



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

November 27, 2016

*The Coming of Christ ~ The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary*

## Welcome

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** . . . . . "Light One Candle" vs 1. . . . . ELW 240  
(Family: Lyssa, Jade, & Hudson Warmka)

**\*Gathering** . . . . . "Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn". . . . . ELW 242

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: We are called to a holy and righteous life, trusting always in God's promises. But many are the times when we fall short of our calling. As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child, let us confess our sins, that we might receive grace and mercy.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Gracious and loving God ...

**C: We confess that we have not always placed our trust in you, God. Sometimes we lose hope altogether. Forgive us for our lack of faith and teach us to trust in you, God, for all we need. Amen.**

P: This is what the Lord has done for us: God looks with favor upon us and God forgives you.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Jesus, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from sin that hinders our faith, that we may receive your promises. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Children Message

**Choir Anthem** . . . . . "Morning Star: Chosen by God". . . . . Adult Choir

**Psalm 89:1-6, 8** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

<sup>4</sup>**"I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."**

<sup>5</sup>Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

<sup>6</sup>**For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,**

<sup>8</sup>O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O Lord? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

## \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 1.

**C: Praise to you, O Lord.**

## Bible Story . . . Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

<sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."

<sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

**Hymn** . . . . . "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" . . . . . ELW 265

**The Apostles' Creed**. . . . . page 105

## \*Sharing the Peace

## Offering

**Offertory Response**. . . . . "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 1 & 2 . . . . . ELW 257

## Prayers of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

## \*Benediction

**\*Sending Song** . . . . . "He Came Down" . . . . . ELW 253

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev. Karl Dalager

**Scripture Reader:** Al Quade

**Birthdays-Nov 27-3** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

27-Amos Boeck

30-Sandy Bruegger

Amber Placek

Bonnie Groskreutz

29-Bob Bruegger

Brylee Neubauer

2-Rick Baird

**Children's Christmas Program** - there will be a Christmas program presented by the children on Wed., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Practices will be held on Wed, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-7:45 p.m. Children will gather in classroom 1 near the church offices. All are welcome to participate.

**November Food Collection** - During the month of November we will collect food donations of cinnamon and brown sugar. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your October donations of canned stews and soups that also went to the Food Shelf.

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

**Stewardship** - Time and Talent Sheets and Pledge cards may still be turned in. Please put your's in the offering or you may mail it to the church.

**Special Congregational Meeting** - There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 and continuing Sunday, December 11, 2016 following the worship services in the Sanctuary for the purpose to consider the following:

To allow the Getchell Family to rent the parsonage as soon as possible. Details will be presented at a forum on Wed., Nov. 30, 2016 in the Parlor and Sun., Dec. 4, 2016 in the Social Hall. A 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.

**Christmas Cookie Exchange** - Dec. 3, Sat. at 2:00 p.m. Bring your Best Christmas cookies on plates, six to a plate, total of 6 plates of the same recipe (3 doz.) with a recipe. All cookies should be homemade of your favorite Holiday cookies. Bring your plates in by 1:30. Any questions call 507-525-1920. Dessert and coffee served. Hosted by WELCA.

**Christmas Wreaths** will again adorn the Sanctuary at a cost of \$15.00. If you would like to purchase one or more in memory of a loved one please contact the church office soon, as there are only 2 wreaths.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

