

January 4th 2015 at 9:30 am

Worship Attendance for December 25 was 35e Wire and Ira

and Nelda WireNinthNi **Epiphany of Our Lord**

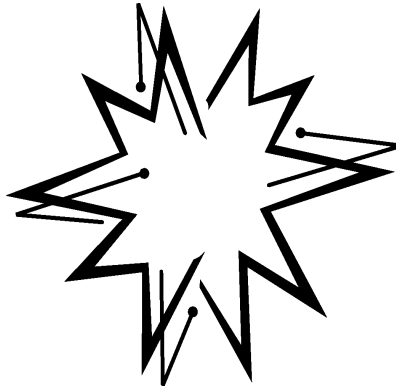
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

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. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Guest Speaker</u>	Dennis Luke
<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian	<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier
<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy & Carol Stubbs Family		
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Janis Kurth
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Krista Keene	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Austin Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher	<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Sue Diddens
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Jon Hudilk		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Lee Wenzel, Donna Gullickson		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jeremy and Cara Schriener, Dana Diddens		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**Jan. 4th, 2015 thru Jan. 11th 2015**

Today	Worship	9:30 am
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following readings	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Annual Reports are Due	
	Worship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Faith Circle at LLC	1:00 pm
	Special Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps Quilters	8:00 am- 11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm- 5:00 pm
	Confirmation for 7 th -9 th graders	6:30 pm- 8:00 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle in Fellowship Hall “Potluck”	9:00 am
	Friendship Club Potluck with Bingo	12:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor Miranda at Grace Place in Dekalb	
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children’s message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Mutual Ministry Team Meeting	11:15 am-12:45pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance December 28–66

Request for Prayer List: Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ (815) 291-5793
Good Shepherd Prayer List

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *especially Margie Swain, Debbie Hesselbacher, Cindy Fahr, Noah Milder, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Shawn Smith, Mae Schultz, Karen C, Barb Wichman, Allen, Rosemary Strong, Leon Strong, Carrie and homebound members Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner.*

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –
ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE (*A time for prayer and reflection*)**Karen Niemeier****Announcements & Community Concerns****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

GS: : Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

GS: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

GS: God of peace,

C: we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted

hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

GS: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

The First Noel

ELW#300

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain
 night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

GREETING

GS: 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 *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)

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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW#275

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

The 1st READING is from Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The 2nd READING is from Ephesians 3:1–12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1–12 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

SERMON

Dennis Luke

HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW#302

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

APOSTLES CREED *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

WA: Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs. *A brief silence*

WA: Gracious God, we pray for the church. Make it one body and send it to proclaim the boundless riches of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Gracious God, we pray for the creation Send rain where it is needed and sun to dry what is too drenched. Feed all living things with your abundance. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Gracious God, we pray for the nations. Make your wisdom known to rulers and authorities. Defend the needy and rescue the poor. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Gracious God, we pray for those in any need. Enfold and heal the fearful and brokenhearted, the wounded and sick *especially Margie Swain, Debbie Hesselbacher, Cindy Fahr, Noah Milder, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Shawn Smith, Mae Schultz, Karen C, Barb Wichman, Allen, Rosemary Strong, Leon Strong, Carrie.* Comfort and encourage *Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Gracious God, we pray for this assembly. Open our hearts as we adopt budgets and shape ministries. Rouse us to holy courage and generosity. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Gracious God, we give you thanks for those who have died in faith. Unite us with them forever, and strengthen us through their witness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

GS: Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

GS: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

“Wonder as I Wander”

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. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

Offering Prayer *(after acolyte presents offering at altar)* **Please stand**

A: Let us pray. **C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

GS: 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**

BLESSING GS: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now ...and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

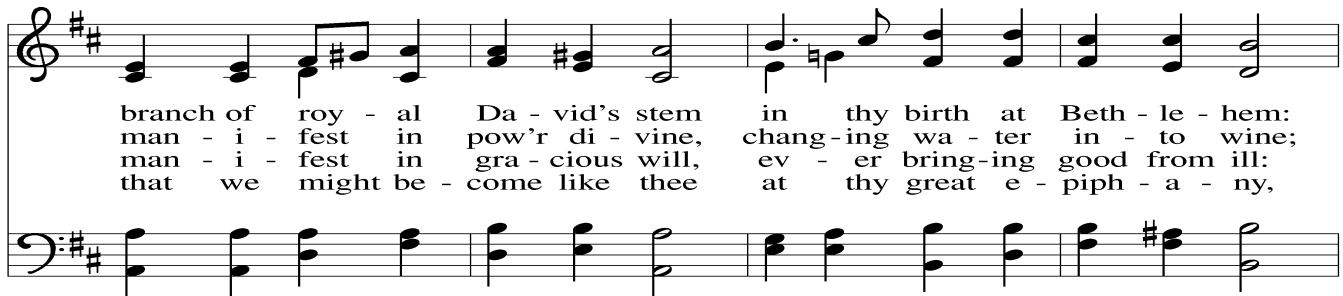
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW#310


1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DIMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE****Karen Niemeier**

**LOMC and LYO presents...The Annual
Northern Illinois Synod Jr. & Sr. High Ski Trip**

January 19, 2015 at Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, IL

Arrival & Departure time can be between 9am & 9pm. Devotions time around 1:30pm from the LYO Youth. We will meet at Good Shepherd at 8am to carpool to for an awesome day in the beauty of God's Creation! It'll be great! Join us! And bring a friend. Make sure you have a 2014/2015 Registration Form on file and also a Permission Slip for the event. We'll return by 10pm. **Sign up by Sunday January 11th** or call Pastor Miranda at 815-291-5793.

**We will need at least two loving adult volunteers to attend
in order for us to go as a group.**

Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015

Annual Reports are Due January 5, 2015 .Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation. These reports are assembled and made available to the congregation members prior to the meeting. The reports are the responsibility of the chairperson or offices. We will be sending out the reports from last year for you to update your reports and turn them into the office by Monday, January 5, 2015. If possible, please type up the report and email it in Word format to either gslchurch@aeroinc.net - GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com or gslc@goodshepherdlena.org

Mystery Dinner

Get your thinking caps on!

January 17th will be a fun-filled evening of deciphering clues as to what is on the Mystery Supper Menu this year. The supper will be a three course meal with appetizer, main dish, and dessert. The fun will start at 5:50 pm in the fellowship hall at Good Shepherd with the selection of your meal for the evening. Come and enjoy the adventure and fun. Sign up by January 11th so that supplies may be purchased. A good will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal and to help with the food. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and laughs as we enjoy a good meal. Questions: contact Janis Kurth

Faith Circle

Will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 1:00 pm at LLC the Bible Study leader is Rene' Johnson.

Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 9:00 am at Church in Fellowship Hall. There is no one hostess, we will have "Potluck." Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.

Coffee Break at the Lena Mercantile

Wed. Jan 7 at 2:00 Afternoon Complimentary piece of pie and beverage. Educational speaker. Sponsored by Lena Living Center. RSVP-815-369-4561- Limited Seating

Friendship Club

will meet for a pot-luck dinner and Bingo at noon on Thursday, January 8th, in the church Fellowship Hall.

Women of the ELCA Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 10:30 am, at Church in Fellowship Hall.