



Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of Life

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We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend the morning with us. As we worship, pray, and sing together, we hope that God's Spirit will fill your heart, and bring you joy and peace.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30-Traditional Service, 9:45 - Sunday School & Bible Study,
11:00-Family Service

Childcare is available throughout the morning for children up to 3 years old. The nursery is located at the east side of the narthex. A cry room is available just off the west side of the narthex near the doors to the sanctuary.

We practice Open Communion. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

Please give us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you by filling out one of the yellow cards found in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.

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***"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."
Romans 12:11***

December 5, 2021
8:30 AM Service

Prelude

Welcome

Leader: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9) On this second Sunday of Advent, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (*Congregation stands*)

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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Apostolic Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Advent Litany

Leader : Jesus Christ is the light ' of the world,
People: **The light no darkness can ' overcome.**

Leader: The Spirit and the ' church cry out:
People: **Amen. ' Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: For with you is the foun ' tain of life,
People: **And in your light ' we see light.**

**“Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God’s own face,
You who sing creation’s story, shine on every land and race.**

**Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way.
Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.”**

Prayer of the Day

(Congregation may be seated)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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People: Thanks be to God!

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Special Music

(Congregation stands)

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.”**

Scripture of the Day Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

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Before Reading: **“Glory to you, O Lord.”**

After Reading: **“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

(Congregation may be seated)

Message A LIVING SANCTUARY

Pastor John Foster

Hymn of the Day **"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

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Opportunities for Growth and Service

Joys and Concerns

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Prayers of the Church

(The following verse will be sung before and after the prayers of the church)

**"Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary for you."**

Apostle's Creed *(Congregation stands)*

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the *holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**the true Christian Church at all times*

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Offering Prayer

Presider: Merciful Father

People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

(Sung to the tune “What Child is This”)

Leader: What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

People: This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna is given!

Leader: What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious love is given?

People: This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Word of God is given!

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

(Congregation may be seated after prayer)

Communion Hymns

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

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Doxology

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

Benediction

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



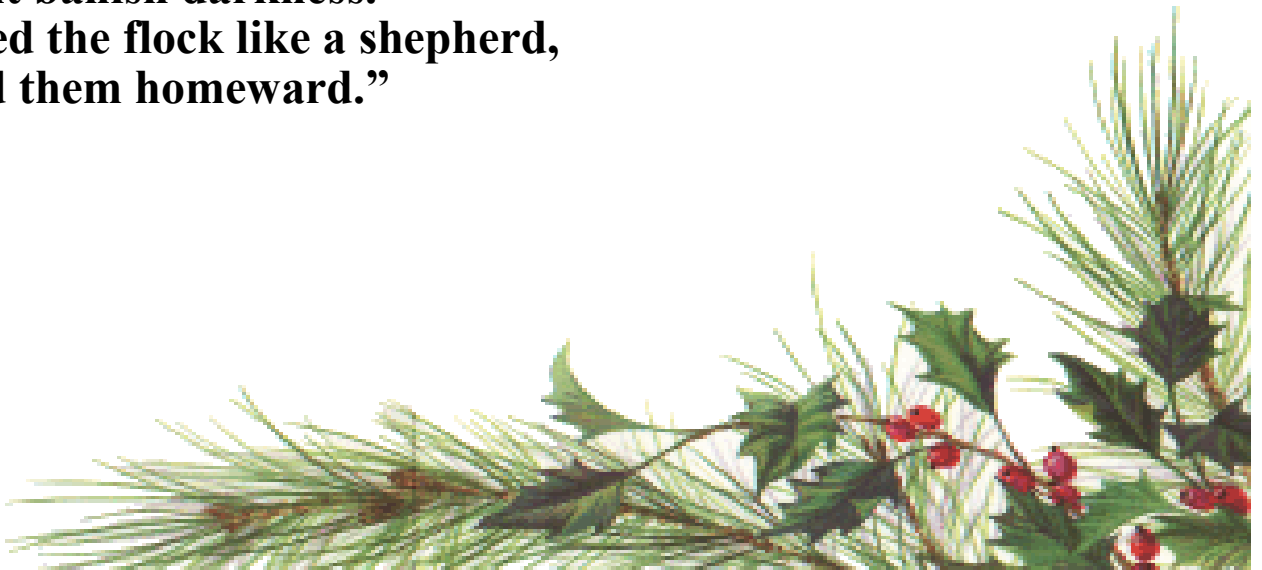
Peace

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him in faith. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in him.

Let us pray. Loving God, thank you for the peace you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that we say and do. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen

During the lighting of the Advent wreath we sing:

**“Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
Let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
Gently lead them homeward.”**





12/5

Maria Cashion
Tony Jimenez

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Godlove Fabisin

12/7

Carson Cozad
Robert Blake

12/8

Janet MacKay

12/9

Robin Lee
Kelly Campbell
Keaton Becker
Fletcher Jackson

12/10

Michael Brinkley
Brian George

12/11

Brandon Engberg
Caroline Fabisin

Happy Anniversary

12/10

Robert and Michelle
Blake



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



8:30 AM

Minister Assistant

Judy Siefken

Altar Guild

Sherri & Chris Wade

Greeter

Scott Fields

Prayer of the Day

Jan Rogerson

Reader

Tami Parker

Ushers

Chuck Chambers &
Candy Fitzgerald

11:00 AM

Candy Collins, Lynn
Evenson, Val Hicks

Ines Herrera, Sharon
Johnson

The Pfretzschners

Dana Blevins

Jeff Nelson

Joe & Midge Norris

Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 11:00 AM

Christmas Program Rehearsal dates

TODAY at 9:45 am

Saturday, December 11th at 9:30 am

Sunday, December 12th at 9:45 am

The program takes place during the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 12th

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
Jesus

We are ready to party on Sunday,
December 19th!

Don't miss our Children's Birthday Party for Jesus for our elementary school students at 9:45 am. We also have a Christmas party in the works for our Junior High & High School students (more details to come next week).

CONGREGATIONAL
Meeting

TODAY
9:45 - 10:45 AM
in the Sanctuary

CookChildren's.



HOMERUN FOR COOK CHILDREN'S

**FUNDRAISER
RAFFLE**

12.10.2021

RAFFLE TICKETS \$15 EACH
PRIZES ARE GUARANTEED TO BE A MINIMUM \$25 VALUE!

Mansfield Horned Frog's baseball team fundraiser
Slim Chicken 3600 East Broad, Mansfield
Friday, December 10th from 5:00PM- 8:00PM



Stop by our table in the narthex and hear how you can help the Horned Frogs baseball team raise money to help buy gifts for Cook's Children's hospitalized patients this Christmas.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY SERIES

SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

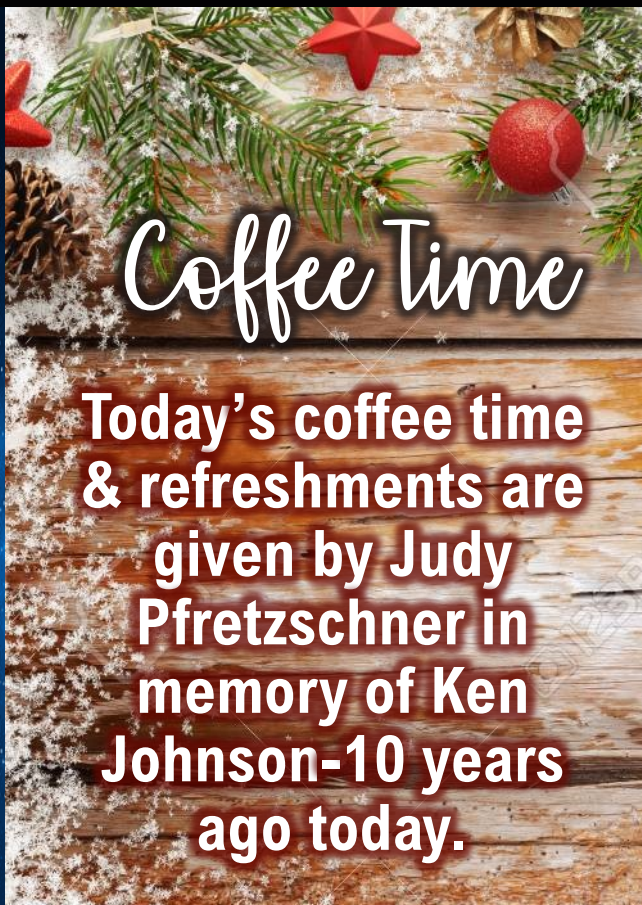
Today - No Bible Study

December 12

The Wise Men with Pastor John

December 19

The Angels with Pastor Mark



Coffee Time

**Today's coffee time
& refreshments are
given by Judy
Pfretzschner in
memory of Ken
Johnson-10 years
ago today.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4:00, 6:00, & 11:00 pm



We hope you will join us as we celebrate together the culmination of this season of hope, peace, joy, and love - the birth of our savior, Jesus.

LET EVERY HEART
Prepare

Advent Service
Wednesday, December 8th
at 6:00 PM followed by
Wine and Cheese Fellowship
at 7:00 PM

Christmas Cookie & Candy Exchange



TODAY

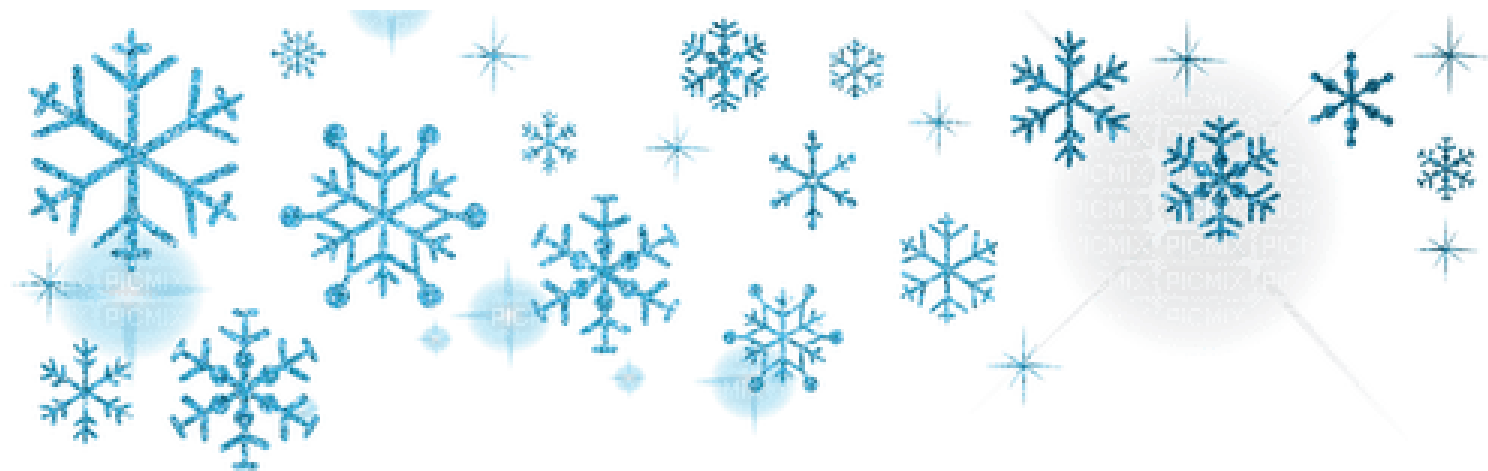


Gifts are in the \$30.00 range.

We will also be accepting unwrapped
gift donations for those who want to
participate but are unable to get an angel

TODAY — Adopt an Angel

DECEMBER 5 through 12 — Return gifts in a gift bag
(no wrapping paper please)



HOLIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Christmas Cookie and Candy Exchange
Annual Meeting - 9:45 - 10:45 AM

(There will be no Progressive Dinner this year)

Wednesday, December 8th

Advent Service at 6:00 PM
Wine & Cheese Fellowship at 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 12th

Christmas Program 11:00 AM

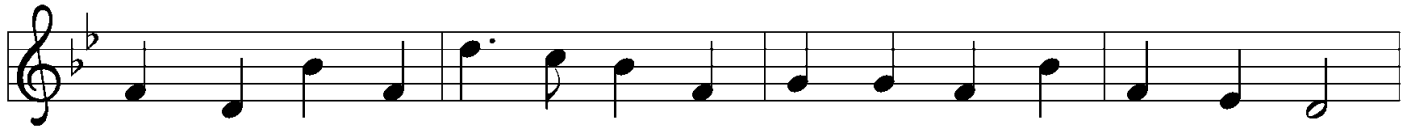
Friday, December 24th

Candlelight Communion Services
4:00, 6:00, & 11:00 PM

Sunday, December 26th

One Service Only at 11:00 Lessons and Carols, Pajamas and Hot Chocolate.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory



- 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



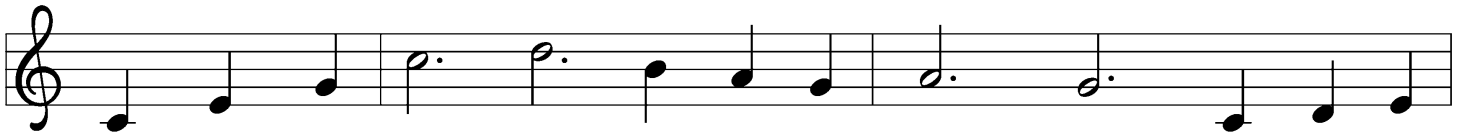
Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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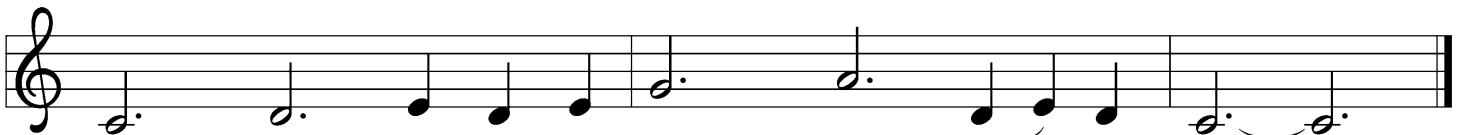
Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

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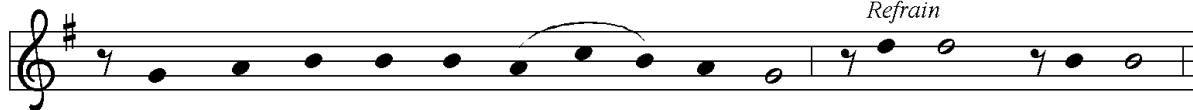
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

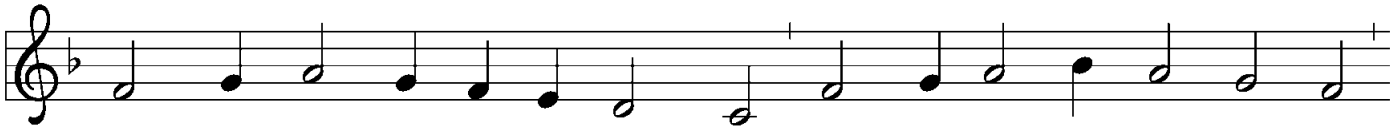
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Comfort, Comfort Now My People



- 1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
- 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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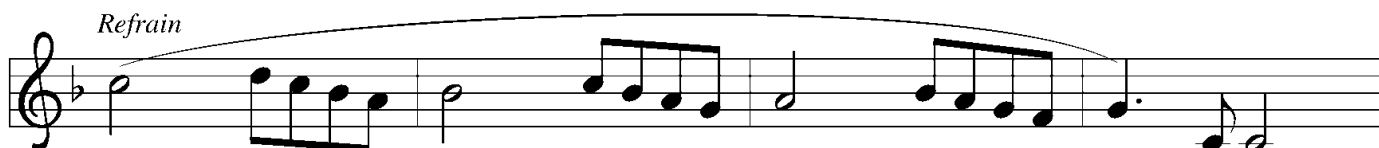
Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



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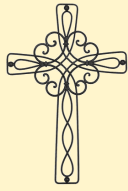


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Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

Music: GLORIA, French carol

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Caring Ministries

Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving...

For the Baptism of Remi Lex Cashner

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- *For Bruce & Tyna Oslie's daughter, Angie who is experiencing unrelenting seizures and vertigo and seeking solutions following surgery*
- *For Val Hicks who is beginning radiation treatments soon*
- *For Phyllis Hecht who is recovering from an ablation and is diagnosed with breast cancer*
- *For Delores Downard who is receiving chemo*
- *For Judi Christensen who is having a biopsy of her thyroid*
- *For Lauren Lien who is recovering from knee replacement surgery*
- *For Flo Walzer who is recovering from a partial hip replacement*
- *For Rhonda Banks' friend, Roger who is in serious condition in the ICU*
- *For Norma Hadley who has begun infusion treatments for cancer*
- *For Joanne Hedrick's sister, Cathy who has been diagnosed with cancer*
- *For Judy Pfretschner's daughters' mother-in-law, Ann who is recovering from brain surgery*
- *For Richard Gumtau's friend, Dick Kneeland, hospitalized with intestinal issues*

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

Valerie Burton's daughter, Liz; Cathy Dismore's sister, Marti; Robin Lee; Hank Briggs

The Lord is filled with Compassion for...

For Wendy Spalding and her family following the passing of her husband, Tony

- *If you have a prayer request please contact Judy Pfretschner at jjjohn16@att.net.*
- *We have prepared meals in the Administration Building. Feel free to take one to someone who needs it.*
- *There are prayer shawls in the chapel available for you to take to someone who is in need of comfort.*
- *Our James 5 Ministry can arrange pre-surgery prayers in our chapel for you. Contact Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.*

11:00 AM Service

Call to Worship

Welcome

Leader: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9) On this second Sunday of Advent, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Congregation stands and sings)

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Prayer of the Day

(Congregation may be seated)

Baptismal Song **“Baptized in Water”** Page 16

Sacrament of Holy Baptism *Remi Lex Cashner*

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Scripture of the Day Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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Before Reading: **“Glory to you, O Lord.”**

After Reading: **“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

(Congregation may be seated)

Message A LIVING SANCTUARY

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Song of the Day **"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

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Joys and Concerns

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Prayers of the Church

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**"Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary for you."**

Apostle's Creed *(Congregation stands)*

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the *holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[By our tithes and offerings we say "Thank You" to God for all of our blessings. Your offerings support Shepherd of Life's ministry here, in our community, and around the world through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrificial response.]

Offering Prayer

Presider: Merciful Father

People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**the true Christian Church at all times*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

(Congregations Sings)

**"What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna is given!"**

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *(Congregation joins hands)*

(Congregation may be seated after prayer)

Communion Hymns

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

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Doxology

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

Benediction

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."
(Isaiah 9:2)



THE STORY OF THE BLUE LAMB



We believe the Lord is our Shepherd, that goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and that one day we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever! We also believe that God wants you to know these blessings as well.

As a reminder that this promise is for all, we invite you to take this moment to gaze at our window. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is gently holding a lamb. We love that it's not black or white. It's blue, an artistic and beautiful reminder that every single Child of God is unique, special and welcome here.

Walking in paths of righteousness for His name's sake is a calling worthy of our best. As we seek to live out and share our Lord's joyful, life changing love through: *Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Spiritual Growth, Risk-Taking Service and Extravagant Generosity*, we invite you to join us and pray that you, too, will feel the comfort and peace of his loving arms upholding you.

Our Mission

To live out and share the joyful, life changing love of our Lord Jesus Christ through....

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FIRST READING – Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

SECOND READING - Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

SCRIPTURE READING– Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.