



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

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

First Sunday of Advent December 7-8, 2013
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. Worship

*Please stand

Gathering

Advent Gathering Rite See booklet in pew rack

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Candle Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Hark, the Glad Sound!" ELW 239

*Greeting

P: From the one who was, who is, and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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.) "Comfort Ye" Adult Choir

Word

Children's Message

Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 (printed on the Word insert)

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (read responsively)

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon "Repentance and Peace"

Song of the Day "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" ELW 256

The Apostle's 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 Prayer

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the

coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Sending

Announcements

*The Blessing

P: Rejoice that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. When he comes again in glory may he bring you to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Hymn of Anticipation "Once in Royal David's City" ELW 269

*Dismissal

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

Birthdays - Dec. 8-14 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

8-Deb Colvin	8-Amber Roessler	10-Ardene Breitreutz	12-Dennis Lutteke
8-Jason Huper	9-Gerald Groskreutz	11-Cayden Stern	14-Tina Lutteke
8-May Ovrebo			

Congregation Special Meeting - There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on today following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Social Hall for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

- To replace the church roof with a new copper roof next spring.

In the event that a quorum of voting members (80) is not present, the meeting will be held on the next consecutive Sunday.

Morning Coffee - Several have been enjoying coffee, conversation, and the newly decorated narthex before church services begin. We're now looking for volunteers to help with serving (once a month or less). If you can help, please call Lynne Hansen at 553-3675.

Christmas Open House and Farewell for Sandy Youngbloom - Dec. 12, 2013, 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the chapel. Come and enjoy some goodies and wish Sandy God's Blessings in her new responsibilities at United Methodist Church.

"**A Thrill of Hope**" presented by the Good Shepherd Adult Choir, Sat., Dec. 14th at 5:00 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 15th at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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.