

...One
who is
more
powerful
than I is
coming...



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th, 2024

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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*** WORSHIP NOTES ***

- ✧ *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- ✧ *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- ✧ ***All** baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. **Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.***
- ✧ *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- ✧ *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

We Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world,
reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

P: God of might,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

P: God in our midst,

C: We confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,

in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through ✠ Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Fling Wide the Door”

ELW 259

APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate Insert

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

C: John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near.

L: Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness

C: welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,

L: for he is our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

As the Advent candles are lit by the , the lector prays this prayer

L: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

C: Amen

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

ELW 240 vv. 1-3

+ + + WORD + + +

We sit

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (*sung or spoken responsively*)

Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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ELW 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and the second system has the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

P: The holy gospel according to...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Bill Carr

PROCLAMATION

Good Shepherd Choir
Shannon Hancock, soloist

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn
Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
Infant Lowly, Infant Holy
On Christmas Night
Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

We stand

Hymn of the Day “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” **ELW 242**

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us 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

Celebrate Insert

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing God's peace)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We Sit

OFFERING

We stand

OFFERING HYMN

ELW #186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food

that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains two phrases: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second line contains two phrases: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third line contains one phrase: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth line contains one phrase: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some ties.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith, increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

COMMUNION

P: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

(Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center of the tray)

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace

*We stand***TABLE BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE (*NUNC DIMITIS*)**ELW #113**

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

C: Amen.

We sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW 244

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given by Sally Allen to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sara Poovey.

Lector: Rea Johnson

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Pastor: Rev. Bill Carr

Soloist: Shannon Hancock

Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Zoom: Ric Van Horn

Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2025 still has openings for several Sundays. If you would like to donate for a set of Sundays please check the chart. The Sundays are divided into 2 or 3 Sundays as indicated on the chart. The cost for any set of Sundays is \$65. The same flowers are used from the first Sunday in a set to the last, so there are no additional costs. If you have any questions, please contact Wylene Hinkle at 423-586-0641. Thank you!

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the wonderful people of Good Shepherd who attended the recital last Sunday with Bergen Gray! Your loving support is so appreciated!

-Dale Stanton, Our Savior Lutheran Church

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICES ON MONDAY EVENINGS

We will have additional opportunity for worship this coming Advent, as well as an opportunity to gather with our kindred in Christ from other congregations and denominations represented here in Morristown. These services are joint gatherings of the congregations of All Saints Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches. As part of our growth as a congregation, we want to re-embrace our local ecumenical partnerships, so we hope to see you at all three of these services!

Monday, December 16, 6:00 pm -- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Pr. Asa Majors of FUMC preaching)

We are in need of members to offer a light food reception and hospitality following the service on December 16. We will have tea sandwiches and cookies after the service. Please consider helping by signing up on the sheet on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

UPDATE: FLEECE THROWS

Because of your generosity of donating fleece throws to be given out on FOOD PANTRY MONDAY, December 16, we now have 71 fleece throws. Thanks be to God for your help in wanting to keep our neighbors warm and cozy during Winter. Thank you for your awesome support and prayers for this project. We feel we have enough throws to be given out on Dec.16.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

We will be short – handed at the next FOOD PANTRY MONDAY, December 16, when we give out the Fleece Throws. Marilyn won't be able to help us and we need one or two people to help bag the throws for each family. If at all possible, if you can help for 2 – 2 ½ hours on Monday, December 16, please contact Chris Thompson at christinethompson1109@hughes.net or text 865 – 414 -2197 or speak to Felicia Brandt. Thank you so much for your help.

In His Service, Chris Thompson

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, December 15	Third Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Worship Service, <i>covered dish meal following worship.</i>
Monday, December 16	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry 6:00 pm Advent Worship, <i>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</i>
Sunday, December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday, December 24	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 29	First Sunday of Christmas 10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, January 5	Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday, January 7	6:00 pm American Legion
Thursday, January 9	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, January 12	Baptism of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, January 19	2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, January 20	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry



We Remember in Prayer



Members - *Healing, comfort, & strength*

Ric Van Horn
Cody Nelson
Robert French

Family & Friends - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Family and Friends of Joseph Pochron, father of Barry Pochron, *comfort in sorrow*

Family and Friends of Michael Bates, friend of Mike and Chris Thompson, *comfort in sorrow*

Family & friends of Larry Wheeler, nephew of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*

Harley Carr, father of Pastor Bill Carr

Carol DeBrian, sister-in-law of Ed and Judy Skorski

Kara Van Deusen, friend of Pastor Bill Carr

Pete Bowers, Sally Allen's nephew

Troy Werner, son of Steve and Cindy Werner

From the Community - *Guidance, comfort, healing, strength, and peace*

Kimberly Bass

Brittany Bass

Cheryl Lynn Dusser

De Anna Baxley

Darlene Rosenbalm

Military Serving our Country - *Protection, comfort, & strength*

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother

Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew

Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member

Vision Statement

We are a congregation that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person -
questions, complexities and all.

Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name
for the life of the world God's people.

Mission Statement

By the grace of God, the Good Shepherd, we are called to serve Christ
joyfully by sharing the Gospel, being faithful stewards of God's gifts, and by
loving and celebrating all God's people.