

December 2nd, 2018 at 9:30 am

First 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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Time for reflection in silence

Karen Niemeier

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & 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**COME, THOU LONG -EXPECTED JESUS**

ELW#254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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 p.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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Fye family

As we wait for Christmas, we light candles. Today we light the candle of hope. We wait for Jesus with wonder and hope. Let us pray. Come, Lord Jesus. Shine with us as we light one candle this week. Keep us alert as we wait for you. Open our eyes to signs of your peace. Protect all people, creatures, and creation, for you are our light and our salvation. Amen.

Let us sing He Came Down together! (*During the song, light one blue candle*)

HE CAME DOWN

ELW#253

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

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: according to Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said: ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

“Waiting in Home:

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

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'ings 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!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

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: Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Grow peace within us and increase our love for all people. We continue to pray for the communities in California. We ask your healing presence among them and give them peace and hope in time of need. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Sustain your creation, holy God. Water the parched soil. Restore depleted fields. Send farmers, forest rangers, and gardeners to care for fig trees and wheat fields, gardens and arboretums. Increase our love for the land. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Move us to nurture those who are bereaved and lonely. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick We pray especially for, **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jean, Jon Forsythe, Meghan, Sylvia, Pam, Diane, Darren, Bruce Johnson, Myron Coaty, Scott Bonnet, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tesselendorf, Larry Larson, Jim Watson, and Clayton Stouffer.** Give strength and courage this week to **Verl Price.** Give all who provide care a measure of your compassion and peace. Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Increase our joy, wondrous God. Plant thanksgiving in our hearts and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries and guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. We lift our sisters and brothers of Good Shepherd: Dan, Kathy, Alyssa, and Zack Diaz, James Kurth, Andrew, Sherry, Logan, and Addyson Fahr, Cory Lameyer, Larry and Marilyn Fulfs, Scott Bergman, Sherry Freitag, Tyron, Darla, Nakoah, Nikola, and Lysander Cornwell, and Sondra Winters. May your holy angels watch over them and their families. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in your glory. Hold all who mourn in the comfort of your eternal light, and bring us to delight in the new life you promise. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

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.

Please Stand

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 WHAT FEAST OF LOVE ELW #487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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**THE KING SHALL COME****ELW#260**

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 lonc - 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.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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DISMISSAL (from the back)

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

POSTLUDE**Karen Niemeier**

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Communion Asst: Beth Martin and Brianna Andrews

Sound System: Wayne Kurth and Ethan Fye

Elevator Operator: Taylor and Kristy Patterson

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

December 2nd through December 9th, 2018

Today	Worship Service-First Sunday of Advent	9:30 am
	Advent Fun	10:00am-3:00pm
	Fellowship/chili lunch	10:30am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho at Lena Ministerial Breakfast	8:00am
	Finance Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday	Hannah Circle	9:00am
Friday	Christmas Tour of Homes	4:30pm-7:00pm
Saturday	Christmas Tour of Homes	10:00am-2:00pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service-Second Sunday of Advent	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation Class	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Caroling	2:00pm
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance November 25th - 44

Total Offering 11/25/18 - \$1256.00 amount needed \$6109.43

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

Get Ready for Christmas

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Luke 1:46-47

To prepare our hearts for the coming of our savior, here are some ideas: Stay this afternoon for **Advent Fun** and bake cookies, decorate trees, and put up lights in church. Or pick up **Advent calendar** today and open the windows every day. Or read the **Advent devotion** (copies are available.) Or sign up for Christmas program **goodie bag**. Or join **Christmas caroling** next Sunday.

Lena Area Church Cooperative

The Angel Tree is up in the fellowship hall. Please remember to return your gift (s) to the church by Sunday, December 16th, with the top angel attached to it. Make sure that if you have multiple packages, that they are all marked or tied together.

Please do not forget to drop off your cookies for Operation Good Fellow this Wednesday, December 5th. Please be sure and cross off your name and if you could also mark off how many dozen you left that would be great. Thanks!

Any Questions, please contact Shirley Fox or Mary Lloyd.

Poinsettias order by next Sunday, December 9th

Each year we decorate our chancel with poinsettias for Christmas services. The cost is \$12 per poinsettia. You may order poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one or in celebration of the birth of Jesus. Please return the form by next Sunday.

Christmas Tour of Homes and Church

Please join us and bring your friends on the Christmas Tour of Homes, Friday December 7th 4:30pm-7:00pm and Saturday December 8th 10:00am-2:00pm. The Christmas Tour of Homes will visit these homes which will be decked out with cheery hospitality and holiday cheer. You may visit the homes in any order. The tour includes the homes of:

- Dan and Sarah Todd, 606 N. Center
- Sheila Bowden, 209 Walnut Street
- Bill and Toni Bollon, 412 Freedom
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason.

Let the Spirit of Christmas guide your way while benefiting the Lena Food Pantry! There are no admission fees or tickets to purchase. A free will donation of nonperishable food items or cash for the food pantry may be given at any one of the homes. This event is sponsored by the Lena Business and Professional Association.

Christmas Caroling, December 9th

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.

Worship Schedule

- December 15 (Saturday) 9:00am-11:00am
Rehearsal for Christmas program.
- December 16 (Sunday) 9:30am
Children's Christmas Program
- December 21-22 (Friday-Saturday)
5:30pm-9:30am
Youth OWL Night
- December 24th (Monday) 5:00pm
Family Christmas Eve Service
- December 24th (Monday) 7:30pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 (Tuesday) 9:30am
Christmas Day Service
Carols from around the world

Sock Drive

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.

