



**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**

**First Sunday in Advent** . . . . . December 1-2, 2012  
**5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion** . . . . . **Setting Ten**

\* Please stand

Prelude

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

**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, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

**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

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir Anthem . . . . (9:00 a.m.) “My Lord, What a Morning”. . . . . Adult Choir

First Lesson . . . . Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;

and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Second Lesson . . . . 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

\*Gospel Acclamation. . . . . pg 205

**Announcement of Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 21.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*Gospel . . . . Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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 . . . . “All Earth Is Hopeful”. . . . . ELW 266

\*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

Offertory Response . . . . “We Give Thee but Thine Own” v 1 & 4. . . . . ELW 686

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 . . . . "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" v 1, 2, 4. . . . . ELW 244

\*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Broadcast Cable Mediacom TV Channel 7 Sunday at 4:00 p.m.**

**Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.**

**Personal Care Gift Bags** - The Social Concerns Ministry Team will be collecting personal care items through Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to be used in gift bags for the Wells Area Food Shelf. Items may be left in the box in Memorial Hall.

**Sunday School Pancake Breakfast** for students and teachers. Sun., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45-10:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. Children attending church will be excused at 9:45 a.m. to enjoy pancakes made by the Social Concerns Ministry Team.

**Adult Choir Christmas Cantata** - "Emmanuel! Your Light has Come" will be presented by the Good Shepherd Adult Choir Sat., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Formal Dinner** - Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Jr. and Sr. high youth are invited to a "Youth Formal Dinner" starting with appetizers at 6:00, worship at 6:30, then 7:15 the formal dinner. Please dress nice, sign up with Sandy, or on the bulletin board at Good Shepherd or UMC so we know how much food to prepare. This is a fun night, friends are welcome, just remember to sign up!!! There will be some formal dresses at the UMC for you to borrow, if you would like. Contact Sandy for more information!!

**"Christmas Lessons & Carols"** hosted by St. Casimir's Choir at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.