



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

**December 17, 2017**

**Today's Worship**

*God's Presence Brings Life - Seeking God's Presence.* Today our Bible story is filled with words of hope from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah's prophecy is poetic and beautiful. More than that it is full of hope, painting the picture of God restoring the world, where good will triumph over evil.

### Prelude

### Welcome

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** . . . . "Light One Candle" vs 1 & 2 & 3. . . . . ELW 240  
(Family: Kim, Sheldon, Tori, & Piper Stevermer)

**A Candle is Burning**. . . . . Adult Choir

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

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather for worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Gracious Lord God,

**C: Our faithlessness often drags us down. Too often we let fear and resentments guide us. We neglect the needs of others. Forgive us for all we have thought, done, and said. Forgive us for what we have failed to do or say. Restore us to right relationships with you.**

P: God, who remains always faithful, also loves and forgives. Receive this day the entire forgiveness of all your sins, given as a gift, in the name of Jesus our redeemer and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Choir Anthem** . . . . "Cry Out with Joy and Gladness". . . . . Adult Choir

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Holy God, you clear a holy space in our world where hurt and destruction will have no place. Clear our lives of hatred and despair as together we plant seeds of joy and peace, that give birth to hope. May we live in harmony. Amen.**

**Psalm 72:1-7** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

<sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

<sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup>**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**Choir Anthem** . . . . "Come, O come Emmanuel". . . . . Adult Choir  
"He Come from the Glory"

### Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 11.

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

**Bible Story** . . . Isaiah 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

<sup>11</sup>On that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

### C: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

**Hymn** . . . . "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming". . . . . ELW 272

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

### \*Sharing the Peace

### Offering

**Offertory Response**. . . . "Away in a Manger". . . . . ELW 277

### Prayers of the Church

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

### Holy Communion

**Choir Anthem** . . . . "Communion Carol". . . . . Adult Choir

### Communion Prayer

### Benediction

**\*Sending Song** . . . . "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". . . . . ELW 270

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

### C: Thanks be to God!

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