



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Pastor: Kathleen Fullarton

Good Shepherd Lutheran Mission Statement

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Third Sunday of Advent. December 16, 2012

5:00 p.m. Adult Choir Cantata

* Please stand

Emmanuel! Your Light Has Come
Compiled and Adapted by Reid Lancaster
Presented by the Adult Choir

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation.

C: Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Song “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”. ELW 270

Prayer of the Day

C: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregational Song “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”. ELW 244
v 1 all, v 2 & 3 choir only, v 4 all

Season of Light. Gary Rhodes and Bruce Greer
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Good Christians All, Rejoice
O Holy Night
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Congregational Song “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” v 1 & 5. ELW 257

Emmanuel. Words and Music by Michael W. Smith
Arranged by Ronn Huff

How Like a Lamb. Gary Rhodes
Arranged by Bob Krogstad

Congregational Song “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”. ELW 276

Angels We Have Hear on High.. 18th Century French Carol
Arranged by Ronn Huff

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful.. Latin Carol
Arranged by Bob Walter

Offering/Loose Change Offering for World Hunger
Prayers of the Church

Good Christians All, Rejoice.. 14th Century Latin Carol
Arranged by Camp Kirkland

Benediction

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from your path.
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Sprit, bless you now and forever.

***Sending Song** “Joy to the World”. ELW 267

Baskets have been placed by the entry ways. Money donated will go to the choir fund. Choir fund money is used to buy choir music and support other choir activities.



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9:00 a.m. Holy Communion. **Setting Ten**

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Prelude Seeking Him

Welcome (Please remember to sign the pew pad by the center aisle of each pew .Mark your communion in the last column with HC)

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C: Blessed be God forever.

*Gathering Song/Song of the Month “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”. ELW 242

*Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

L: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Faithful God,

C: We confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

L: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C: Amen.

*Greeting

L: 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.

*Hymn of Praise. pg 204

*Prayer of the Day

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Choral Selection. Seeking Him

First Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Gospel Acclamation. pg 205

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 3.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel Luke 3:1-8

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message (9:00 a.m.)

The Sermon. Pastor Kathy Fullarton

*The Song of the Day “Hark, the Glad Sound!”. ELW 239

*The Apostles’ Creed

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.

The Offering/Loose Change Offering

Offertory Response “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”. ELW 254
The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.
*Sharing of the Peace
*Great Thanksgiving
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.
Sanctus. pg 207
Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer
Communion
Prayer after Communion
*The Benediction
*Sending Song “Joy to the World”. ELW 267
*Dismissal
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

Sunday School Christmas Program - Sun., Dec. 16th at 11:00 a.m. PreK- 6th gr will present “Signs of Christmas” by Pam Andrews. Come and see the signs and enjoy the program. All are welcome.

“**Christmas Lessons & Carols**” hosted by St. Casimir's Choir at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 19th. Take a break to peacefully contemplate the season's true meaning. Light refreshments will follow the program. Non-perishable items will be accepted for the Wells Food Shelf.

Senior Saints - Everyone 55 and older is invited to a Christmas celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 11:00 a.m. at Broadway Apartments. Come and join in singing Christmas carols and eating a great meal provided by the December service group.

7th & 8th gr Confirmation and Mentors - Christmas caroling, Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m. for 7th & 8th gr Confirmation students, Mentors and families. Meet at the church for rides. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served following the event in the Social Hall. If you are able to help drive please let the church office know.

Cutoff for Financial giving for 2012 will be 9:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31st. This allows time to get the deposit to the bank for credit also. God has blessed us to be a blessing. With the support of Good Shepherd we may continue to meet our obligations as a Christian community. Thanks for taking your part.

2013 is the 50th Anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church which will be celebrated on May 18 & 19, 2013. The 50th anniversary committee is offering a cross ornament for this occasion for \$10.00. These will be available after services during December as well as in the church office.

A sample commemorative plate of the 50th anniversary is available and may be seen before and after weekend services in the narthex or in the church office where we will take orders for it at a cost of \$20.00 each and will be available for Christmas.

Social Concerns Ministry Team distributed 40 personal care bags during the Holidays. Good Shepherd members have blessed the community with your donations of personal care items. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Merry Christmas! Social Concerns Ministry Team.

Thank you to Seeking Him: Sandi Hartman, Brad Heggen, Ashley Seedorf, Mark & Sue Dundas for their gift of music.