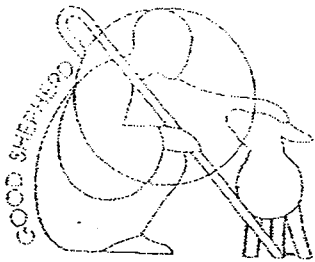


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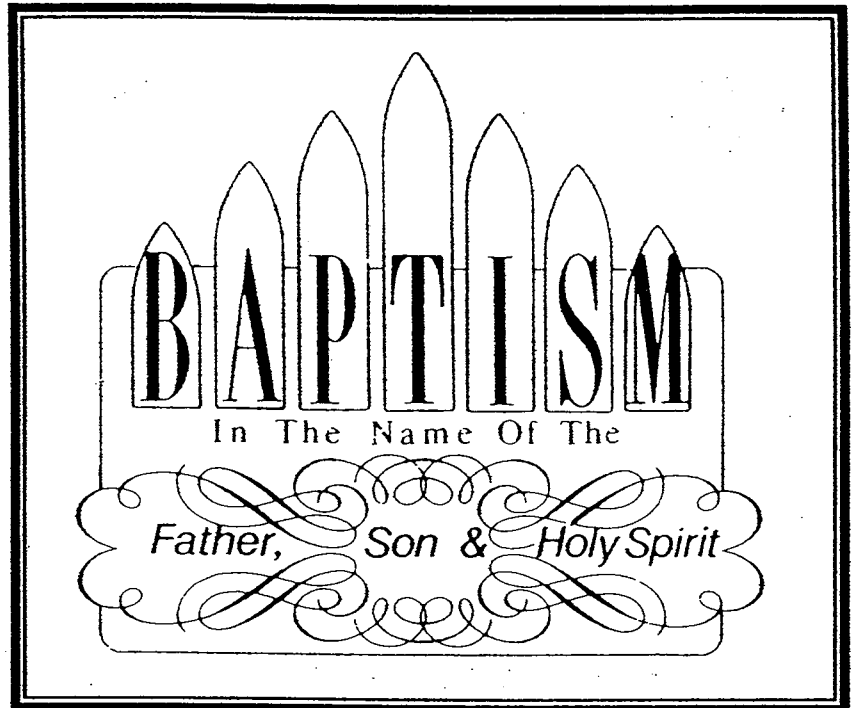
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.



Sunday, December 27, 2009



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!**

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The Order of Worship

First Sunday after the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
December 27 in the year of our LORD 2009

Welcoming song: (tune: #42cw)

**See how God, for us providing,
gave His Son and life abiding; He our weary steps is
guiding, saved us from the powers of hell.**

**See this wonder in the making:
God Himself Mal-i-a taking as a lamb safe in His
keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**

L: God, our Creator, had wonder-full plans for people. But Adam and Eve, the first people, disobeyed the gracious God. They brought sin, sorrow, sickness and death into all children in every culture.

That sin shows itself. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death. That eternal damage, the loss of our souls, is not what God wants for people! So He sent His only Son in our place. And while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. When Jesus rose from the dead He announced all sin had been forgiven, paid by Him.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, whoever does not believe will be condemned. Jesus said: Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God said we're saved through the washing of water and the Word. The Holy Spirit said: whoever believes in the Son has life and has crossed over from death to life.

Even how our church building is laid out helps parents teach this truth to their families. Every Sunday, at the entrance to the worship area, we walk past a baptismal font. That is a reminder of our entrance into God's family of faith. Therefore, I ask you now to rise and turn towards the baptismal font. As we watch our Lord bring Malia Lynn Becker into His family of faith

(at the Baptismal Font with Parents & sponsors/ witnesses)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dear Parents, Baptism is the Lord's gracious way of creating faith. Through holy Baptism, the Lord washes away all sin, gives new life and complete salvation. Jesus said Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

You have brought Malia to be baptized, adopted as God's own child through faith. This is the beginning of a life-long journey of blessings that the Lord has planned for her. God bless you for seeing to it that she is washed clean of all sin. For here at baptism Malia receives the robe of Jesus Christ's righteousness and in baptism God gives rebirth, a new life.

Dear Malia, receive the sign of the cross over your head and over your heart to mark you as a redeemed child of the living God.

By the power of God's Word, the gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe. **Therefore, Malia Lynn Becker, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** The almighty God -Father, Son and Holy Spirit- has forgiven you all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and adopted as a dear child of your heavenly Father. God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Enter into His peace now and forever. Amen.

Dear friends,

Jason and Daisy, Malia's parents, have asked you to do something very special. You have witnessed this awesome miracle of God. I ask you, in all seriousness and in the presence of the Triune God, the congregation and Jason and Daisy: Do you promise to make use of every opportunity to remind Malia of her baptism? Will you assure her that water was applied in the name of the Triune God? Will you assist Malia to mark this day of spiritual life as one of special joy and freedom through Jesus Christ? If you do so willingly, then declare it by saying: Yes, we will. *Yes, we will.*

God give you many such opportunities to do this special favor for her and her family during your time of grace.

Dear members of Good Shepherd, our Lord commands that we care for souls He entrusts to our congregation. We are to carefully and faithfully teach His precious truths to all who are baptized, young and old. Christ's love urges us to assist Malia and her family in whatever ways we can so that the faith begun with the Word may grow strong in God's Word until the day of the Lord.

Therefore I ask you, will you do this? Will you pray for Malia, encourage her and her family, build her up in the one true faith as God provides you opportunity? Will you keep your Sunday School staff, your Christian Day school teachers and your pastors in your prayers? Will you offer your spiritual guidance and wisdom freely in love as God desires? If so, then in God's confident joy declare: **By the grace of the living God, we do so promise.**

As an under-shepherd of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, I charge you to keep your solemn oath made in His presence. God give you His Holy Spirit in generous measure to continue to carry out His will for His glory just as He has kept His promises in the past. Let us join together and pray:

Dear God, we praise You for Baptism through which You bring us to faith. We thank You for working godly attitudes in parents to care for the souls of the children You give them. Thank You for gathering us together in this sacred place to witness Your gracious miracle again.

May Your Word be more precious to us than all honor and glory. Today, just as You gave little *Malia Lynn* new life, so keep our own faith growing in Your Word to the end of our days. Thus we also will be saved. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Let us turn again to the altar and join in song: (tune: #42cw)

People: (sing)

Miracle of God rejoicing heaven's angels loudly voicing as the Father beamed, "Malia, I am yours and you are Mine!"

Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father, God, into Your arms we place her, born of water and Your Word.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is not truth in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. We sing our confession.

P: (sing)

**Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee;
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!**

Tune: "Now Sing we" #34cw

L: Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world." Do you believe this?

P: Yes, I believe I am a sinner and Jesus is my Savior.

L: Because of the Words and life of our Savior Jesus Christ, I tell you your sins are forgiven! All your sins are washed clean away in Jesus Christ. Go in peace.

P: (sing)

**Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death o'er us had reign-ed Through sin and vanity;
He for us obtain-ed Eternal joy on high.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!**

Tune: Now Sing we #34cw

Bible Reading: Isaiah 63 (selected)

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us- yes, the many good things He has done for the house of Israel, according to His compassion and many kindnesses. He said, "Surely they are my people"; and so He became their Savior. Look down from heaven and see from Your lofty throne, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your might? Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us. But You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

P: (sing)

**Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heavenly ground?
Where the angels singing with all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing in heavenly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

Tune: Now Sing we #34cw

Bible Reading: Luke 2:41-52Page 1542 in pew Bible

We sing the Hymn of the Day: *Praise to You* #470cw

1 Praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus, Son of God,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing; Com - fort me in pain and strife.

Who, to serve your own cre - a - tion, Came to share our flesh and blood.
In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with me through-out my life.

Guide me that I nev - er may. From your fold or pas - tures stray,
Give me great - er love for you, And my faith and hope re - new

But with zeal and joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where your steps are lead - ing.
In your birth, your life, and pas - sion, In your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Instruction in God's Word

Hebrews 2:10-18: The Significance of Christ's Humanity

Gathering of our gifts and prayers

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.

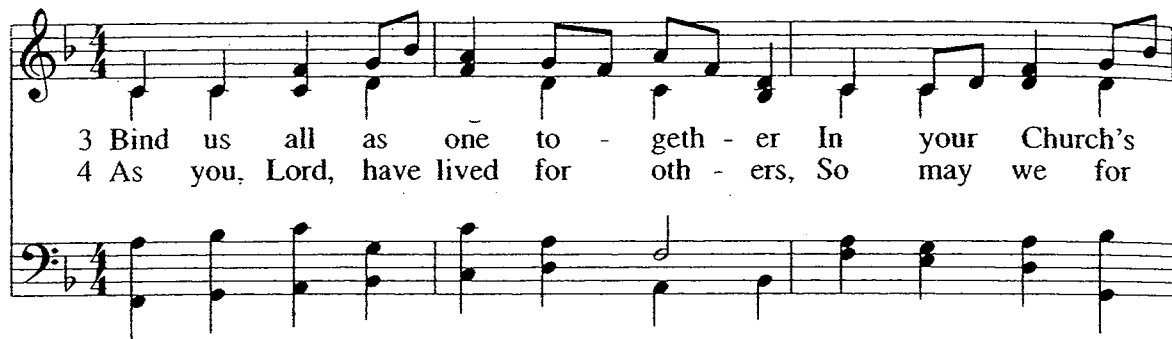
The Lord's Prayer and Supper

(Songs from the red books, (Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal) for use during the distribution) # 41, 263, 274, 275, 280 if needed)

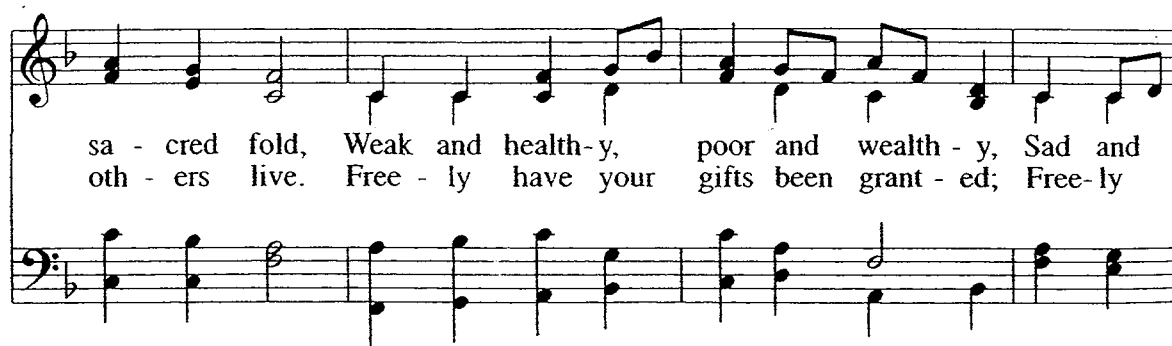
A MESSAGE TO OUR VISITORS ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Today our congregation is celebrating the Lord's Supper. At Good Shepherd we believe and teach that when we come forward to receive the Supper, we are publicly stating that we agree with one another on the teachings of the Bible. Before you are able to take such a major step, we would like to explain to you what we teach and believe. We feel we owe that to you. So please refrain from coming forward for the Supper today. But by all means, speak with Pastor Tullberg about receiving the Lord's supper soon, so that you can enjoy all the blessings of this meal together with us in the future.

Benediction



3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er In your Church's
4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for



sa - cred fold, Weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and
oth - ers live. Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly

Continued:

joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or sor - row?
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver,

Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its
 Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards

crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
 of your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

This Week at Good Shepherd

- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
 Monday: Newsletter Deadline
 Thursday: 7:00 p.m. NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
 Sunday: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

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.

FOR PASTORAL SERVICES please call Pastor Hartman
At 715-325-5184

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD LADIES GROUP
WOULD LIKE TO SEND A GRATEFUL
THANK YOU FOR THE CONGREGATION'S
GENEROUS GIFTS TO CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES OF THE ANGEL TREE. ALL 33
WISHES ON DEB IVES'S LIST WERE
GRANTED AS WERE ALL THE WISHES
ON GOOD SHEPHERD'S LIST. WHAT A
WONDERFUL GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN FOR
CHRISTMAS. A SPECIAL THANKS TO DEB
IVES FOR PROVIDING THE CHILDREN'S
NAMES AND DISTRIBUTING THE GIFTS.

ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO
THE ALL THE MANY GENEROUS FOOD
AND NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS FOR
THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER. THEY
WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE AND TOLD US
THAT REQUESTS THIS YEAR HAD
DOUBLED.

ALSO, THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO
BROUGHT FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY OUR
ALTAR FOR CHRISTMAS.

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

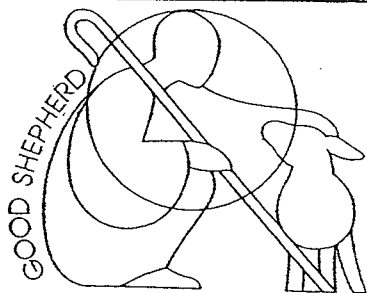
There are many ways to join our growing family of faith: 1) through transfer from a sister WELS or ELS congregation; 2) by declaring unity with us after coming from a church outside our fellowship, and 3) there's a Bible study that addresses the six basic teachings of God's Word, after which you are 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.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 9:00 AM
Thursdays 7:00 PM

Come & See! Go & Tell!

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