December 10th, 2017 9:30 am 2nd Sunday of Advent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number .We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

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PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

Chime Choir "Advent Hope"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. P: God of all time,

C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: 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!
C: Amen.



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.



KYRIE (Assisting Minister: regular print, C: bold print)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One of the best known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.

L1: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. L2: As we light the candle on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness.

C: Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.

L1 & 2: Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Light two candle.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING HYMN Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Verse 2) ELW#240

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1 2 3 4	Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah:
Ş	He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise. He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward. Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry. He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

L: The 1st READING is from Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"And I said, "What shall I cry?"All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Radars' Family

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#85** ¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

L: The 2nd READING is from 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as you are able)



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 1:1-8 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' "⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Earth Is Hopeful (Verses 1, 3, & 4)

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

ELW#266

Bob Coffey (LSSI)

₽ Þ 0 To dala Sal dortie - rra espe - ra_al vaAll earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes \mathbf{at} last! Peo proph - et 2 ple of Is - rael, you heard the tell: 3 Moun tains and val - leys will have be pre pared; to 4 We Je - sus ba first saw а by in а crib. . ۴ y el sur co_a-bier - to, laobdelSe - ñor; elra eslie for God's tive task: this, the Fur rows o - pen cre - a -"A gin moth - er will el": bear Em - man vir -- u she con o - pened, high - ways new de - clared. AI most new pro to - cols This same Lord Je - sus to day has come to live in our Б _ doaue lu chaporlali ber tad, re mun bor of who strug gle how la peo ple to see us," ceived him. "God with our broth er, whose birth re All is here! God near - ing, in beau ty and grace! world; he is pres - ent, in neigh _ bors we see our 1-3] [4 cla_ ma jus - ti - cia v bus calaver-dad. dar-nos li-ber-tad. _ God's truth and jus - tice ev - 'ry - bod - y free. set chil - dren stores hope and cour-age to of this earth. in haste, come out in haste! 'ry gate-way, clear ev ev-er sets us free. Je sus with us, and is

CREED (from the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism) Please Stand

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

P: The First Article: On Creation

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property; along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people. *A brief silence*

WA: We long to see your glory. Prepare our hearts for your arrival by healing divisions in your church and blessing those who work for reconciliation within it. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for your creation. Bring renewal to open spaces, parks, forests, mountains, and grasslands. Restore the creatures and lands that are damaged or destroyed. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: We long for your peace. Make places of welcome for people fleeing violence. For nations facing conflict or crisis, deliver relief. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We seek healing for all people who long for justice, freedom, and comfort. Sustain them in their time of need. Be with all who wait for you, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit *especially Bob Lyvers*, *Dick Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Verl Price, Paul Hardel, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Linda, Dale, Meghan, Lucille Diddens, Jerilyn Strohecker, Cathy, Sharon, Sienna, Norman Knoll, Jill, Madilyn and Morgan Miller.* Strengthen and encourage *Fern Harnish and Carol Wybeyre*, Lord in your mercy. **C. beep europe**

Carol Wybourn. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: We give thanks for those who are ready to help in times of crisis. Give courage to disaster and emergency response teams, police officers, nurses, doctors, surgeons, chaplains, and all who work for the sake of others. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We are your beloved flock and you are our shepherd, O God. Along with the saints already at rest in you, bring us together as your people under your holy rule. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** Pastor: We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING "O Come Divine Messiah" **Choir Anthem** An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

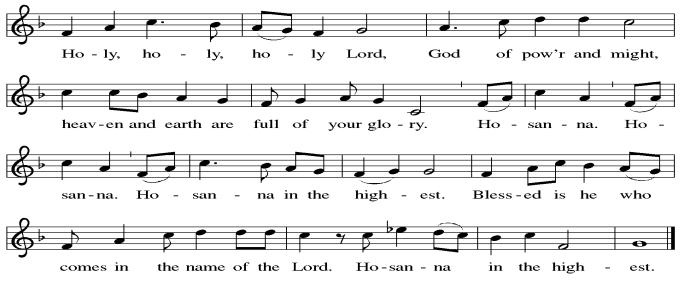
DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

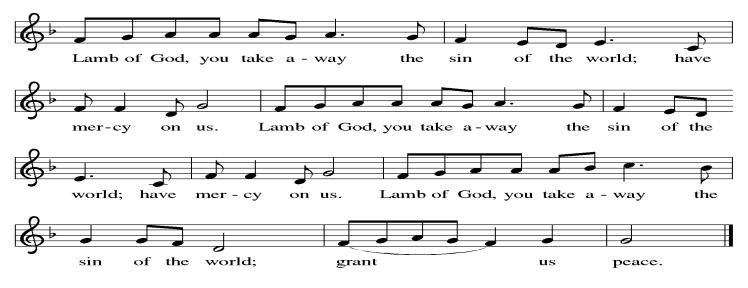
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction. Please dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle, and returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION SONG

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW#655

- Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
 Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
 By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

BLESSING P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen.



DISMISSAL (*from the back*) A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

POSTLUDE

C: Thanks be to God.

Karen Niemeier

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa <u>Missionaries to Tanzania</u>: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family <u>Pianists:</u> Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker <u>Organist:</u> Karen Niemeier <u>Choir Dir. /accomp</u>: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr <u>Lector:</u> Janis Kurth <u>Acolyte</u>: Jared Runkle <u>Assistant Minister</u>: Sheila Keene <u>Worship Assistant</u>: Krista Keene <u>Communion Usher</u>: Jerry and Beth Martin <u>Communion Set-up</u> Beth Martin <u>Communion Asst</u>: Wayne Kurth, Cora Hudik <u>Elevator Operator</u>: Donna Gullickson <u>Sound System</u>: Jay Andrews <u>Greeters</u>: Chris and Angie Brinker, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker <u>Ushers</u>: Jerry and Beth Martin, Bob and Sharon Schlachter

THIS WEEK	AT GOOD SHEPHERD De	December 10 th thru December 17 th , 2017	
Today	Worship Service–"2 nd Sunday of Advent"-Holy Cor		9:30 am
	Fellowship		10:30 am
	Sunday School		10:45 am
	Choir Practice		11:00 am
	Caroling		2:00 pm
	Tour of Homes		4:00 pm-7:00 pm
Monday	Pastor Miho at 2 nd Yr Theological Ed. Bethany, Lelan	d, IL	11:00 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center		9:45 am
	Council Meeting		6:30 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group		8:00 am-11:30 am
Thursday	Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment "Take Two"		12:00 pm
Saturday	Christmas Program Rehearsal		9:00 am to 11:00 am
Next Sunday	Worship Service-"3rd Sunday of Advent"-Holy Cor	nmunion	9:30 am
	Christmas Program		
	Fellowship		10:30 am
	Choir Practice		11:00 am
	Chime Practice		5:00pm
	Attendance December 3 rd was 5	59	
	Total Offering 12/3/2017 \$1612	2.00	

Thank you to Bob Coffey from Lutheran Social Services of Illinois for his message this morning on the Lutheran Social Services Foster Care Program

Lena Area Church Cooperative

Reminder: The Angel Tree gifts are due next Sunday. Please be sure and return your gift (s) to the church. The gifts will be taken right after the church service for distribution. Thank you for your generosity! Shirley Fox and Mary Lloyd

Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Christmas Caroling, Today December 10th

Meet at the church at 2:00 pm, dress warmly, to bring the Joyful sounds of the Christmas Season to others in our community. After Caroling, enjoy a hot bowl of soup back at Good Shepherd. Bring finger foods to share.

Christmas Program Rehearsal December 16th from 9:00am to 11:00am

Christmas Program December 17th 2017at 9:30am

Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth.

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GOODIE BAGS For Christmas Program Participants

Last Day to Order Poinsettias:



Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Please write your information requested on a flower envelope found in the pew holders, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by December 10th (Cost \$10.00).

Bring your Friends & Join Us For

A Christmas Tour of Homes

The following homes will be warm and decorated. You may visit in any order.
Michael and Sharon Welton-119 E. Main, Lena
Donna and Dale Gullickson – 219 E Shippee Road, Lena
Darci Meier-521 W. Quail Drive, Lena

Date: December 10, 2017 (Sunday)

Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm

Your donation to the Lena Food Pantry at any of these homes will be greatly appreciated.

<u>Hymn Sing</u> At the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, December 12th at 9:45 am.

Friendship Club,

All are invited to the Friendship Club Potluck December 14th at 12:00pm luncheon and entertainment with "Take Two"

Copy of Sermon is Available

If you would like to have a copy of sermon, please talk to ushers or Pr. Miho.

Angles Wanted

Do you have angels in your house? Would you mind sharing your angels to decorate Good Shepherd during Advent and Christmas? It can be a picture of angels, dolls, quilts, artwork, poem, crafts, statues or anything with angels in it please helps us fill Good Shepherd with angels.

Updates on the Stubbs Family

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs' family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <u>https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs</u>