



Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School,
10611 Hwy 13 South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, USA
Midweek Advent 3 -Wednesday, December 14 -10:30am and 7:00pm
"Oh! Too little! – Joseph"

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GOD'S CHRISTMAS: EXTREME GIFTING

Oh! Too Little! - Joseph

Gathering Song: **tune#23cw**

O, come, oh Dayspring from on high and cheer us by Your drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Arise, O God, arise in saving might; let hallelujahs pierce the dark of night; Let all who breathe, from every coast, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Leader: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

For His own glory God gave us new birth by His Word , the Truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creation.

What shall we return to the Lord for all His benefits to us? Let us lift up the cup of salvation!
We call on the Name of the Lord: Give thanks to Him, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

Response:

**Arise, O Christian people! This blessed Adventide!
Prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus; turn not from us aside.
Remove from us the sadness of troubles, cares and fears,
And grant us heavenly gladness and wipe away our tears.**

People of the Promise

Refrain -
Choir: We are God's children, we trust in the promise;
we offer our hearts as the new day draws near.
We are God's children, we trust in the promise;
soon, very soon, the Child will be here.

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&
Choir: **We are God's children, we trust in the promise;
we offer our hearts as the new day draws near.
We are God's children, we trust in the promise;
soon, very soon, the Child will be here.**

V 1. Choir: The blind eyes will open, the deaf ears will listen;
the lame will go leaping, the silent will sing.
Though darkness surrounds us, and waiting confounds us,
still... to the promise we cling.

Refrain - Congregation & Choir

V 2. Choir: The desert will blossom, the sands will be fertile;
the waters will break forth and streams shall appear.
Though darkness surrounds us, and waiting confounds us,
still... there is nothing to fear.

Refrain - Congregation & Choir

V 3. Choir: A highway will call us, to walk where it's leading,
and we, as God's people, will answer the call.
Though darkness surrounds us, and waiting confounds us,
still... there is joy for us all.

Refrain - Congregation & Choir

Choir: Soon, very soon, soon, very soon, soon, very soon,
the Child will be here!

Text: Isaiah 35:1 - 10
Adapted by MARY KAY BEALL
Music by JOHN CARTER

**Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not our souls distress:
Our guilt You, LORD, have pardoned and covered by Your grace.
You come, for us procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,
Your children thus securing our heritage in heav'n.**

Tune: #19cw "O LORD, How Shall I Meet You"

The Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Song: People of the Promise (Adult choir & Congregation)

Instruction in the Word

#34cw Now Sing We, Now rejoice!

Our Offerings of Worship are gathered
Prayers and the LORD's prayer (*sung*)

**ALL: Our Father, who from heav'n above bids all of us to live in love,
As members of Your family, to You we pray in unity.**

WOMEN & CHILDREN:

**Your Name be hallowed; help us, LORD, in purity to keep Your Word;
Your Kingdom come, we boldly pray, for You to rule our hearts today;**

**ALL: Your gracious will on earth be done just as in heaven around Your throne
Curb sinful flesh and every ill that sets itself against Your will**

**ALL: Give us today our daily bread and let us all be clothed and fed
Let selfishness and worry cease that we may live in godly peace**

MEN & CHILDREN:

**Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, that they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly all forgive who hurt us by the way they live.**

**ALL: Into temptation lead us not when wicked foes against us plot;
From evil, Lord, grant us release and gather us to You in peace.**

**ALL: Amen! that is, it shall be so! Make strong our faith that all may know,
What here we ask, we shall receive. We doubt You not! We do believe!**

Tune: #53cw "To Shepherds As They Watched"
Text: Martin Luther, 1544 adapt. Paul A. Tullberg, 2011

The Blessing and parting song: #64cw *Let Us All*



**Saturday, December 24 – Children’s Christmas Eve –
Jesus, Name Above All Names
Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day –
*God’s Christmas: Extreme Gifting- Oh! Today!***