



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

Second Sunday of Advent. December 8-9, 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. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near. 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 welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem (9:00 a.m.) "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending". Adult Choir

First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the

Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Lesson Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Gospel Acclamation. pg 205

Announcement of Gospel

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" "

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 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry". ELW 249

*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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v 1 & 3. ELW 257

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 "Prepare the Royal Highway" ELW 264
*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.

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

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, December 19 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.

Formal Dinner - Wed. Dec. 12th. 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!!

7th & 8th gr Confirmation - Christmas caroling, Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m. Meet at the church for rides. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served following the event in the Social Hall.

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.