

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Family Christmas Eve Service



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The Good Shepherd cares for us. He gives His Life for us and to us. We give and use our lives in love, care and service of one another.

Prelude.....Tena Rackow

Welcome and Community Concerns & Celebrations

Special Music

“Sussex Carol”

Choir

A Story of Christmas

**An angel came
to a woman
named Mary
and told her,**



**“Do not be
afraid! You will
have a baby
and he will be
the Son of
God!”**



**When it was almost
time for the baby to
be born, Mary and
her husband Joseph
took a long journey
to Bethlehem, the
city of David .**

**Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay, but there was no
room for them. So Mary and Joseph took shelter in a stable.**

Song Go Tell It On The Mountain (Verse 3)

ELW#290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

- 3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.



**That night, Mary
gave birth to her
firstborn son, Jesus,
and laid him in a
manger.**

Song Away in A Manger (Verses 1 & 2)

ELW#277

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Suddenly, an angel appeared in the sky and said, ‘I bring good news! Unto you a child is born!’ A chorus of angels sang, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth!’



Song Angels We Have Heard on High (verse 1 & 2) **ELW# 289**

1 Angels we have heard on high,
 sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 and the mountains in reply,
 echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

 Gloria in excelsis Deo;
 gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

 Gloria in excelsis Deo;
 gloria in excelsis Deo.



**People from near
and far came to
adore the special
baby—Jesus, the
Son of God!**

Come and See!. Our Savior is born tonight.

Offering

Offering Song Jesus Loves Me Christmas version

**1. Christmas time is full of Joys, Moms and Dads, girls and boys,
best of all we like to sing, It's the birthday of our king.**

Refrain

**We all love Jesus, we all love Jesus, we all love Jesus, he is our special
friend.**

**2. Christmas time is not a tree, food to eat, or toys for me,
tell the people that you love, Jesus came from God above.**

Refrain

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friend.**

Prayer

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

Lord's Prayer

P: We pray as Jesus taught us to pray.

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

Communion Song Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Communion Song We Three Kings of Orient Are

ELW#275
WOV#646

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,

watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

- 4 All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1837, st. 4

- 1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

- Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!
- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Refrain*
 - 3 Frankincense to offer have I;

incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshipping God Most High. *Refrain*

- 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*
- 5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt

Prayer after Communion

Special Music

“O Holy Night”

Chimes/Piano

Candle Lighting

Song **Silent Night** **ELW#281**

- 1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
 round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
 radiant beams from your holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Christmas Blessing

P: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the life-giving Spirit who shines on you, ☐ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**

The candles are extinguished.

Song **Joy to the World (Verses 1 & 4)** **ELW#267**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the joy of Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! grace
 Let earth receive her king; and makes the nations prove
 let ev'ry heart prepare him room the glories of his righteousness
 and heav'n and nature sing, and wonders of his love,
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 and heav'n, and heav'n and nature and wonders, wonders of his love.
 sing.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and

Postlude





Poinsettias

In memory of family given by Karen Niemeier

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

In memory of loved ones given by Paul and Shirley Fox

In memory of the Friends and Family given 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 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.

Thank you to all who contributed flowers for our Christmas services.
You may take them home after the 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Worship Volunteers

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianist :Tena Rackow Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Director: Janis Kurth

Communion Assistant: Michelle Andrews and Brianna Andrews

Communion Ushers:

Sound System: Wayne Kurth

Greeters: Kristy Patterson

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Elevator Operators:

A special thank you to Karen, Cora, Beth, Wayne, Brianna, Kristy, Taylor for your assistance tonight as volunteers. Your all God's angels.

Musicians

Choir:

Janis Kurth, Michelle Andrews, Sue Diddens, Sharon Schlachter, Tena Rackow, Brianna Andrews, Krista Keene, Karen Niemeier, Wayne Kurth, Cora Hudik, Terry Hart, and Jay Andrews.

Chimes

Janis Kurth, Karen Niemeier, Michelle Andrews, Brianna Andrews, Wayne Kurth, Kristy Patterson, Dale Gullickson, Jay Andrews, and Terry Hart

Brass:

Wayne Kurth (trombone), Billie Jo Runkle (trumpet), Kayla Runkle (clarinet)

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Next Sunday: Blue Christmas Service 9:30am

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