

Worship
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 5, 2025
8:30 & 9:45am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P. 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.

SONG *"Gather Us In"*

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away – here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Isaiah 60)*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- P. Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Holy One has risen upon you!
- C. Our spirits soar at the dawning of the light that illumines our darkness.
Our hearts rejoice at God's abundant grace.**
- P. Lift up your eyes and look around,
for God has pity on the weak,
and redeems the oppressed from violence.
- C. Come to Bethlehem with the magi,
following the star of God's glory,
and proclaiming the good news of Jesus,
who is the Christ.**
- P. Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Holy One has risen upon you!
- C. We shall see with eyes made new.
We shall see and be radiant.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

BIBLE READING Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he said to them. Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

P. The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG "Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name. Repeat

Chorus: **Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, he is Lord. Lord of all.**

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil

Refrain

He is Lord. Lord of all. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne.

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.**

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
Mentor of all creation!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is said after each prayer petition

L. Lord in your mercy

C. Hear our prayer

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG *"What Child is This"*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh: come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERING PRAYER

Glorious God, overjoyed in the presence of Jesus' radiant light, the magi knelt, offering him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"Joy to the World"*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry 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 all 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 sin and sorrow 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.

SONG *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

L. May the love of Christ that shines in you
shine brightly in the world wherever you go.
And the blessing of God, Radiant Light,
bless you and keep you always.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

Refrain: **Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

L. Let us go forth rejoicing in the light of God's love.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Jim Smeby, healing

Josh Karels, healing

Millie Mlinarevich, healing

Auggie Kelly, infant in NICU after early deliver

Neil & Courtney Hess, recovering from house fire, no injuries

Family and Friends grieving the death of Dorothy Carlson