



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation
Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Second Sunday of Christmas January 4, 2015
9:00 a.m. Worship * Please stand

Welcome

***Gathering Song** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”. ELW 283

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of peace,

C: We confess that we are not at peace--with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

C: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 147:12-20 (read responsively)

¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Children's Message

***Announcement of Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel** John 1:10-18

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

***The Song of the Day** “Angels We Have Heard on High”. ELW 289

***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 “What Child Is This”. ELW 296

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

***Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer**

Distribution

***Communion Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”. ELW 270

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Coni Olson

Acolytes: Taylor Jacobsen, Mikenna Erickson

Communion Servers: Coni Olson, Amy Anderson, Carol Jacobson

Birthdays - Jan. 4-10 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

4-Dylan Bonsack	5-Robert Buendorf	6-Samantha Rollenhagen	Amy Schroeder
Velma Brandt	Ray Harris	Mike Swanson	Steve Schultz
Dave Sauer	Hayden Niebuhr	7-Pam Melby	Evan Seedorf
Frances Solberg	Barb Sletten	8-Marvel Huper	10-Walter Stenzel

Annual Meeting is Jan. 25, 2015 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Council recommends a by-law change to the congregation to remove the youth representative from the council.

Attention all Ministry Teams and other organizations of Good Shepherd. Your annual report for 2014 is due Jan. 7th to be included in the Annual reports book. Please submit them to the church office by that date. Thank you.

Beginning Wed., Jan. 7th all adults are invited to attend a 5-week discussion and study titled "Homegrown Faith". This fun and inspiring book will enlighten parents and grandparents and anyone who loves children to learn the importance of sharing their faith with children and youth. Those who participate in this discussion will also learn practical applications for sharing faith with the children and youth they love. JOIN US!

Daily Scripture Readings

Jan 5- Psalm 110
Proverbs 22:1-9
Luke 6:27-31

Jan 6- Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 7- Psalm 110
Exodus 1:22—2:10
Hebrews 11:23-26

Jan 8- Psalm 110
Exodus 2:11-25
Hebrews 11:27-28

Jan 9- Psalm 110
Exodus 3:7-15
John 8:39-59

Jan 10- Psalm 29
1 Samuel 3:1-21
Acts 9:10-19a