

# 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.

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

## PRELUDE

*Time for reflection in silence*

Tena Rackow

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS &amp; CELEBRATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found

L: Prepare the way of the Lord

L: Lift up your heads, O gates,

L: The Spirit and the church cry out:

L: All those who await his appearance pray:

L: The whole creation pleads:

L: Let us Pray. God of grace prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son, who brings us hope, peace, light, and life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Call upon him while he is near.**

**C: make the Lord's paths straight.**

**C: that the king of glory may enter.**

**C: Come, Lord Jesus!**

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**C: Amen**

## OPENING HYMN

## BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL

ELW#250

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph - ct of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958  
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**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:****LORD, HAVE MERCY****ELW #155**

1. 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 1. 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

**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 give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE****The Price family**

Today we light the candle of peace because Jesus brings us peace. We wait for Jesus with hope and peace.

Let us pray. Come, Lord Jesus. Shine with us as we light two candles this week. Keep us faithful as we wait for you. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. Restore the earth to wholeness and beauty, for you are our light and our salvation. Amen.

Let us sing He Came Down together! (*During the song, light hope and peace candles*)

**HE CAME DOWN****ELW#253**

**He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace; Hallelujah forever more.**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

**FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like

fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Luke 1:68-79** (*Read responsively.*)

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them free.

<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your | servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of | all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy | to our forebears,  
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation  
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion | of our God  
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

<sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## WAIT FOR THE LORD

ELW # 262

Ostinato / Response

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: according to Luke 3:1-6**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.      **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE****SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**“A Messenger Who Prepares the Way for Good News”**

## HYMN OF THE DAY OH JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST CRY ELW #249

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

THE NICENE CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the word of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the**

dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*After each petition:* WA: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation

*A brief silence*

WA: Prepare your church to share the good news, life-giving God. Put your word within us and dwell among us. Remove the hate that lives within us and among us. Mold us into peacemakers. Send us out to proclaim the mercy and salvation that abides in you. Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: Protect the creation, life-giving God. Sustain the mountains and hills. Restore the rivers. Give us wisdom and compassion to care for wilderness areas and urban ecosystems. Move us to care for your creation in all its forms and richness. Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: Comfort all who hurt, life-giving God. Wrap them in your tender care. Remember the forgotten and send us out to share your love with them. Be with the wandering, the worried, and the woeful especially for, **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Steve Fahr, Verl Price, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jean, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Bruce Johnson, Myron Coaty, Scott Bonnet, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Jim Watson, and Clayton Stouffer.** Give strength and courage this week to **Lois Paulsen.** Give all who provide care a measure of your compassion and peace. *Pray for peace, love, comfort and resurrection hope for family and friends of Pam Harshbarger.* Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: Bless this congregation, life-giving God. Give strength and joy to worship volunteers, musicians, and our altar guild as they prepare the way for the celebration of the Christ child's coming among us. We especially pray for your blessings on Good Shepherd family: Kathy Graff, Karen Niemeier, Darrell, Raneer, Seth, and Sean Cory, Verl Price, Barb Price, Duane and Genise Tessendorf, Michael, Deb, Caleb, and Madalyn Mammoser, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker, Shawn, Nichole, and Raeger Sullivan. Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: We remember the generations who have shown us your faithfulness, life-giving God. Shine your light on those who mourn and prepare us for that day when we will see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen**

**PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including the care of those in need. Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. 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.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Please Stand*

**ADVENT HYMN****OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

**C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

**PREFACE**

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

**HOLY HOLY HOLY**

**Tune: Picardy (ELW#490)**

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**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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 (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 return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION SONG      LAMB OF GOD      Tune: JEG ER SÅ GLAD (ELW#271)

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all, the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all, the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all, the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION SONG

### AWAKE, AWAKE AND GREET THE NEW MORN

ELW #242

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.

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 Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen  
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## 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, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

P: May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG****HARK, THE GLAD SOUND****ELW#239**

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

**DISMISSAL (from the back)**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****Tena Rackow**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**Pastor: Pastor Miho YasukawaPianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker    Organist: Karen NiemeierChoir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion FahrLector: Beth Martin    Acolyte: Jacob RunkleAssisting Minister: Wayne KurthWorship Assistant: Vivian HesselbacherGreeters: Virgil and Joanne Martin, Troy Doubler, Robert SchlachterUshers: Jerry and Beth Martin, Chris and Angie BrinkerCommunion Usher: Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon    Communion Set-up: Beth MartinCommunion Asst: Marybeth Brinker and Hanna Brinker    Sound System: Troy Doubler and Ashtyn BrinkerElevator Operator: Sue Diddens**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service-Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Christmas Caroling	2:00pm
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday	Friendship Club	12:00pm
Saturday	Rehearsal for Christmas Program	9:00am-11:00am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service-Children’s Christmas Program</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 56

Total Offering 12/02/18 - \$1642.00 amount needed \$7238.28

**Praying for Our Members**

Every week we are going to lift our members in prayer. Sunday school children will pick names during the class, and the names will be added to the following Sunday service.

**Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available**

The Children’s bulletin follows the Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.

They are available at both entrances

**Thank you**

Thank you to our Sunday School Children and adults who helped decorate the church this past Sunday and to help bake cookies for Operation Good Fellow. There were 14 dozen cookies baked for distribution to Operation Good Fellow. Thank you everyone.

**Christmas Caroling, Today**

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 is Coming**

December 16 (Sunday) 9:30am Children’s Christmas Program “Ornaments of Christmas”  
 December 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 5:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service-*Christmas story with puppets.*  
 7:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
 December 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 9:30am Christmas Day Service-*Carols from around the world.*  
 December 30<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 9:30am Blue Christmas Service

**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.”*

**Sock Drive for Le-Win Elementary School**

Good Shepherd is having a Sock Drive this winter. Our collection goes to Le-Win Elementary School to help children keep their feet warm with our love. There will be a collection box near the church office. Please bring NEW comfortable socks for children. We will collect until January 7th, 2019



**Youth OWL Night**

Join us for fun evening at Good Shepherd. OWL night will be December 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm to December 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am. All night activities include Christmas caroling, night hike, ginger house making, games and service project. You may come for part of the night. Door is open all night. If you have questions, talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho.

**Poinsettia Orders**

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 of the order form below and put request in 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 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Cost for the plant will be \$12.00.

**Poinsettia Order**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Given (check one)  in memory of..  in honor of...

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_