



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

December 20, 2015

Advent Candle Lighting "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240

Gathering Song "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" ELW 249

Bethlehem's Child

The compelling story of Christmas, this is the miraculous story of Bethlehem's Child.

Presented by the Adult Choir

Come and Worship

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Words by James Montgomery, Tunes: Regent Square by Henry T. Smart,
Attr. to John F. Wade, and Adeste Fideles from John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*,
Lloyd Larson Winchester Old from T. Este's *The Whole Book of Psalms*

Our Hope Is in Emmanuel

Music by Victor C. Johnson
Quoting Veni Emmanuel
By Thomas Helmore, 1854
Traditional plainsong

Waiting and Longing

Music by Lloyd Larson
Incorporating Forest Green,
and Phillips Brooks Traditional English Melody

My Soul Does Magnify the Lord

Words and Music by
Victor C. Johnson

The Offering

Lynnea Eckhoff

Special Music

Offertory Hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" vs 1-4 ELW 263

The Prayers of the Church (*Kneel or sit*)

The Lord's Prayer

Christ Is Born in Bethlehem

Music by Lloyd Larson
Incorporating Forest Green
Traditional English Melody

Run, Shepherds!

Traditional Spiritual with addition lyrics
by Victor C. Johnson

Music by
Victor C. Johnson

Cradle Carol

Words by Christina Rossetti, alt.

Music by Victor C. Johnson
Incorporating Still, Still, Still
Traditional Austrian Carol

Bethlehem's Child

Words by Cecil F. Alexander,
Lloyd Larson, Nahum Tate,
and James Montgomery

Arranged by Lloyd Larson
Tunes: IRBY by Henry J. Gauntlett,
Winchester Old from T. Este's
The Whole Book of Psalms,
Regent Square by Henry T. Smart

Sending Song

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

ELW 239

Presiding: Rev. Mary Iverson

Birthdays-Dec 20-26 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)
20-Kyley Bullerman 22-Shari Winch Lauryne Stern 26-Matt Stern
21-Cory Peterson 24-Julie Mattick 25-Mary Rollenhagen

Harmony Junction Christmas Concert - Dec. 20th, 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church and
7:00 p.m. at St. Theodore Church, both in Albert Lea.

You are invited to Lessons & Carols - A Live Nativity at St. Casimir's Church on Tues., Dec. 22,
at 7:00 p.m. Free will donations accepted for Wells Area Food Shelf.

Wanted: Winter Boots - A much needed item during the winter months are winter boots. USC
teachers have many students who are without winter boots. Amy Anderson of Good Shepherd is
leading a collection of new or gently used winter boots for both children through adult sizes that will
then be available to teachers and the school social worker for distribution to students in need. Any
remaining boots will then go to the Clothing Closet. A box for boot donations will be under the
table by the church office door. Thanks for your help!

Good News About the Driveway Project - The Church Council is excited to announce that we
have raised the estimated amount needed for the proposed Driveway Project. The estimated cost of
the project is \$55,00.00. Thank you for the gifts that were received in the recent weeks.

The new Church Photo Directories have arrived! - The directories will be labeled with your family name and will be in boxes at the table near the church office. Additional directories may be purchased for \$5.00. The directory is available only because two people stepped forward to help lead this project! A special thanks to Julie Forderer and Lynne Hansen who put in work over many months. Thanks, as well, to the families who came to have their photos taken several months ago.

December 2015 Advent and Christmas Schedule

- Dec 20 9:00 am - Adult Choir Cantata
- Dec 23 5:00 pm NO Wed Meal or Worship
- Dec 24 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**
11:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
- Dec 25 Christmas Day**
- Dec 27 9:00 am - Worship
- Dec. 30 No Wed Meal
6:15 pm - Worship
- Dec 31 9:00 am Financial Cut off for 2015
Church Office closes at 12:00 pm
- Jan 1, 2016 Observing the New Year's Holiday
- Jan 3, 2016 9:00 am Holy Communion



Christmas Wreaths in memory of:

- Ben Niebuhr, given by Grace Niebuhr and Family
- Virgil Breitreutz, given by Arden Breitreutz and Family
- Bob Hanson, given by Bonnie Hanson and Family
- Dan Drugg, given by Trudy, Dani and Leslie Drugg
- Gordon Lesto, given by Shirley Lesto and Family
- Elmer Ziegler, given by Barb Ziegler
- Harry & Bernice Holstad, given by Barb Ziegler
- Elmer & Caroline Tatge, given by their family
- Dick & Bill Niebuhr, given by their family
- Lawrence & Eleanor Boggess, given by Myrna Boggess
- Ruth & Kermit Larson given by Joanne Korman and Family
- Albert (Izzy) & Patricia Gottberg, given by Paul & Bea Hensche & Brittany Gottberg
- Dallas Hagen, given by the Gary Hagen Family
- Chuck Christenson, given by Linda Hagen, Mike and Amy
- Loved Ones, given by Marilyn Rauenhurst and Family
- Palmer & Elaine Melby, Harold Bartz and in honor of Bev Bartz, given by the Jon, Pam Melby and Family
- Dan Drugg and in honor of Trudy, Dani, Leslie Drugg, given by Jon, Pam, Erik, Justin & Christopher Melby

Daily Scripture Readings

- Dec 21 - Psalm 113
Isaiah 42:14-21
Luke 1:5-25
- Dec 22 - Luke 1:46b-55
Micah 4:1-5
Ephesians 2:11-22
- Dec 23 - Luke 1:46b-55
Micah 4:6-8
2 Peter 1:16-21
- Dec 24- Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
- Dec 25 - Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
- Dec 26 - Psalm 148
2 Chronicles 24:17-24
Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

Cutoff for Financial giving for 2015 will be 9:00 am Thurs., 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.