

December 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:30 am

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

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome  
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

**WELCOME!** We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

**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.

**Nursery** Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Kayla Runkle	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Austin Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Willie Kayser	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Donna Gullickson, Jim Swain
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Engel	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Beth Martin
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Jean Engel	<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Open
<u>Greeters:</u>	Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker, Troy and Cindy Doubler, Virgil and Joanne Martin		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jerry and Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Jim Swain		

– ORDER OF WORSHIP –  
ELW SETTING 3

**PRELUDE** (A time for prayer and reflection)

**Karen Niemeier**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*(Please stand)*

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.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice **ELW#288**

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| 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice<br>with heart and soul and voice;<br>give ye heed to what we say:<br>Jesus Christ is born today;<br>ox and ass before him bow,<br>and he is in the manger now.<br>Christ is born today!<br>Christ is born today! | He has opened heaven's door,<br>and we are blest forevermore.<br>Christ was born for this!<br>Christ was born for this!  |
| 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice<br>with heart and soul and voice;<br>now ye hear of endless bliss:<br>Jesus Christ was born for this!  | 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice<br>with heart and soul and voice;<br>now ye need not fear the grave;<br>Jesus Christ was born to save!<br>Calls you one and calls you all<br>to gain the everlasting hall.<br>Christ was born to save!<br>Christ was born to save! |

**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** *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



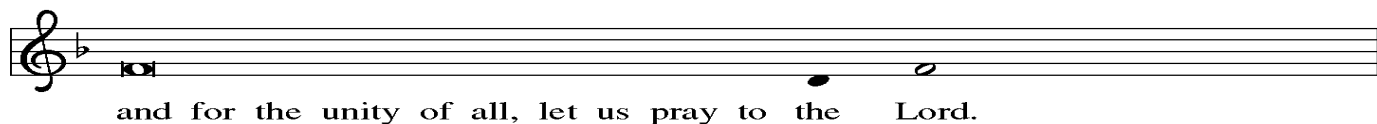
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



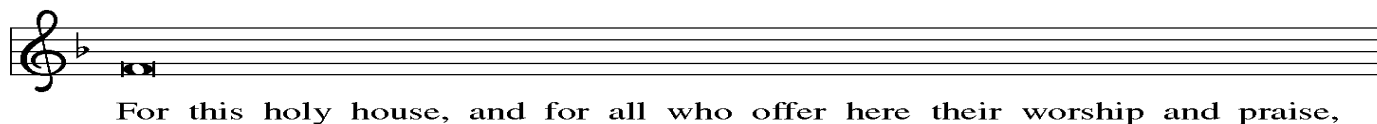
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



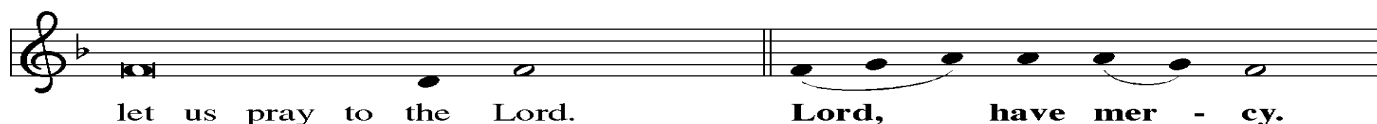
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



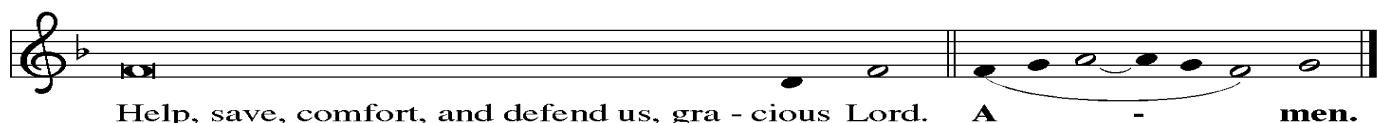
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW#275

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray 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. (*Please be seated.*)**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 147:12-20 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#147

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

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

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

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

<sup>16</sup>God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

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

<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup>**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: The word of the Lord!    C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Stand*

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.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 1:1-18 C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon

grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No 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!** *Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Miranda Klosterboer**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

What Child Is This

**ELW#296**

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

WA: Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *brief silence.*

WA: Let us pray for the church throughout the world; for bishops, pastors, ministers of word and service, and all other leaders; for teachers and missionaries; for the newly baptized and those preparing for baptism. And for the brothers and sister here in Lena, we pray for your blessing, guidance, strength, and peace to be with them. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: For coastlands and mountains, rivers and deserts, prairies and valleys; for wilderness and cities, lakes and oceans; for farmlands and pastures, forests and rangelands; and for orchards, vineyards, and gardens. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: For those who live in the north and the south, the east and the west; for all who work for peace; for those whose safety is threatened by warfare; and for immigrants and refugees. Lord, in your mercy, Lord, in your mercy, **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: For those who are hungry; for those who live with disabilities; for those who fear what the future holds for them; for those who grieve; and for all who are sick especially *Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Chris Harbach, Maryann Liebenstein, Jon Forsythe and Kelly Huneke.* Strengthen and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: For this assembly; for council members and all other leaders; for those who help us learn from our past and plan for the future; and for all whose faithful stewardship sustains this congregation's ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Pondering the mystery of your love, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

*Please be seated.*

**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. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.*

**OFFERING PRAYER** (congregation stands)

**A:** Let Us Pray. **C:** **Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

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

**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 here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.*



**COMMUNION SONG**

**Lamb of God**

**ELW#154**

Musical notation for the Communion Song, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "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."

The First Noel

ELW#300

COMMUNION SONG

1 The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as they lay; in fields  
where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

*Refrain*

3 And by the light of that same star

three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

*Refrain*

4 This star drew near to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Refrain*

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
full rev'rently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

*Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Liturgy of Ending and God Speed

*Invite the pastor and her family to come forward, a representative of the congregation addresses them.*

L: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his church. From that baptismal call you were called into ministry here with us. Since that time we have been privileged to serve the gospel together in the name of Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the gifts you have shared and for your love and dedication. May God continue to bless both you and us as we move into new futures apart from one another.

L: Let us pray: Eternal and everlasting God, you call us to be your people and set before us tasks and opportunities of service in your name. We thank you for your servant, Pastor Miranda Klosterboer and her husband Jesse and for the years of service that they have shared with us. Grant that they may continue in your grace. Continue to bless them with faithfulness, trust, and hope so that those deeds which are begun in your name may produce the fruit for your kingdom. We ask these things in Jesus name. **C: Amen**



**HYMN of ministry and hope**    The Church's One Foundation (Verses 1, 2, & 5) **ELW# 654**

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

*Then following the pattern of the installation service, the pastor and congregation representative(s) go to font, pulpit and altar with this litany:*

**L:** *(at the font)* At this font you have presided at the sacrament of Holy Baptism. During your years here, many have experienced the cleansing waters of rebirth and were welcomed into the Lord's family. We are grateful for your role in introducing those brothers and sisters to us. As you leave this font, we thank you for presiding at the sacrament of baptism.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**L:** *(at the table)* At this table you have presided at the sacrament of Holy Communion. You have provided instruction for those who would receive this means of grace. You have introduced children and the newly baptized to this sacrament. You have presided according to the good order of the

church and have welcomed us into the life of Christ. As you leave this table, we thank you for presiding at the sacrament of Holy Communion.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

L: *(at the pulpit)* At this pulpit you have proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ. You have comforted us in our afflictions and have encouraged us to more faithful lives in the gospel. You have celebrated the passages of our lives in weddings, funerals, anniversaries and confirmations. As you leave this pulpit and this sanctuary, we thank you for your leadership and ministry among us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

L: *(holding up a key received from the pastor)* When you came here, you received the keys to this building. You have had an office here where you have received us in times of crisis and times of joy. You have heard our confessions and spoken words of absolution. You have laughed with us and prayed with us. You have prepared yourself and us for work in the kingdom from within the walls of this building. As you return your keys, we thank you for your prayers, your diligent preparation and your careful listening.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The leader addresses the assembly with these or similar words.*

L: People of God, members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, do you release Miranda Klosterboer from service as your pastor?

**C: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

*The leader addresses the person whose call is concluding.*

L: Miranda, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church?

Pastor: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

L: Let us pray: Good and gracious God, we thank you for the partnership in ministry with Pastor Miranda and Jesse. We send them forth to continue the good work of your will in another congregation and community. Strengthen them in their parting and prepare them for the new mission and ministry you have laid before them. Give them grace to know that our love and blessings go with them. We pray in Jesus name.

**All: Amen**

L: As you leave us today, we send with you our prayers, blessings and good wishes.

**All: We bless you and send you forth in God's care. The peace of God be with you always.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNITY HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW#656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**BLESSING** P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW#290

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;  
 go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

**DISMISSAL (from back)**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!    **C: Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

**Karen Niemeier**

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**December 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 thru January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sending Liturgy for Pastor Miranda</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship with Potluck and program following	10:45 am
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
Thursday	New Year's Day " <i>Happy New Year</i> "	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Epiphany Sunday Worship with Holy Communion With Liturgy of Beginning Interim for Pastor Art Stees</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

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Worship Attendance December 22<sup>nd</sup> was 132

Total Offering December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015: \$7,683.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$9,482.11

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**Annual Congregational Meeting January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 10:45 am**

Capital Campaign Resolutions, Electing new Church Council members, Feedback on proposed revisions to Endowment Policy, Information on Safe Child Policy  
Celebrating 2015 and planning for a new year of mission and ministry in 2016  
Possible nominations for a Call Committee

**The 2016 ANNUAL REPORT** will be available for you to pick up at church Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>. It will also be available at the annual meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. However, if you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office at 815-369-5552.

**Annual Reports are Due January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation. These reports are assembled and made available to the congregation members prior to the meeting. The reports are the responsibility of the chairperson or offices. We will be sending out the reports from last year for you to update your reports and turn them into the office by Monday, January 4, 2016. If possible, please type up the report and email it to either [GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com](mailto:GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com) or [gslc@goodshepherdlena.org](mailto:gslc@goodshepherdlena.org) in Word format.

**Capital Campaign Information Meeting Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am**

With information on Project Scope and resolutions for the Annual Meeting

**Lena Living Center Wed. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 Afternoon Coffee Break RSVP to 815.369.4561**

Lena Mercantile Eatery Sponsored by Lena Living Center

Program: Sizzling Seniors Enjoy a complimentary piece of pie and a beverage.

RSVP to 815.369.4561

**Worship Volunteers**

We are setting up the Worship Volunteer schedule for the new year starting February 2016. If you are interested in assisting in any capacity with the services, please contact the office or put a note in with your offering. New volunteers are welcome! If you have been signed up to do something in the past, you will stay on the list unless you request to be taken off. We are looking for people to do all tasks, such as: Lector, Assisting Minister, Worship Assistant, Communion Ushers, Communion Set-up and Clean-up, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers, Special Music, Sound System, Video Camera Operators, and Power Point Operators. We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the past You make this church work and we really appreciate it!