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December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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# 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 (Advent Litany from ELCA World Hunger)

L: In this deep-blue season of waiting and watching, turn our thoughts and our prayers to you, God of hope.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.**

L: In the wilderness of sin and fear, show us the tree of life for the healing of the nations.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.**

L: accompany us on the hectic highways of our lives. Draw us to your manger to kneel in peace before you.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.**

L: lead us to your justice, O God. Show us your love, wrap us in your holiness.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.**

P: We long for your glorious light. Shine your face upon us and we shall be saved.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.  
Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

## CANTICLE OF THE TURNING (verses 1 &amp; 2)

ELW#723



1 My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for-tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na-tions rage from . . . age to age, we re-



God of my heart is great, and my spir-it sings of the  
work great . . . things in me, and your mer-cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be-ware for your  
mem-ber who holds us fast: God's mer-cy - must de-



won-drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus-tice tears ev-'ry ty-rant . . . from his throne.  
liv-er us from the con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser-vant's plight, and my  
Your ver-y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun-gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
This sav-ing word that our fore-bears heard is the



weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev-er earn; there are ta-bles spread, ev-'ry  
prom-ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a-bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a-bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a-round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

**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. 5 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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, 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 Weinand and Reynolds Families**

Today we light the candle of joy because the birth of Jesus brings joy to the world. We rejoice with all our heart as we light the candles of hope, peace, love and joy. Let us pray, Come Lord Jesus. Shine with us as we light four candles. Keep us hopeful as we wait for you. Help us to see your big love in even the smallest things. Let all creation rejoice in you, for you are our light and our salvation. Amen.

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

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

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

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the

name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55** (*The psalm for the day is sung.*)

ELW#251

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!  
 2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.  
 3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;

You looked up-on my low-li-ness, and I am full of grace.  
 With might-y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex-pose.  
 the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil-dren will se-cure.

Now ev-'ry land and ev-'ry age this bless-ing shall pro-claim—  
 The ruth-less you have cast a-side, the low-ly throned in-stead;  
 Sing glo-ry to the Ho-ly One, give hon-or to the Word,

great won-ders you have done for me, and ho-ly is your name.  
 the hun-gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un-fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a-dored.

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**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” <sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: Word of God, word of life.

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 1:39-45**

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,  
<sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

## SERMON

“All I want for Christmas is...”

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

## HYMN OF THE DAY

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

ELW #257

(Verses 5, 6, 7 & 8)

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*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to you, O Israel.

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*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. Composite  
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**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: Faithful Lord, you keep your promises. Move your church to sing like Mary and rejoice like Elizabeth. Teach us to sing of your faithfulness all our days.

Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: Ancient of Days, with joy you danced over the waters and birthed creation. Give us joy in caring for the soil beneath us, the water around us, and the sky above us.

Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: Prince of peace, your sacrifice gives abundant life to all. Raise up leaders in every nation whose goals are health and well-being for all people and creation. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as you would have them serve.

Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: Good Shepherd, you feed your flock. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Comfort the lonely. Walk with all who live with depression, grief, or heartache. Heal the sick especially for, **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Verl Price, Jane Boop, Marilyn, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Jim Watson, and Clayton Stouffer.** Give strength and courage this week to **Steve Fahr.** Send us in haste to surround them with your love.

Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

**WA:** Love Incarnate, you are with us at the manger, on the cross, and on the resurrection road. We especially ask your presence to our Good Shepherd family: Paul and Marilyn Hardel, Leona Block, Tim, Sally, Ben, Sarah, Matthew, and Katie Huber, Virgil Gordon, Heidi Lobdell, Travis, Kelly, Degan, and Bentley Euler, and Marion Fahr. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

**WA:** Ever-living God, you are Alpha and Omega. We thank you for all who sing now in the heavenly choir, especially those dear to us. Join our voices with theirs in praise of the Christ child. 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

### "ADVENT PRAYER"

*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.

**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      O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM      ELW #279**

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - cred all a - bove  
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bid with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

**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 CANTICLE OF THE TURNING (verses 3 & 4) ELW#723**

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**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 / Tena RackowLector: Tena Rackow Acolyte: Kayla RunkleAssisting Minister: Brianna AndrewsWorship Assistant: Sue DiddensGreeters: Bill and Jean Engel, Jerry and Beth MartinUshers: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Virgil Gordon and Tim GordonCommunion Usher: Bill and Jean Engel Communion Set-up: Beth MartinCommunion Asst: Marybeth Brinker and Ashtyn Brinker Sound System: Troy Doubler and Ethan FyeElevator Operator: Chris Brinker**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD** **December 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service-Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:30pm
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Monday	Family Christmas Eve Service	5:00pm
	Candlelight Service	7:30pm
Tuesday	Christmas Day Worship Service – Carols from around the World	9:30am
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service-Blue Christmas</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	No Sunday School/Confirmation	

Church office will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

Attendance December 16<sup>th</sup> - 98

Total Offering 12/16/18 - \$11,522.00 amount needed \$10,716.57

**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! Thank you!**

I really appreciate all the hard work the Sunday School children and adults put in to make our Christmas Program such a success! I would also like to thank all who support our Christmas Program as the audience. I really hope you enjoyed it as much as we did performing it for you! Merry Christmas!  
Kristy

**Annual Reports Due: December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation.

Our annual meeting is scheduled on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Sock Drive for Le-Win Elementary School until January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Please help the children keep their feet warm by bringing NEW and comfortable socks to the church. Collection bin is in the Fellowship Hall. Let us share the love of Christ with children in our community.

**Poinsettias**

*In memory of Seth, Margaret, Lowell Raymer and MaryAnn by Lisa and Don Wienand*

*In memory of loved ones given by Paul and Shirley Fox*

*In memory of the Friends and Family by Kristy, Anna and Taylor Patterson*

*In memory of Joyce and Oscar Tessororf and Phylis and Cletus Martin given by Jerry, Beth, and Alexis Martin and Carly and Andy Martin*

*In memory of family given by Karen Niemeier*

*In memory of loved ones given by Wayne and Janis Kurth*

*In memory of Hulone Scheider given by Delbert Scheider*

*In memory of family members given by The Gary Hudik's Family*

*In memory of Joey, Anthony and Grandparents given by The Keene Family*

*In memory of Suzie Gordon given by Virgil Gordon*

*In memory of Janell Gordon given by Tim Gordon*

*In memory of William and Laura Derr, given by The William and Laura Derr Family*

*In memory of Carol, Laura, Vitor Wethelle, and Fran Petersen given by Miho Yasukewa*

*In memory of Ruth and Earl Watson, Virgil Diddens and loved ones given by Sue and Curt Diddens*

*In memory of loved ones given by The Gullickson Family.*

**Blue Christmas Service--December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

*Not all Christmas is jolly and cheerful, we experience loss and darkness. Blue Christmas service offers quiet and reflective moments with scripture readings, songs and communion. Come and taste God's comfort and love.*

