted to the Church Office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15. Contact the church office via phone, email, note, or put your check in the offering plate. Checks accompanying each order should be made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with Poinsettia in the memo line.

**WREATH LIGHTING INVITATION:** Each Sunday and Wednesday during Advent worship, families are invited to light the advent wreath at the beginning of worship. Sign-up on the website under “Sign Ups” or in the Gathering Space.

**MARTHA MONSON LOWE AND GEORGE LOWE TO SHARE THEIR RECENT EXPERIENCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST:** On **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Good Shepherd Sanctuary.** George Lowe and Martha Monson Lowe were in Bethlehem on October 7, the day the Israel-Hamas War began. They will give a presentation about their experiences in Palestine and Israel. Some background will be provided on what led up to October 7, and they will share recent personal stories of friends from Bethlehem. George and Martha have spent over a year since 2014 in Bethlehem and East Jerusalem. They will offer for sale a selection of Palestinian handwork before and after the presentation. All proceeds will go directly back to the Palestinian artisans. The presentation is open to the public. All are welcome!

- On **Wednesday, Dec. 6** and **Sunday, Dec. 17** they will also have a wide collection of Palestinian Handwork for sale. Proceeds are given back to the Palestinian people.

**DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL:** Please join us for a free meal on **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street.** All are welcome – this is a free meal – serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Prairie Lakes Congregation who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

**NEW ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY LAUNCHED:** Good Shepherd launched a new online directory through the Church Management System “Breeze”. Members, associate members, and friends received an email invitation on Monday to create an account and access the directory. Step by step instructions for setting up an account are available on the church website under the “Connect” tab, as well as in the Gathering Space.



**UPDATED PAPER DIRECTORY:** Good Shepherd will print a paper directory for those interested. Please contact the Church Office if you would like an updated paper directory now that our new directory system, Breeze, is up and running. We will be printing these in early December. A black and white copy is free, color copy is \$5.

**MISSION ASSISTANCE FUND NEED:** Good Shepherd has a Mission Assistance Fund set up to help those needing emergency assistance. Funds are distributed at the discretion of the Pastor and 2 congregation members on the committee. Currently, this account is depleted and we need funds to help those who stop by needing emergency assistance. To designate funds to this account, give money at Fellowship Hour (basket at the front of the serving table) or denote "Mission Assistance Fund" on a check or envelope.

**ANNUAL "HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" DECORAH CHORALE CONCERT** on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Decorah Lutheran Church** - The 23rd Annual Decorah Chorale "Home for Christmas" benefit concert supports the work of Winneshiek County Habitat for Humanity and Decorah Area Food Pantry through the concert's free-will offering.

**LUREN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** On **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** "Hope for Resolution and Peace" is the theme of this year's Luren Singers Christmas Concert, which will be held at **Trinity Lutheran Church, 205 East Main Street (MN Highway 44), Spring Grove, Minnesota.** The 60-member male chorus is directed by Good Shepherd member Dr. David Judisch, with Rachel Storlie as guest soprano soloist. A number of Good Shepherd members sing with the Luren Singers. A free-will offering at intermission will be divided between the Houston County Food Shelf and the Houston County Ring and Run.

**STEPHANIE HOFF'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** Our member Stephanie has Stage 5 chronic kidney disease, is now on dialysis, and is still hoping for a kidney transplant. Information about Stephanie and living kidney donation is available at [goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory](http://goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory)

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** Tristan: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM M-F. Erica: 10-5:00 PM Monday-Tues.

## PRAYER LIST

**Good Shepherd Family:** Bonnie Flora, Sue and Mike Blair, LaVerne Ramsey, Ingrid Callaghan, Ginny Olson, the family of Glenn Nelson, Donna Bahr, Helen Hermeier, James Barth, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, Janet Gall, 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: Kathryn Thompson and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn

**Relatives and Friends:** Sid Sampson (brother-in-law of Marty Steele), Miriam Plautz (aunt of Melanie Folkerts), Arlene Lecander (mother of Tim Lecander), Lily Laursen (granddaughter of Reg & Jeri Laursen), Bob Fahrenkrug (grandfather of Sarah Wicks), the family of Amber Einck (friend of Jane Borelli), Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson), Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother), Karen & John Silseth (brother and sister in law of Kris Peterson), Frank Barth (James Barth's Brother), Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), Dennis Martin (brother-in-law of the Slinds), Nathan Scheuerelein (grandson of Bonnie Flora), Lynzee Makowski (friend of Laurie Biedermann), Todd Hove (son of Gloria Hove), Aaron Buzza (son of Jim and Kathy), Marilyn Walli (Cousin of Marv Slind), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary



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**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther Students!** It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

**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 Racial Justice 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 publicly declare** that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships.*

*(Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6)*