



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

## Today's Worship

December 25, 2016

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Carol . . . . "O Come, All Ye Faithful" . . . . . ELW 283  
 Call to Worship  
 P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light into our world.  
**C: By day and night he shines for all the see.**  
 P: Jesus was born into a world filled with injustice and poverty  
**C: so that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**  
 P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,  
**C: so that all who believe in Him may not perish but have eternal life.**  
 P: Jesus is the light of the world,  
**C: Jesus is the light of our lives.**  
 P: Jesus is the light that still shines in our world,  
**C: Jesus shines brighter than all the darkness of our world.**  
 Prayer  
**C: Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness – Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Though born in a manger, he is the King of Kings. Though crucified on the cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us, once again, with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts. Amen**  
 Carol . . . . "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" . . . . . ELW 276  
 Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem by Dr. Maya Angelou  
 Carol . . . . "What Child Is This" . . . . . ELW 296  
 Christmas Day Gospel  
 P: A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke  
**C: Praise to you, O Lord.**  
 Bible Story . . . . Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**  
 Homily  
 Carol . . . . "Joy to the World" . . . . . ELW 267  
 The Apostles' Creed  
 Sharing of the Peace  
 Offering  
 Offertory Response . . . . "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" . . . . . ELW 288  
 Prayers of the Church  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Benediction  
 Sending Song . . . . "Go Tell It on the Mountain" . . . . . ELW 290  
 Dismissal  
 P: Go in peace.  
**C: Serve the Lord.**

Presiding & Preaching: Mary Iverson

**Birthdays-Dec 25-Jan 1** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

25-Mary Rollenhagen	Jackson Spizzirri	Jaxon Hart	Chris Tatge
26-Matt Stern	Kim Stevermer	30-Julie Diekmann	Diane Walters
27-Jerad Billings	28-Jacob Elmer	Lori Hotzler	31-Lillian Neubauer
Kathryn Ehlert			1-Dorine Miller

**Thrivent Action Team** - Boots and Headphones for Kids - Looking for gently used winter boots for Kids at United South Central also any headphone you have to be used with iPads for United South Central Elementary. They would like to be able to provide a set of headphones for each child that cannot afford their own. They prefer they have their own for sanitary reasons. Items may be brought to the church.

**Cutoff for Financial giving for 2016** will be 9:00 am Fri., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 doing your part.