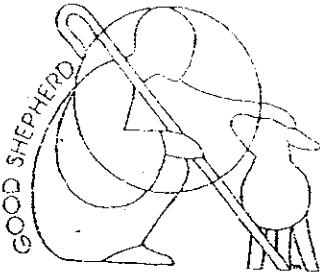


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SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.



Sunday, December 21, 2008



WELCOME!

We're glad you joined us today to praise our Good Shepherd, Jesus, and to hear His Word. If this is your first time here, we're honored that you chose to worship with us! If you have visited us before, welcome back! It's great to see you again! I pray that your worship with us will be meaningful and worthwhile. A Nursery is available for parents who may be struggling with a little one during worship. Please ask an usher for assistance. If you have questions about our congregation, please ask. And please come back soon! We value your friendship and the opportunity to share the love of Jesus together with you.

Again –

WELCOME!

A Place Called Home

The Order of Worship

Welcoming Song:

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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Leader: O Lord, have mercy and come to us.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, sent to all creation:

People: Come and teach us the way of wisdom.

Leader: O LORD and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

People: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

Leader: O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:

People: Come quickly to deliver us.

Leader: O Immanuel, our Lord and God, the anointed of the nations and their Savior:

People: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Leader: We sing our confession to our merciful God:

People:

Lord, to Thee I make confession:

I have sinned and gone astray.

I have multiplied transgression,

Turned myself away from Thee.

Do not for my sins forsake me,

In Thy mercy set me free.

Lord, Thy Son did suffer for me.

Gave Himself to rescue me.

Died to heal me and restore me.

Reconciled me unto Thee.

I rejoice in Thy salvation;

Let me serve Thee faithfully.

(Tune of Regent Square - TLH 50)

Leader: Dear friends, God forgives all our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His forgiveness and by the power of His Holy Spirit let us serve Him in confident joy. O Lord, have mercy and come to us.

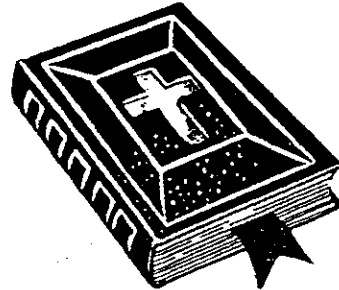
People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Bible Reading: 2 Sam 7:8ff

Bible Reading: Luke 1:26-38



APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pre-sermon hymn:

Unison

G Em Bm Em

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but they
 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the
 4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

Am D7

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I
 ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they
 I am the life that-'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll

G Em Bm Em

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
 bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you and you'll live in me;

Am D7 C G Refrain G Bm

Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
 came to me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher-
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the
Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may
be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Instruction in the Word of the Living God

Sermon text: A PLACE CALLED HOME--EATING

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be-hold him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na-tions rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th' in-car-nate De - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With th' an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

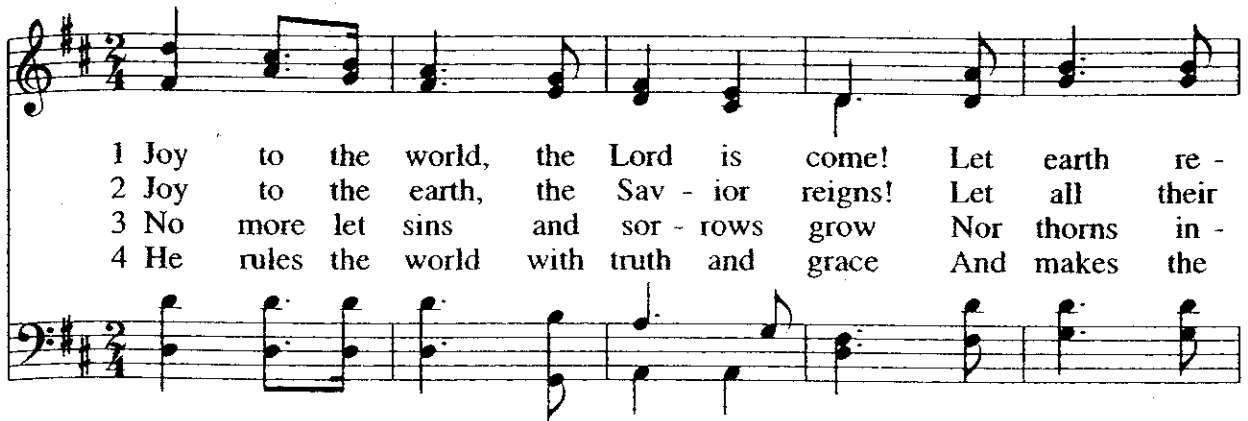
Return to the Lord our Offering of Thanks and Praise

DEAR VISITORS AND GUESTS: Every week at Good Shepherd we return a portion of our livelihood as freewill offerings to the Lord for our local and worldwide ministries. Please do not feel that you have to participate in this act of our worship. We do appreciate each gift of support and are thankful the Lord Jesus brought you to be with us today. We invite you to come again.

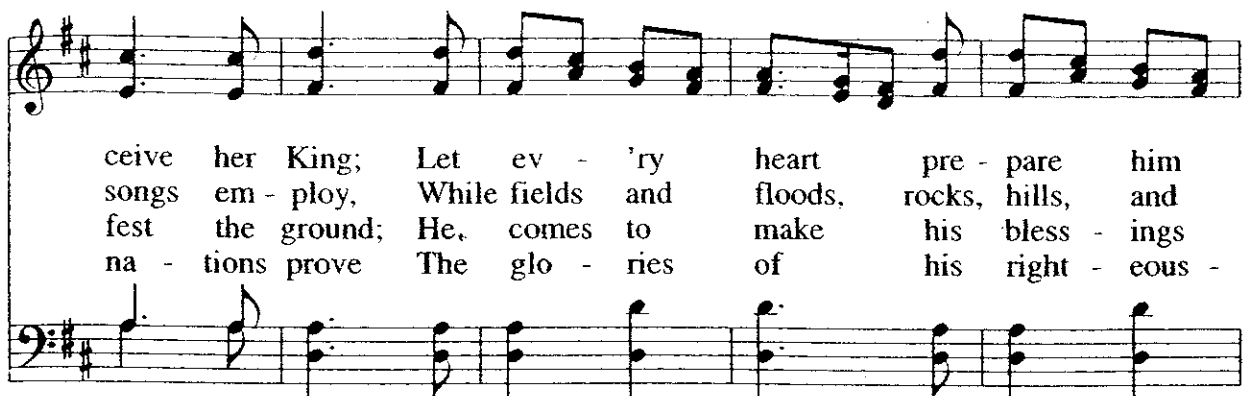
Prayers

Lord's Prayer

BENEDICTION



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; He, comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous -

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This Week at Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m Bible class
 10:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Eve practice

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Sunday: 9:00a.m. Worship Service with Communion
 10:15 a.m Bible Class

- If you would like to watch Sunday's Service again, or know of someone
- who missed it, check out Channel 3 on both cable TV networks at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

"Time of Grace" is a WELS service and message from St. Marcus Church in Milwaukee, Pastor Mark Jeske. It can be seen Sundays at 12 noon on Charter 96, digital 985. On Solarus, 12 noon Channel 3. Also, Channel 7 WSAW Sunday at 7:30 a.m.

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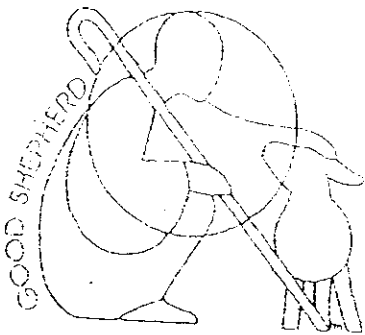
There are many ways to join our growing family of faith: 1) through transfer from a sister WELS or ELS congregation; 2) by declaring unity with us after coming from a church outside our fellowship, and 3) there's a Bible study that addresses the six basic teachings of God's Word, after which you are able to ascertain membership or not based on what God reveals in His Bible.

Our mission is simple and bold: We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus; we want to make Him known to others so they, too, might share in the joy which Jesus won for them.

We look forward to helping people find a spiritual home and family.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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Vice-President: Dr. Roger Newman
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Come & See! Go & Tell!

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Thursdays: 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m.



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