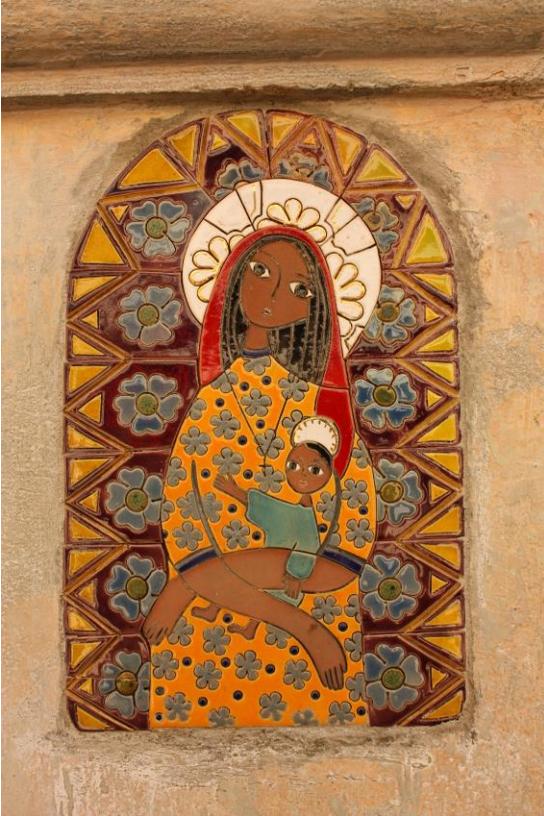


December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve



Nativity of Our Lord

Welcome
Visitors!

We're glad you are with us today.

Please sign in on the YES! Sheet
and pass it to the center aisle.
If you would like to request a prayer
to be read during worship, write it on the
back. An usher will pick it up during
the Hymn of the Day.

*Embracing the diversity of God's creation
and celebrating our oneness in Christ.*



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CAROLS & MUSIC

Anthem	Before the Marvel of this Night (C. Schalk)	Choir
Anthem	Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (arr. A. Rentz)	Choir
Flute	Greensleaves Ballad (C. Heine)	Mary Scherer-Emunds
Solo	Mary Had a Baby (Traditional)	Fred Reklau
Anthem	Jesu Paravale (A. Burt)	Choir
Anthem	Love Came Down from Heaven (M. Arder)	Choir

*ELW=red book hymnal Congregation responses are **bold**
Good Shepherd is dedicated to giving people the option of inclusive language.
These options are indicated in parentheses ().*

GATHERING

 Proclamation of Christmas This Holy Night Choir

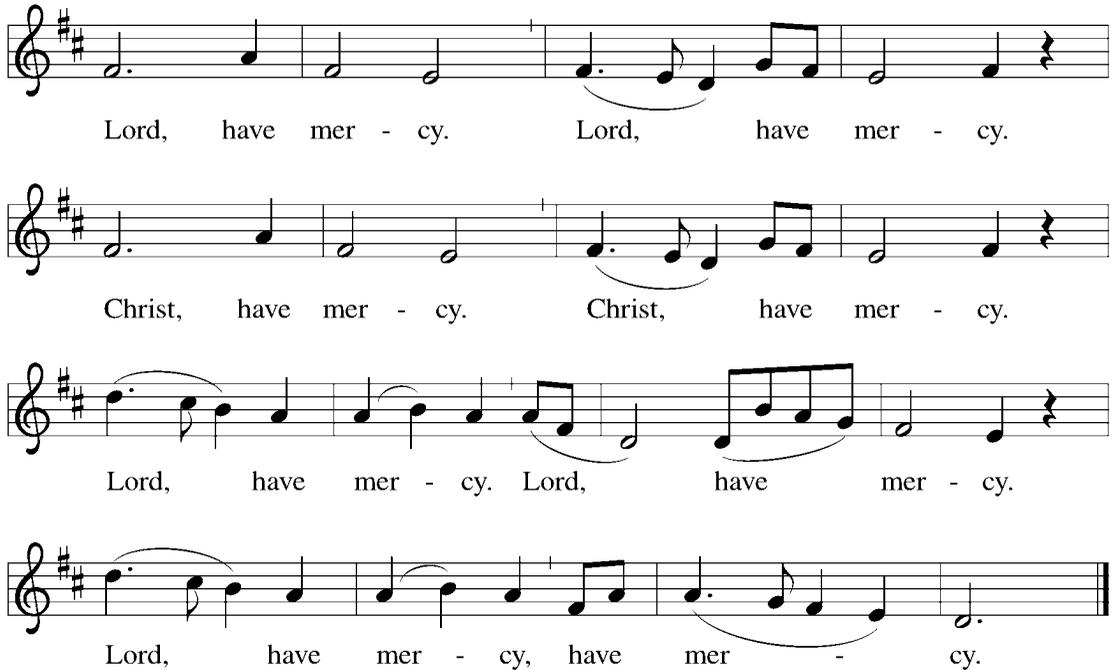
Throughout the season of Advent,
the Church has reflected on God's promises,
so often spoken by the prophets,
to send a savior to the people of Israel
who would be Emmanuel, that is, God with us.
In the fullness of time those promises were fulfilled.
With hearts full of joy let us listen to the proclamation of our Savior's birth

 Entrance Hymn Hark! the Herald Angels Sing ELW 270

 Greeting

Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

 Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

 Hymn of Praise

Of the Father's Love Begotten (*verses 4&5*)

ELW 295

 Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings

WORD

 First Reading

Today's Readings

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

 Reading

Mary's Song by Lucy Shaw

 Second Reading

Today's Readings

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

 Gospel Acclamation

O Come All Ye Faithful (v. 1&4)

ELW 283

 Gospel Lesson

Today's Readings

*Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

 Hymn of the Day

On Christmas Night

ELW 274

During the hymn, YES! Sheets are collected.

 Sermon

Pastor Kathy Nolte

Silence for reflection may follow.

 Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the (Father/Parent), the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only (Son/Child) of God,
eternally begotten of the (Father/Parent).**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the (Father/Parent);
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the (Father/Parent).
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the (Father/Parent) and the (Son/Child),
who with the (Father/Parent) and the (Son/Child) is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

 Prayers of the People

 Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

 Offering In the Bleak Midwinter (H. Darke) Choir
Gifts are gathered as the table is prepared.

 Offertory Hymn In the Bleak Midwinter (*verse 3*) ELW 294

 Offertory Prayer

Let us pray ...

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger
and your love flows from the cross.
As you gather us around these signs
of your love come among us,
warm us to extend your care
among the hungry and all in need.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

 Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

 Preface

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

 Sanctus Angels We Have Heard on High (V. 1)

ELW 289

 Eucharistic Prayer

On this Holy Night, we come to your table, O God of Light...

...Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again.

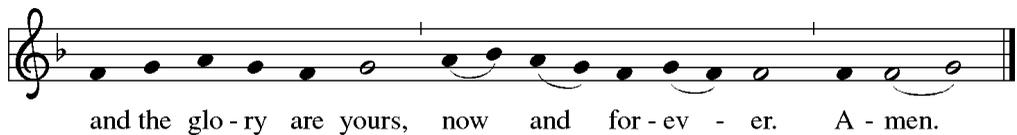
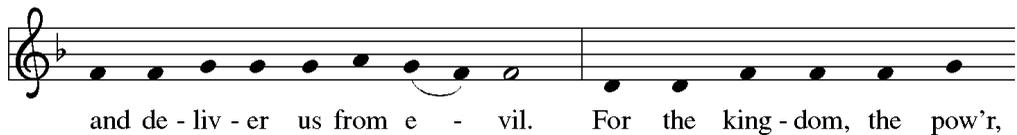
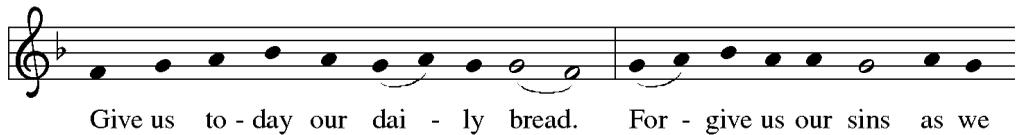
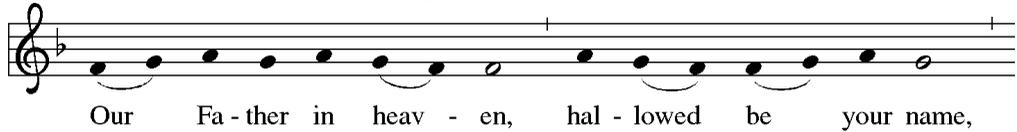
Amen, come Lord Jesus.

We pray that you send now your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Amen, come Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

We join in the prayer Christ taught us:



Invitation to Communion

Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

Communion

Please come forward as the ushers direct. You will be given bread. You may eat the bread and drink; or intinct (dip) in the large cup and eat. The silver cup has wine; the pottery cup has grape juice. Pastor has gluten free wafers if you need, just ask. Those who only wish a blessing may come forward with their arms crossed in front of them.



Communion Songs

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	ELW 276
Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 2&3)	ELW 289
Away in a Manger	ELW 277



The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.
As you have come among us now, send us out in joy,
hastening to share the good news of your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING



Celebration of Light (candle-lighting)

Assisting Minister: As Christ comes bringing the light of God's love,
we light our individual candles to signify our individual and collective
commitment to live as Christ's faithful in the world.



A candle is carried slowly from the back to the front of the church.

A reading from John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being ⁴in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Pause - letting the candle be carried in silence.

¹⁴And 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.

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,
who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Pause - letting the candle be carried in silence.

A reading from Isaiah 60

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you.²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.



The Spreading of the Light of Christ

*The Pastor and Assisting Minister light their candle from the Christ Candle.
Ushers light their candles from the Pastor and Assisting Ministers*

Please hold lit candle straight to avoid dripping when lighting your candle.

As the candles are lighted, we say to each other:

Behold the light of the world!

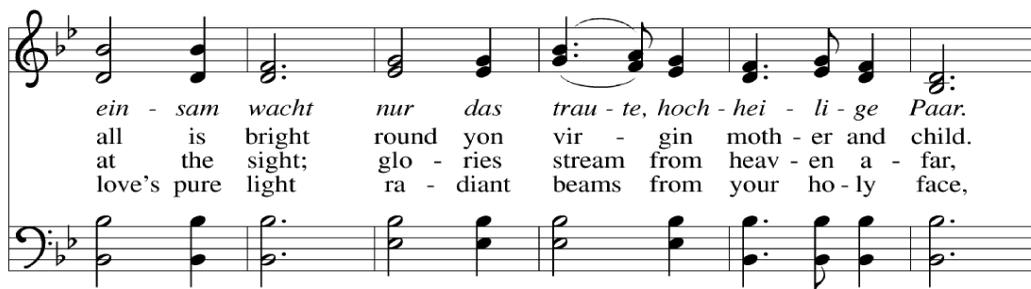
When all the candles have been lighted Presiding Minister:

Jesus spoke saying, "I am the light of the world;
those who follow me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

“Silent Night”
(verses 2 & 3 unaccompanied)



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

 Prayer

Let us hold up our candles ...

One candle is but a flicker, but together, we create a
bright flame of Christ's light in the world.

Consider the beauty of our lights shining together.

Jesus is the light of the world!

Jesus is the hope of all our tomorrows!

May we be witnesses of the light Christ brings. **Amen.**

As you gently extinguish your candle,
carry the light of Jesus' love with you.

 Blessing

May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life. **Amen.**

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength. **Amen.**

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world. **Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

 Dismissal

A Child is born to us! A Son is given!

He is named Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Prince of Peace!

Christ is born! Merry Christmas to all!

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*If you are a visitor welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
where our doors are open wide to people from all backgrounds.*

*We want to be a place of blessing. If you are just beginning to wonder about Christianity,
this is a safe place to ask questions and to explore possibilities. If you have been journeying with Christ
for some time, this is a place to grow deeper in your walk as a disciple. If you have wandered here and
there or up and down in your spiritual journey, this is a place to speculate, marvel, seek and find.*

*And whether you live out your faith primarily through study, meditation, emotional experience
or social activism, you can find others at Good Shepherd who share your spiritual temperament.
This is a place of open doors, open minds, open hearts, open hands.*

Sunday Worship 9am, Christian Education classes, 10:30am

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