

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Christmas Eve Worship Services



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**6:00pm Whole Family Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service via Facebook Live**

**12:00am (Christmas Day) Midnight Service
via Facebook Live**

**All services will be recorded. You may watch them on the church's Facebook page anytime.*

Order of Worship

6:00pm Whole Family Christmas Eve service via Facebook Live

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them a light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray. (*A brief silence*)

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283

First Reading **Isaiah 9:2-7**

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ELW #272

Second Reading **Titus 2:11-14**

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” ELW #276

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

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P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message

Hymn "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" ELW #271

Prayer

As we celebrate Christmas, let us praise God for the birth of our Savior and pray for all in need, responding to each petition with the words "**Your mercy is great.**"

Leader will lead the prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Gene Hesselbacher, Lisa Wienand, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessoroff, the Heimann Family, Janet, Lori, J. T., Dan and Sue White, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Kelly Thurman, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Anderson, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Carla, Tina, Julie, Karla, J. T., Annie, Jamie, Penny Day, Crystal, Jesse Becke, Sue, Pastor Art Stees, Carl Watson, Tina Diddens Tana, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby and Le-Win Food Pantry. We pray for those serving overseas, especially Kyle.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lighting the Candle

Gospel of Incarnation, John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn

“Silent Night”

ELW #281

Blessing and Dismissal

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child.

Almighty God, Father, ☐ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

“On Christmas Night”

ELW #274

Order of Worship

12:00am Midnight service via Facebook Live

Prelude “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” ELW# 282

Welcome

Prayer

Scripture **Luke 2:8-20**

Reflection

Hymn “Away in a Manger” ELW# 277

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless us this day + through the Word made flesh.

Amen.

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with us tonight and always. **Amen.**

Postlude



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Announcements

There will be no Christmas Day service.

Christmas Program video

*Will be released on Christmas Day on church's YouTube channel. *You may find the link from GS website.*

12 days of Christmas Carol

During twelve day of Christmas you may enjoy Christmas carols performed by GS family. Check church's YouTube channel to listen to our favorite carols every day.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

(December 27) 9:30am via Facebook Live

We will lift first responders in this service. We will have a guest speaker and will bless the first responders.

Christmas Carols and Stories

(January 3) 9:30am via Facebook Live

Hear the GS family's favorite Christmas carols and stories of the carols.



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