

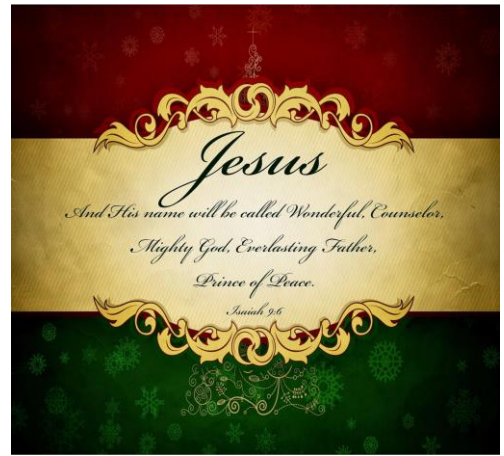
Dec 25, 2022

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Prelude

*Ode to Joy arr. Tonioli
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring arr. Nelson*

Welcome and Announcements



***Call to Worship**

Ps. 98: 7-9

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹ before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

***Hymn of Praise**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 208

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created; **(Refrain)**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God _, in the highest; **(Refrain)**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing. **(Refrain)**

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:15

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we are reminded of the divine purpose for the incarnation of Christ: that his name was called Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen natures and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have been lazy over heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. "Wretched man that I am, who will set me free from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." O Father, we thank you for his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection, and his ascension for sinners like me. In his redeeming name, we ask your forgiveness and pardon. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps 98:1-3

¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star. **Refrain**

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear. **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One. **Refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Acts 28:17-31

(Pew pg. 937/LP pg. 1171)

WSC # 45-46

(pg 872 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment?

A. These words before me in the first commandment teach us that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

***Doxology**

No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation**

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 214

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Sermon

Luke 2:1-21 (Pew pg. 857/LP pg. 1069)

1. Providences Great and Small

2. The Manner of Jesus Birth

3. The Irony of God's Glory

Questions:

1. How much time do you devote to the news, current events, politics, etc.? What are some ways that you can look for God's providential care and control over all these things, good or bad?
2. How can you see God's heart displayed in the circumstances surrounding Jesus birth? His parents poverty? No room for them in the inn? Being wrapped in swaddling? Are there other circumstances you can think of?
3. What must you do when you grow weary of life, your current situation, or where God has placed you currently? How can you see the Gospel right where you are today?

***Hymn of Response**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

No. 195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Music & Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson

Memorial Poinsettias



Sue Ariunak

Tom Gasche

Charles Sederberg

Grandfather & Dad Chris Bliss

Kern Parents

Cherry Alvin Workman (Dad)

Don Stam

Peter Lanenga

Weekly Calendar

SAT 12/24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Women's Choir in blue classroom at 4:25 PM) (Youth in blue classroom at 4:45 PM)
SUN 12/25	9:30 AM	No Sunday School Worship Service
SUN 1/1	10:30 AM	No Sunday School Worship Service – LORD's Supper
	3:00-8:00 PM	New Year Party @ Gretzinger Home

Serving the Lord

	12/25	1/1	1/8
AM Nursery	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger	Angela Collins
Greeters	Lash Fam	Lindborg Fam	Phyllis Sederberg
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up	at Welcome	Desk
Audio	Josh Alderson	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash
Elder of the Week	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	N/A	Jim Martin	N/A

Announcements

- **Christmas Day Service:** Our Christmas Day worship service will happen at 9:30 AM. Make sure you mark this change of time.
- **Sunday School:** No Sunday School on 12/25 & 1/1. Sunday School resumes January 8 at 9:20 AM with classes for all ages. These are important opportunities for us to grow together in our faith and knowledge of God and his ways. All are urged to attend.

Adult classes: (1) The History of Christianity in Early America (continuation of earlier class). (2) Foundations of the Christian Faith (for inquirers or those interested in church membership). See fliers on the Welcome desk.
- **New Year's Party:** Mark your calendars for 1/1 from 3:00-8:00 PM. Details to be announced.
- **No Dec Viking Luncheon:** No Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon this month, stay tuned to emails and announcements to see when it resumes.
- **Church directory addendum:** If you are new to Good Shepherd or your contact information has changed, please complete an addendum worksheet/ available in the narthex. Please submit these by the end of the calendar year.
- **Email:** Email is the best way to keep in contact about upcoming events and possible winter weather. Please talk to Cassy or email info@goodshepherdpcanet.net to be included.