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TODAY'S FOCUS

The light of Christ illuminates hearts and eyes once darkened by sin. The whole world sees the salvation of an unseen God made visible in our human flesh and blood Savior.

WELCOMING SONG: God Loves Me Dearly

God love me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. *Refrain:*

He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain:*

Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *Refrain*

Now will I praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now will I praise You All my life long. *Refrain*

INVOCATION

Leader: We worship in the name of the Father

Children & Adults: Our Father so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son.

L: And in the name of the Son

C: The Son took humanity to Himself, to live and die in our place.

L: And in the name of the Holy Spirit

C: The Holy Spirit creates faith to accept with peace and joy the message of Christmas. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We confess our sins to Him who so loved us that He freely gave Him up for us all.

C: We confess to You, Lord God, and to my brothers and sisters in Christ: we have sinned. We used thoughts, words and deeds that brought shame to the name of the holy and righteous God. Our sin is our fault, Lord. Please forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Savior.

Pastor: Let the earth now praise the Lord who has truly kept His Word
and at last to us did send Christ, the sinners' Help and Friend.
Listen to His Word of peace: Jesus came the lost to seek;
from His cross and empty grave, know the truth: your debt was paid!

People: **Crushed for me the serpent's head! Freed me from its doubt and dread!
I shall cling to Christ in faith safely kept through life and death!
And when You shall come again as a glorious King to reign,
I with joy shall see Your face, freely ransomed by Your grace.**

Tune: #28cw

SONG OF PRAISE: A Great and Mighty Wonder #36cw sel

A great and mighty wonder, A glorious mystery:
A virgin bears an infant Who veils His deity.

REFRAIN:

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men."

The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.

REFRAIN:

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men."

Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em, The Savior and the Lord.

REFRAIN:

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Almighty God, Almighty God, in mercy You sent Your one and only
Son to take upon Himself human nature. By His gracious coming de-
liver Your people from the corruption of sin;

ALL: With Your Word transform me into the likeness of His glory;
through Jesus Christ my Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT ISAIAH 45:20-25

SONG OF PRAISE:

TUNE #68CW

Now praise we Christ, the Holy One, The blessed virgin Mary's Son.
From east to west, from shore to shore
Let earth its Lord and King adore.

He who Himself all things did make a servant's form agreed to take,
That He as man mankind might win
And save His creatures from their sin.

OLD TESTAMENT PSALM 111

SONG OF PRAISE:

TUNE #68CW

The heav'nly choirs rejoice and raise their voice to God in songs of praise.
To humble shepherds is proclaimed
The Shepherd who the world has framed.

All honor unto Christ the Lord, Eternal and incarnate Word,
With Father and with Holy Ghost,
Till time in endless time be lost.

NEW TESTAMENT LUKE 2:25-40

SONG OF PRAISE:

TUNE #68CW

The grace and pow'r of God the Lord upon the mother was outpoured;
A virgin pure and undefiled
In wondrous way conceived a child.

The noble mother bore a Son—For so did Gabriel's promise run—
Whom John confessed and leaped with joy
Before the mother knew her boy

NEW TESTAMENT COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

THE CHRISTIANS' CHRISTMAS CREED:

TUNE #65 "O Little Town"

**In God the Father we believe, The Lord of host His name.
 All things from Him their form receive; By His strong Word they came.
 By Him was all created In earth and heav'n above.
 He made them all, things great and small, By His great pow'r and love.**

**Lift Jesus high, and praise His Name, Salvation He did bring,
 A Virgin womb, He came to dwell, let all this world sing.
 O sing out: Hallelujah! the Son of God did come!
 Immanuel, the Christ of God Was born in Bethlehem!**

**O Holy Spirit, Counselor, Creator of our faith,
 With Gospel Word and Sacrament keep us in Christ today
 Come, sanctify and bless us to live forgiven, free,
 Conform and comfort, be with us Now and eternally.**

INSTRUCTION FROM GOD'S WORD
OFFERINGS GATHERED

Dear friends of Good Shepherd, in love, God freely gives us all; God's people respond in thanks and freely return gifts to Him. It's not forced nor is it a bill. We just cannot help but thank our Lord, and we thank you, for your gifts for His use. If you are visiting and are moved to give a gift, thank you.

PRAYER

we sing **THE LORD'S PRAYER** TUNE: #83CW "AS WITH GLADNESS" :

**Father, Lord on heaven's high throne, holy be Your gracious name; rule
 Your kingdom; let Your will be done everywhere the same. Give today
 the food we need; show Your mercy full and free;**

**Do not to temptation lead; from all evil set us free. Yours the kingdom;
Yours the power, Yours the glory every hour; praises rise from every land
and Your people shout: Amen!**

LORD'S SUPPER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



During distribution, an usher will invite one person, couple, family of four at a time to come down the side aisle. Please bring the wafer which you removed from the plastic bag and walk to the railing to kneel or stand. As you eat the wafer, the communion assistant says, "Take and eat, the Body of Christ." Then take a cup from the wine tray located at the railing. As you drink the wine, the communion assistant says, "Take and drink, the Blood of Christ." A blessing is given to each table before you place the cup in the basket and return down the center aisle.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Songs from the red hymnbook: 80,67, 269, 57 if needed

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude we came to Your table to receive the precious food of Your life-giving body and blood. Strengthen us to remain in You as You remain in us. Let us bear much fruit in devoted service to You and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

BLESSING and PARTING SONG: #329cw

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.


Tune: NEW ULM (87 87 87) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.



WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

CARE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

Please contact to be added to our list. Thank You!

Rose & Tom Adams Erik & Leah Alair (1st yr Seminary student)	Donna Marks, Jerry's wife Jon Mittelsteadt Dr. Roger Newman	
Ron & Diane Bannerman Julie Bunt Pauline Cattanach Mary Cline Elaine Craig	Sam & Becky Piper Elliot Przybylski Rodney & mother, Ruth Pat & Al Rozelle	Junita in Hong Kong Kristin in USA Markka , Joanne Farrington's daughter Sonia in India
Dave & Jill Mandy Ehlike John Estlund Dave Ryun Family	Sarah Allerdin's Grandma Alberta Schroeder David Seidler Loren Tullberg	Melissa in England Pastor Nathan Schulte in Ecuador Pastor Philip & Kathryn Strackbein in Ecuador
Pastor Robert Hartman Karen Heiman Connie Heitl	Al Weiland Jerry Wiessinger Pastor Mike Wolff	Dyde in France Forrest & Elizabeth in CA Judy (DeeDee's sister)
Ben Holberg Sean Jenkins in TN Shirley Johnson	ONLINE FAMILY OF FAITH Rev. Dr. Karl & Karen Kuenzel -in Ecuador	Dan Raney in IL Robert in Ecuador Dr.Shannon Straszewski (The Kuenzel's niece) Syed Gul in Pakistan
Katie & Lily Baby Oliver Kizewski Gloria Kraus (Kim Mittelsteadt's mom) Elmer Loechler	Dr. Cheli & DeeDee Marichal & Family – In Florida Jennifer Koniar family Pat Hunziker in Indiana Janet in CA	Gloria Walters in New York

BECAUSE OF *Christ* and our FAITH IN HIM, we can now come **boldly** and **confidently** into *God's presence.*

Ephesians 3:12

OUR WEEK WITH JESUS AT A GLANCE

12/27 **SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Bible Class following service

Remote **Sunday School for Families** (attend at any time)

2:00 pm Cable TV Rebroadcast of Last Sunday's Service

Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985

12/28 **Monday** 1:00 am *COFFEE WITH CHRIST* at Grace's Restaurant WR

12/30 **Wednesday** 2:00 pm Cable TV Rebroadcast of This Sunday's Service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985

12/31 Thursday 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

Thank you to all who donated the poinsettas that beautify
our altar area!

A special thanks to the children of our Good Shepherd
School & 3K program for their wonderful presentation of
the Christmas Eve service!

This Week's Birthdays

Dec 28 Scott Davis Gary Heiman

Dec 29 Karla Melke

Dec 30 Ash Stickney

Dec 31 Kelli Spees



Remember: "With God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)
Our Lord repeated: "All things are possible to him who believes." (Mark 9:23)
Great words from our great Jesus Christ, the Savior God of the whole world!
In joyful confidence, continue to take Him at His word !

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