



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent. December 22-23, 2012

5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. Worship. Setting Ten

* Please stand

Prelude

Welcome(Please remember to sign the pew pad by the center aisle of each pew)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, 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, 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

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name

of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Gospel Acclamation. pg 205

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 1.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel Luke 1:39-55

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” v 1, 3, 5. ELW 257

*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 “He Came Down”. ELW 253

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

The Lord's Prayer

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

C: And also with you.

*Sharing of the Peace
*The Benediction
*Sending Song "People, Look East". ELW 248
*Dismissal
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

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.

Annual Reports for the Annual Congregation Meeting are due January 4, 2013. All ministry teams and organizations are asked to submit a report of their 2012 activities. The Annual Reports Booklet will be available Jan. 19, 2013. Please pick up your copy on Jan. 19, 2013 or in the church office for review.

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 commemorative plate of the 50th anniversary is available and may be purchased before and after services in the narthex or in the church office at a cost of \$20.00 each.

Bevcomm Services - Due to Bevcomm's office being closed Mon., Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st and Tues., Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st services for Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th will not be shown. If you would like to watch the services please contact the Church Office.

Christmas Wreaths in memory of:
Bob & Millie Mershon, Melvin & Marie Stern, given by Kent & Linda Stern
Mandy Stern, given by Lyle, Sharen & Halie Stern and Family
Dick Sauer, given by Lorraine Sauer and Family
Jean Wetzell given by Tom Wetzell and Family
Bob Hanson given by Bonnie Hanson and Family
Ruth & Kermit Larson given by Joanne Korman and Family
Elmer Ziegler given by Barb Ziegler
Harry & Bernice Holstad given by Barb Ziegler
Alvin Ehlert and Evelyn Schneider, given by Elmer & Kathy Ehlert
LeRoy Larson, Rose, and Paul Mershon, given by Joyce Larson and Donna Mershon
Bernhardt & Nora J and Paul Jespersen, given by Joanne Jespersen and Cheryl Dornquist
Stan Noren, Ray & Martha Selberg, given by Ruth Noren
Peggy Sue and Cordy Colvin, given by Ruth A. Colvin
Dallas Hagen given by the Gary Hagen, Pepper, Brooke, Lindsay and their Families
Chuck Christenson given by Linda Hagen, Mike and Amy
Don Rauenhorst, given by Marilyn Rauenhorst and Family

In honor Grandpa Dennis & Grandma Diane Lutteke, given by McKayla, Alex, Hailey, Caleb, Kameron, Mariah, Chloe, Lilly, Daniel, Nathan and Lauren

Poinsettias on the Altar are given in celebration of Christ's birth by:
Women of the ELCA
In memory of Gordon Lesto, given by Shirley Lesto & Family
In memory of Gus & Erna Beckmann, given by Charles & Teresa, Kathleen, Mike & Jeanine Beckmann
In memory of Norbert Schroeder, given by Arlyss Schroeder & Family