



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 November 30, 2014
9:00 a.m. Worship. * Please stand

Welcome
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.
***Advent Song** "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" v 1. ELW 240

***Confession and Forgiveness**
P: 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.
P: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

P: 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.
***Gathering Song** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn". ELW 242

***Prayer of the Day**
C: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord Jesus, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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 "Savior of the Nations, Come". Adult Choir
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (read responsively)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.** ¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
¹⁹**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Children's Message
Announcement of Gospel

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Luke 3:7-18**

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

***The Song of the Day . . .** "John Went Out to Preach God's Word". Printed

***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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The Offering

Offertory Song/Song of the Month "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW 538

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** "This Little Light of Mine". ELW 677

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson
Scripture Reader: Trudy Drugg

Assisting Worship Leader: Jody Wegner
Acolytes: Andrew Heggen, Halie Stern

Birthdays - Nov 30-Dec 6 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

30-Sandy Bruegger	Bonnie Groskreutz	Skylar Niebuhr	6-Elaine Grunzke
Brylee Neubauer	4-Jesse Bye	5-Shane Buendorf	Ruth Noren
Amber Placek	Daryl Kruger	Tammy Bullerman	John Vee
2-Rick Baird	Sheila Niebuhr	Stacy Magnuson	

Welcome Brunch - You are invited on Dec. 7th to worship at 9:00 a.m. for Pastor Mary's installation and a Welcome Potluck Brunch following the service.

Personal Care Gift Bags - The Social Concerns Ministry Team will be collecting personal care items through Nov 30th to be used in gift bags for the Wells Area Food Shelf. Items may be left in the box in Memorial Hall.

In Memory of Jim Sorom a memorial has been received towards the Handicap Access Fund. It is given by Arla Sorom.

Daily Scripture Readings

Dec 1 - Psalm 79
Micah 4:1-5
Revelation 15:1-8

Dec 2 - Psalm 79
Micah 4:6-13
Revelation 18:1-10

Dec 3 - Psalm 79
Micah 5:1-5a
Luke 21:34-38

Dec 4 - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Hosea 6:1-6
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Dec 5 - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Acts 11:19-26

Dec 6 - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Mark 11:27-33

WHY A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE?



Women of Good Shepherd
join us Sat., Dec. 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Social Hall for our General Meeting

When we disburse our 2014 income and
install the new board and plan for the new year.

Share anything Christmas
(photo/memory/ornament/apron) with the group.

Don't miss the incredible
"Race to the Manger"!!!!

Freshly baked rolls, coffee, juice will be served.