

# Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church



**SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
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**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

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**W**ELCOME to this hour of worship as we hear and respond to God's good news in Christ Jesus, through whom we have forgiveness and life. May the Holy Spirit bless your hearing of the Word.

*Our Mission is to*

Encourage others as we grow together; professing our faith in Christ's resurrection.

*Therefore let us encourage one another and build each other up.*

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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**TO OUR GUESTS:** We hope that you feel welcome here and that you will join us for worship often! Don't hesitate to ask one of us for assistance if needed. Our pastor would be delighted to tell you more about your Savior, our church and its activities. You are welcome to call on our pastor at anytime. *Would you please sign our guest book to leave a record of your visit?* Please introduce yourself to those who are worshipping with you. We'd like to get to know you.

**Children are always welcome** in our congregation. The back rows of our worship area are reserved for parents with small children. A speaker-equipped cry room/nursery is located near the front entry for restless little ones. We have equipped the nursery with a window and sound for the benefit of those who may need to use this area.

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## *Today's Worship*

**Worship Theme:** We praise and thank God for his many blessings.

**Liturgy:** The Order of Service is outlined in our service folder today.

Hymns: 4 – 2 – 9 - 456, 1 & 5

### Our Worship Assistants

**Pastor:** Charles Heup

**Organists:** Bill Lueders & Candy Ritger

## **First Sunday in Advent**

**OPENING HYMN:** *Lift Up Your Head, You Mighty Gates* (CW 4)

### **INVOCATION**

**P:** We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Give glory to the coming King!

**C:** Oh, come, let us worship him!

**P:** Behold, He who was to come has come.

**C:** We welcome him with thankful hearts.

**P:** Behold, He who has come is coming again.

**C:** We wait for him with fervent faith.

**P:** The Spirit and the Church cry out:

**C:** "Come, Lord Jesus."

**P:** All who await his appearance pray:

**C:** "Come, Lord Jesus."

**P:** The whole creation pleads:

**C:** "Come, Lord Jesus."

**Sing:** (CW 23) Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

### **THE ANTIPHON**

**P:** O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

**C:** Come and teach us the way of wisdom.

**Sing:** *(While the Prophecy Candle is lit)*

(CW 23) Oh come, our Wisdom from on high  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**C:** O almighty, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But my heart is deeply grieved over them and I sincerely repent of them; and I pray you of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

**P:** Upon this your confession, I as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and acting in his behalf and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

***Congregation may be seated***

## THE WORD

**THE SCRIPTURE OF PROPHECY** Isaiah 11:1-9

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, daughters of Jerusalem!  
See, your King comes to you,  
Righteous and having salvation.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.  
(*Zech 9:9; Ps 118:26*)

**THE SCRIPTURE OF ANTICIPATION** 1 Peter 1:3-12

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
Lift them up, you ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in. Alleluia!  
(*Psalm 24:9*)

**HYMN:** *Savior of the Nations Come* (CW 2)

### THE SERMON

**THE OFFERING HYMN:** *Come, O Precious Ransom, Come* (CW 8 v 2,3)

*After the offering has been received, the congregation  
will stand and sing, as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine When you are my guest divine!

My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray you.  
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay you,  
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, your merit through your grace.

**THE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE ON PAGE 20** in the hymnal

**PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)** *(Sung to "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel")*

(CW 23) O Lamb of God, you take away  
The sin of all. Have mercy, Lord, we pray!  
O Lamb of God, you take away  
The sin of all. Have mercy, Lord, we pray!  
O Lamb of God, our faith increase,  
And grant to us your gift of peace!

*BE SEATED*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** *Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes* (CW 9)

**THANKSGIVING**

(CW23) Let us now thank our God, the Lord,  
Who on us grace and mercy poured;  
Who gave his body into death,  
And blessed us with his dying breath.  
Oh tell his love, his name confess.  
He is: "The LORD, our Righteousness."

So at your Word, your servants go  
In peace to serve you here below.  
For we have seen salvation's Light;  
Our names are in your Book of Life.  
Glory to God! Let men and angels sing  
To Christ the Lord, our heavenly King.

## **PRAYER**

(CW 23) Amen, that is, so shall it be,  
Confirm our faith and hope in Thee,  
That we may doubt not, but believe  
What here we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Thy name and at Thy Word  
We say: Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!

## **THE DISMISSAL**

**P:** Behold, He who was to come has come.

**C:** We welcome him with thankful hearts.

**P:** Behold, He who has come is coming again.

**C:** We wait for him with fervent faith.

**P:** "He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon'

**C:** "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P:** "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.

**C:** "Amen."

*(Revelation 22:20,21)*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go* (CW 456, 1 & 5)