



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

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

Third Sunday of Advent December 14-15, 2013
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Christmas Concert

*Please stand

Gathering

Advent Gathering Rite. See booklet in pew rack
 Lighting of the Advent Wreath
 Candle Prayer
 *Gathering Song "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn". ELW 242

A Thrill of Hope
 A Christmas Musical by Joel Raney
 Presented by the Adult Choir

Section I: A Thrill of Hope

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew". Personent Hodie
 Words: Fred Pratt Green
 "O Holy Night". Words: John S. Dwight
 Music: Adolphe C. Adam
Divinum Mysterium. Words: 4th C., Tr. John M. Neale
 Music: Plainsong, 13th C.
Antioch. Words: Isaac Watts
 Music: G.F. Handel
Noël Nouvelet. French carol, 15th C.
The First Noel. English carol
Beach Spring. Words: Charles Wesley
 Music: B. F. White
Hyfrydol. Music: Rowland H. Prichard

Section II: A Gift of Love

"Love Came Down At Christmas". Words & Music: Joel Raney
French carol, ca. 1553. Words: James Montgomery
 "Once in Royal David's City". Words: Cecil F. Alexander
Regent Square. Words: Charles Wesley
 Music: Henry T. Smart
Away In A Manger. Words: Anonymous
 Music: James R. Murray
 "The Gift of Love". Words: Hal H. Hopson, alt.

The Offering: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (Sung during the offering) vs. 1-4. ELW 257
 The Prayers of the Church (Kneel or sit)

The Lord's Prayer

Section III: A Prayer for Peace

Stille Nacht. Words: Joseph Mohr
 Music: Franz Gruber
 "Let There Be Peace on Earth". Words and Music: Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

Section IV: A Song of Joy

"Rejoice". Words and Music: Joel Raney
 "Mary Had a Baby". African American spiritual
Gloria. French carol, 18th C.
Welsh Carol. Words: Charles Wesley
Antioch. Words: Isaac Watts
 Music: G.F. Handel
In Dulci Jubilo. Words: Latin carol, 14th C., Tr. John M. Neale

Announcements

*Sending Song "People Look East". ELW 248

*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. C: Thanks be to God!

Are you a person of faith who has a heart for young people? We are seeking adult mentors to be paired with young Christians in the confirmation program. Being a mentor requires a time commitment and a willingness to listen and encourage a young person as they prepare for their day of confirmation. If you are such a person or know of someone you believe has the gifts for this ministry, please contact either Pr. Soli, Brian Ehlert, or Lynne Hanson before Christmas. The mentor program will be beginning early next year.

Sr. Saints - Join us in celebrating the birthday of our Savior at Senior Saints on Wed., Dec 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend and enjoy a meal provided by the December service group.

Sunday School Christmas Program - "Three Men and a Baby" will be presented Sun., Dec. 22nd at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Question and Answer Session today following the service on up coming changes at Good Shepherd. The session will be held in the Parlor.

Cutoff for Financial giving for 2013 will be 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, 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. Thank you.

The Harmony Junction Chorus will be performing its annual Christmas benefit concert on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Theodore

Catholic Church in Albert Lea. The free-will offering will be directed toward charitable organizations.

“The Nativity Story” will be shown at the Flame Theater on Wed., Dec. 18th at 4:00 & 6:30 p.m. at no charge to those attending. Come enjoy an evening away from the busyness of the season, and reflect upon what the heart of Christmas really is. A complimentary small bag of popcorn will be provided for each guest.