



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022 10:00am

*Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!*



Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex. Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting of Advent Candles

Praise to you, O God, Creator of all things.

You take us by the hand and keep us.

You send your servant to walk beside the downtrodden.

Bless us as we mirror you in these simple flames,
showing forth your justice in the paths that we prepare.

**We see your light dawning on all who sit in darkness
as the former passes away and the new springs forth. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Radiant God, **you have come to live among us, yet we fail time and again to see you in the faces of our neighbors. We look to ourselves instead of those in need. We seek the shallow comforts of things we can buy instead of the deep and lasting comfort of your presence. Forgive our stubborn refusal to see, and open our eyes to the joy and wonder of your incarnation.**

Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. The God of boundless grace forgives you all your sins, renewing your spirit for the sake of Immanuel, God with us.

Song

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn Red ELW 242. vs. 1, 2 & 4

**Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**

**To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.**

God of grace and mercy, **with the prophet Isaiah, we long for your justice to be done.
As we wait for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you.
Amen.**

Musical Offering

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

- arr. McChesney

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

*God promised a weary people that God would do a new thing with an old covenant.
God would send a servant to rewrite the covenant, and recreate it in a new way.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Gospel

Matthew 12:15-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you. O Lord.**

¹⁵When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, ¹⁶and he ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸“Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. ²¹And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

+ Reflection +

"When has someone walked beside you?"

Please place your written responses on the display in the narthex following worship.

Song

Christ Be Our Light

Red ELW 715 vs. 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

**Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Proclamation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

Prayers of the People

Confident that your promises are sure,
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need

Prayer response:

We call on our God, **O come, O come Immanuel.**

In faith, hope, and love, we lift our prayers to you,
in the name of your promised savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

Red ELW 251 vs. 1

**My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

**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

God declares to us a new thing: the salvation that is in our promised savior, Jesus
Christ. Come share in the feast of that promised salvation at the table of new life.
All is prepared for you.

✠ *We Are Church. Better Together* ✠

Options on how to receive Holy Communion:

1) You may come forward to the rails, kneel or stand, starting at the center and fill along the rail. After you have received communion you may exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space at the rail. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you at the rails with the words spoken:

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or the assisting minister.

2) You may take a pre-prepared kit to your seat, located at the back entrance, and receive communion at your seat,
(One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice. Please open the wafer side first.)

3) For those participating online, you may have any type of bread and wine or juice and take these elements as you are able.

All are Welcome

You are invited . . .

to bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion. The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God’s gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

*Prayer station has been moved to the library for Advent.
Feel free to spend time during communion to light a candle in prayer.*

Communion Songs

Wait for the Lord

Red ELW 262

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

Red ELW 251

**My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.**

To all who live in holy fear
your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud,
their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside,
the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things,
the rich sent off unfed.

To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made
their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One,
give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,
one God, by all adored.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

God, you have created all there is, and given us life and all we need to sustain it. With thankful hearts we offer now our gifts for the care of all that you have made. **Amen.**

Home Communion Sending

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world

Blessing

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Prepare the Royal Highway

Red ELW 264

**Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:**

Refrain

**Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!**

**God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain***

**Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: *Refrain***

**His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain***

Sending

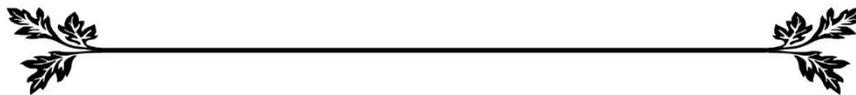
Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Your Advent journey continues as you leave worship today!
Pause on your way out to engage hunger more deeply:

- Learn about serving in your community and beyond
- Spend time with God in the library/ prayer room
- Post and view sermon responses on the bulletin board
- Make connections through Advent projects
- Take a booklet for daily devotional reading



Advent Prayer Room

During the season of Advent, you are invited to learn & experience praying silently with our whole selves and as a community as we grow in our relationship with God.

The library will be transformed into a prayer room
where we you can rest in body, mind & spirit.

Come . . . be still.

The Prayer Room is available before & after each service.

Location: Library, west of the Information Center.

✝ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES ✝

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **PRAYER STATION** is available **in the library** before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to:
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

NURSERY

The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks, Teri Hermsmeyer
- Assisting Minister: Amy Evancheck
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Musical Offering: Diane Klinkerfues, Lisa Grimm, Karen Novess, Jordan Ortman
- Reader: David Irwin
- Communion Assistants: Del Holz, Dianne Watts
- Greeters: Bob & Gloria Lloyd
- Usher: Mel Yockstick
- Altar Guild: Janet Gustafson
- Sound Tech: Michael Boehm, Josh Cohen
- Information Booth: Melinda Paulson
- Fellowship Hosts: Susan Linner, Becky Sauer

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