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December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 9:30 am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.*

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number .We are delighted to have you.**

**Nursery:** Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.  
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –  
ELW SETTING 3**

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Karen Niemeier**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who comes to wake us from sleep,  
who leads us into the light of grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord  
by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared  
for your merciful reign among us.  
We ignore our neighbors in need  
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.  
In your mercy forgive us.  
Grant us wisdom to welcome your light  
and to seek the things that will endure  
until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P: Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

In ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven  
and all things are made new.

Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## My Lord, What a Morning

ELW#438

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn - ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,

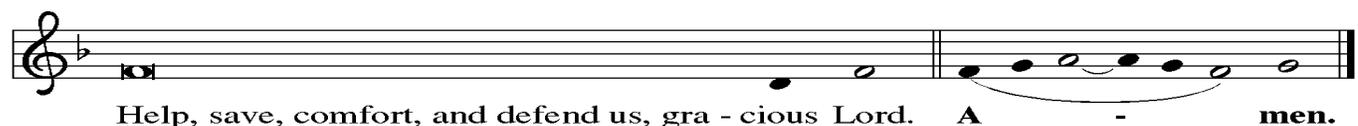
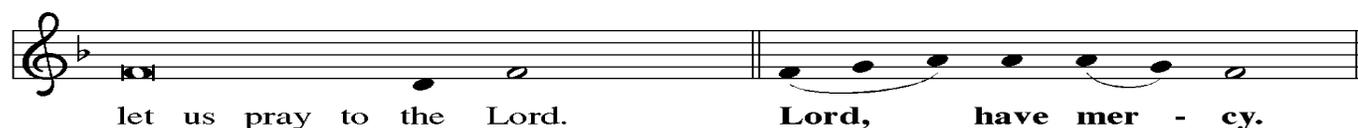
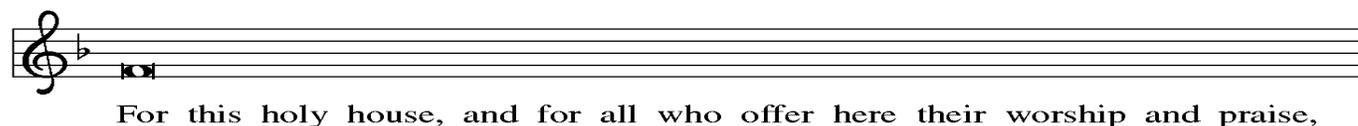
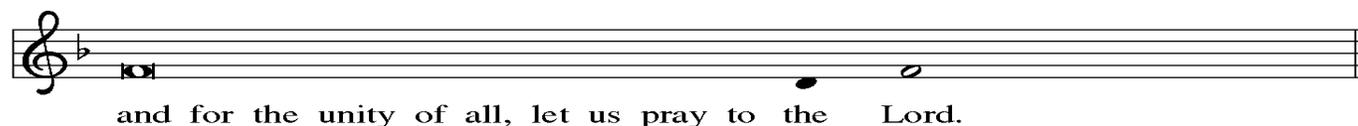
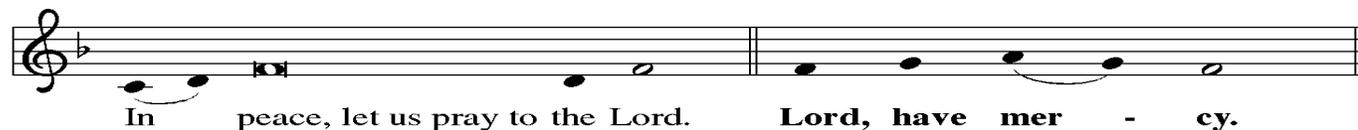
my Lord, what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,  
 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,  
 3 You will hear the Chris - tian shout,

*Refrain*

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

**GREETING P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C:** And also with you.

**KYRIE** (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. **C:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH****Wienand Family**

*One of the best known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.*

**Litany for the First Sunday in Advent:**

L1: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

L2: As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels.

**C: Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.**

L1 & 2: Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**C: Amen.**

*Light the first candle.*

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING HYMN Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Verse 1) ELW#240**

1	Light one can-dle to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.
2	Light two can-dles to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.
3	Light three can-dles to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.
4	Light four can-dles to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.



He	shall bring sal - va - tion to	Is - ra - el,	God	ful - fills	the	prom - ise.
He	shall feed the flock like a	shep-herd,	gent - ly	lead	them	home-ward.
Lift	your heads and lift high	the gate-way	for the	King	of	glo - ry.
He	is com - ing,	tell the glad tid - ings.	Let	your	lights	be shin - ing!

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#80**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand as you are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Mark 13:24-37 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

<sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

<sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.” P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

*During Advent we will explore God’s dwelling places. Where do we see God? Today, we will meet Jesus in Jerusalem*

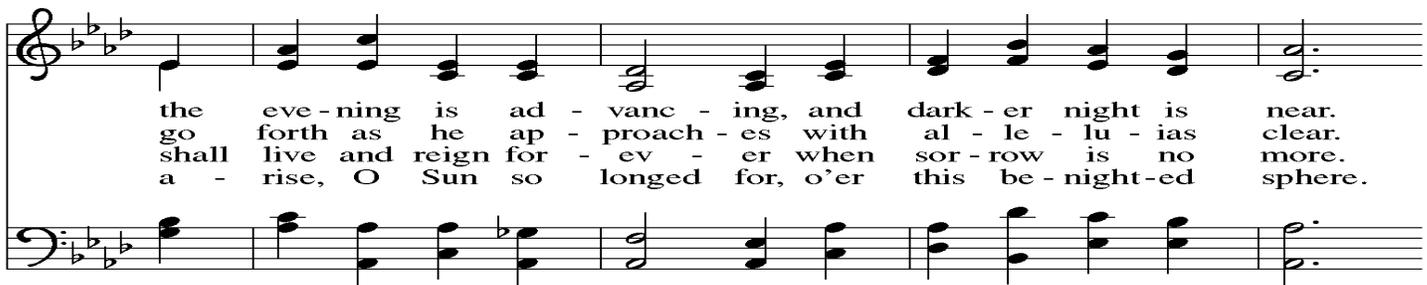
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (*Verses 1 & 4*)

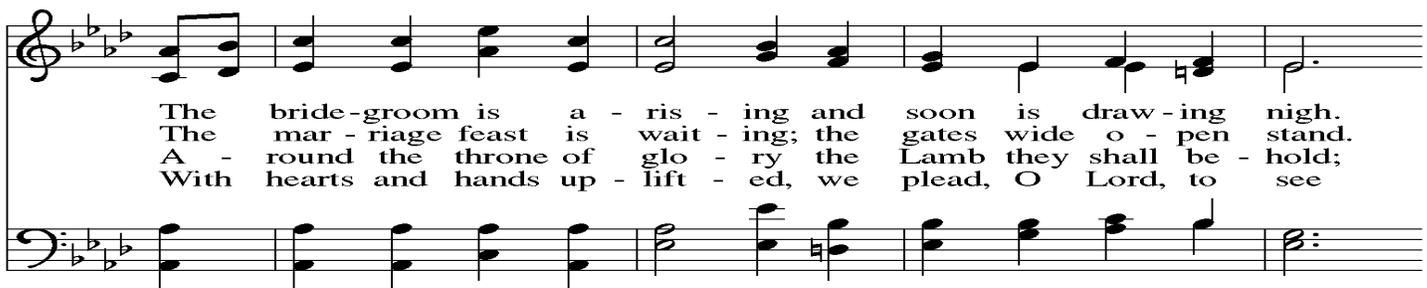
**ELW#244**



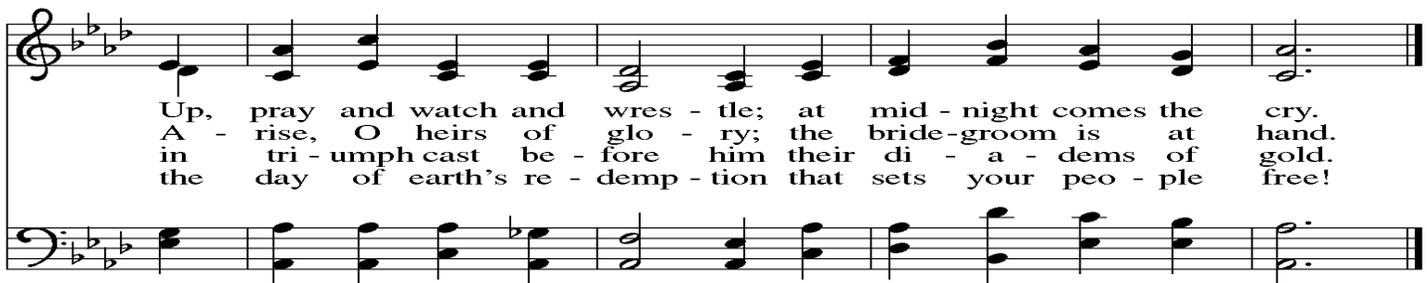
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring's bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**CREED (from the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism) *Please Stand***

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

P: The First Article: *On Creation*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property; along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people. *A brief silence*

WA: Give light to your people, Lord. As the darkness grows and we await the return of daylight, give new life to your church. Shape our communities to be faithful vessels of the gospel for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Restore your creation, Lord. You give the earth opportunities for both sleep and awakening. Thank you for the gift of restful seasons so new life may grow according to your appointed time.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Bring peace to the nations, Lord. Keep us alert to injustice and oppression, give us courage to cry out for what is right, and guide world leaders toward fairness and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Stir up compassion in us for all who wait for you. Be near to those whose lives are shaken, those who are experiencing loss, those who long for healing and wholeness, those who live with HIV and AIDS, and those who are in any kind of need *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Verl Price, Paul Hardel, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Linda, Dale, Meghan, Lucille Diddens, Jerilyn Strohecker, Cathy and Sharon.* Strengthen and encourage **Laura Derr and Lois Paulsen.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for child care workers, teachers, Sunday school leaders, and all who nurture and educate children. We give you thanks for their diligence and devotion. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: From ages past, your faithfulness has never failed. Shine your face upon us and bring us into the company of all your saints in light. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

**OFFERING**

**Karen Niemeier**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.*

*Please stand*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A: Let us pray, C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY HOLY HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
 As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion* —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction. Please dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle, and returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**ELW#490**

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| <p>1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,<br/>and with fear and trembling stand;<br/>ponder nothing earthly-minded,<br/>for with blessing in his hand<br/>Christ our God to earth descending<br/>comes full homage to demand.</p> <p>2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,<br/>as of old on earth he stood,<br/>Lord of lords in human vesture,<br/>in the body and the blood,<br/>he will give to all the faithful<br/>his own self for heav'nly food.</p> | <p>3 Rank on rank the host of heaven<br/>spreads its vanguard on the way;<br/>as the Light of light, descending<br/>from the realms of endless day,<br/>comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,<br/>as the darkness clears away.</p> <p>4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,<br/>cherubim with sleepless eye,<br/>veil their faces to the presence,<br/>as with ceaseless voice they cry:<br/>"Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, Lord Most High!"</p> |
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**POST COMMUNION BLESSING:**

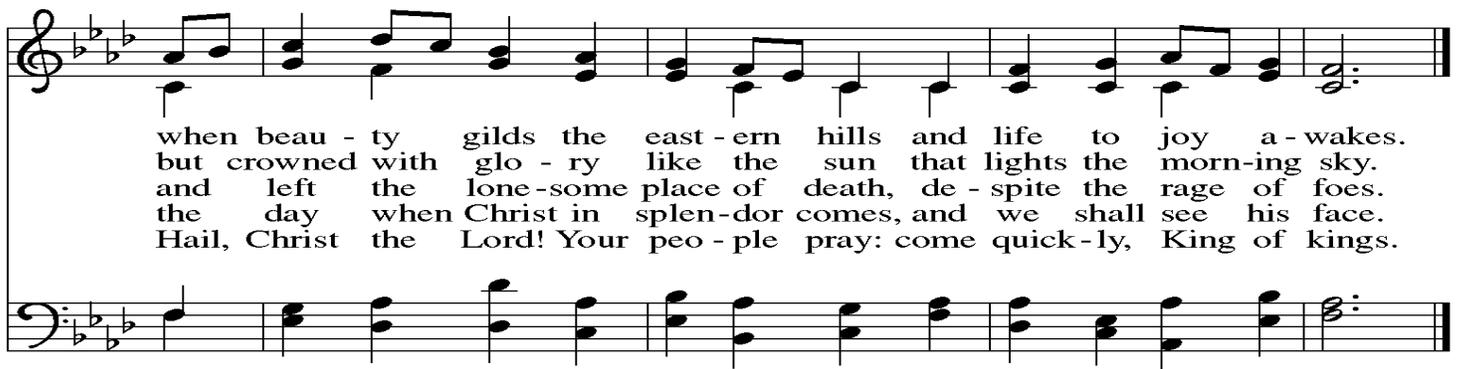
P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A:** God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING P:** May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****The King Shall Come** (*Verses 1, 2, &5*)**ELW#260**


1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

**DISMISSAL** (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Karen Niemeier**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

Lector: Michelle Andrews Acolyte: Ashtyn Brinker

Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle Communion Usher: Larry Fulfs, Austin Andrews

Communion Set-up Beth Martin Communion Asst: Dennis Luke, Beth Martin

Elevator Operator: Jean Engel Sound System: Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker

Greeters: Donna Gullickson, Curt and Sue Diddens

Ushers: Larry Fulfs, Austin Andrews, Donna Gullickson, Andrew Martin

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****December 3<sup>rd</sup> thru December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service--"1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent"--Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho at Text Study	2:00 pm
	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle	9:00 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service--"2nd Sunday of Advent"--Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Caroling	2:00 pm
	Tour of Homes	4:00 pm-7:00pm

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Attendance November 26<sup>th</sup> was 53 Total Offering 11/26/2017- \$885.00

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**Lena Area Church Cooperative**

The Angel Tree is up in the fellowship hall. Please remember to return your gift (s) to the church by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, with the top angel attached to it. Make sure that if you have multiple packages, that they are all marked or tied together.

Please do not forget to drop off your cookies for Operation Good Fellow this Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>! Please be sure and cross off your name and if you could also mark off how many dozen you left that would be great! Thanks!

Any Questions, please contact Shirley Fox or Mary Lloyd.

**Christmas Caroling, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at the church at 2:00 pm, dress warmly, to bring the Joyful sounds of the Christmas Season to others in our community. After Caroling, enjoy a hot bowl of soup back at Good Shepherd. Bring finger foods to share.

**Christmas Program December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 9:30am**

Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth.

**GOODIE BAGS For Christmas Program Participants**

Please consider donating by signing up on bulletin board at end of ramp.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Hannah Circle**

Will meet on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This is “Potluck” we will not have a hostess. Rene Johnson (815) 369-2818 is the Bible Study leader. The Advent Devotional material is in the December 2017 issue of “Gather” magazine. “Joy To the World” God in Christ is for all humanity.

**Poinsettias:**

Each year, Good Shepherd’s chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Please write your information requested on a flower envelope found in the pew holders, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by December 10<sup>th</sup> (Cost \$10.00).

*Bring your Friends & Join Us For*

**A Christmas Tour of Homes**

The following homes will be warm and decorated.

You may visit in any order.

Michael and Sharon Welton-119 E. Main, Lena

Donna and Dale Gullickson – 219 E Shippee Road, Lena

Darci Meier-521 W. Quail Drive, Lena

**Date: December 10, 2017 (Sunday)**

**Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm**

Your donation to the Lena Food Pantry at any of these homes will be greatly appreciated.

**Copy of Sermon is Available**

If you would like to have a copy of sermon, please talk to ushers or Pr. Miho.

**Angles Wanted**

Do you have angels in your house? Would you mind sharing your angels to decorate Good Shepherd during Advent and Christmas? It can be a picture of angels, dolls, quilts, artwork, poem, crafts, statues or anything with angels in it please helps us fill Good Shepherd with angels.

**Updates on the Stubbs Family**

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs’ family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>