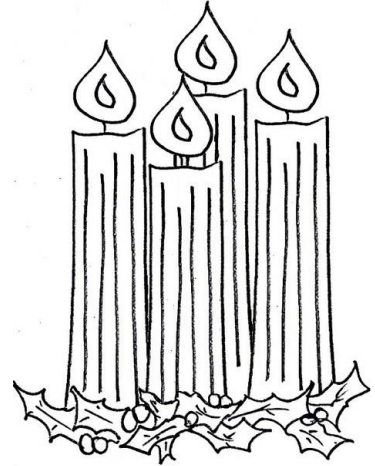


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Children are invited to meet at the back of the church at the beginning of the service to gather for Sunday School.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Festive Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL

George Schafer
(1919-2001)

[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

[Please stand when the bells sound and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT - LOVE

Leader At every beginning there is a yearning.

People **O Emmanuel, surprise us by your coming.**

Leader Be born anew in our hearts.

People **O Emmanuel, surprise us by your coming.**

Leader We welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope, peace, joy, and love.

People **Amen.**

Cantor: Christ the Lord is coming to this weary land!
Rise, repent, proclaim the Kingdom is at hand!

All sing twice:



“No - ël” sing with glad - ness, “No - ël” sing with cheer, put a -



way all fear and sad - ness, Christ the Son of God is near!

ENTRANCE HYMN H-497 How Bright Appears the Morning Star WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

**How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices; O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy,
yet most lowly, draw thou near us;
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.**

Though circled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pitying eye
upon his helpless creature; the whole creation's Head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored, assumed our very nature;
Jesus, grant us, through thy merit,
to inherit thy salvation;
hear, O hear our supplication.

Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation. Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.

Amen, amen! Alleluia,
alleluia! Praise be given
evermore, by earth and heaven.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE S-278

Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
 5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
 6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray... Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that
your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for
himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 7...*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80

Richard Wayne Dirksen



1 O hear our cry, O Lord; now hear us as we pray.
2 En - throned a - bove all worlds, you shine with ho - ly light.
3 O Lord, the God of Hosts, turn not your face a - way.
4 O Lord, our God, re - turn; bring peace in - to each home.



You guide us as a shep-herd leads, so keep us in your way.
Lord, pour your power up - on us all and save us with your might.
Our tears have been both food and drink; foes mock us night and day.
So let your face shine on us all; re - store us as your own.



O come; Lord, come; re - store and save us now.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 1...*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the

obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H-56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

(stanza 6)

**O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Cindy Roehl

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People
Lector

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week of Liz Hopwood, Llorra Wonder, Cameron Boothe, Michael Tomalesky, Bethany Elder, Aubrey Elder, Barbara Groff, and the anniversaries this coming week of Cameron & Sherry Boothe, and Troy Abell & Lisa Baker.

Silence

Lector
People

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lector

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lector
People
Lector

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSIO & ABSOLUTION *Please kneel or stand as able.*

Deacon
People

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **AMEN.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

Magnificat
from *Evening Service in C*

Frank Henry Shera

All stand as able.

THE PRESENTATION

Deacon We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant (*Here a proper preface is read.*)

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray
to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

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Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-154

David Hurd

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the
Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.
If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION

How Shall We Know Him?

Gilbert M. Martin
Cindy Huffman, Soloist

COMMUNION HYMN H-54

Savior of the Nations, Come!

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

**Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.**

**Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!**

**Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;
hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.**

**Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-65

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄ FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. (Refrain)

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him. (Refrain)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Gustav Merkel
(1827-1885)

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Emily Mackay
Torch/Chalicians	Joe Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Lectors	Sheila Scott & Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Nancy Fisher
Ushers	Bob Roehl & Nancy Fisher
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	Betty & Joe Lombardo, John Drega
Cantor	Julian Guini

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec 11 – Nancy, Barbara Jean, Milly & Brian L, Louis L, Paulette V, Ethan & Angela, Rose, Tom, Nikki, Damien, Debbie, Jean, Carol, E, Jason C, Gail-Marie, Susan Y, Jim, Marilyn, Liam, Jay, Julie, Joyce, Steve & Debbie, Brian S, Pam F, Pam A, Lynne M, Juliet, Chris, Bob.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Liz Hopwood, Llorra Wonder, Cameron Boothe, Michael Tomalesky, Bethany Elder, Aubrey Elder, Barbara Groff.

Anniversaries – Cameron & Sherry Boothe, and Troy Abell & Lisa Baker.

Announcements

Advent Study: Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season will last through the 4 weeks of Advent between services at 9:15 am.

Carol Sing: Please join Bells of Hope on Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 4 pm to enjoy the music of the season.

Greening of the Church: Join us after the 10 AM service as we prepare our church for Christmas.

Please Note: There will be no **Wednesday Worship services on Dec 21 or Dec 28. Please join us when we resume Wednesday evening services on Jan 4.**

COGS Christmas Services:

Saturday, Dec 24 @ 5 pm – Family Christmas Eve Service and Plug-in Pageant – Live Streamed

Saturday, Dec 24 @ 9 pm – Candlelight Christmas Service – Live Streamed (Music begins at 8:30 pm)

Sunday, Dec 25 @ 10 am – Christmas Day Service (Note: incense will be used for this service.)

January 1 Service: Please note that there will only be 1 service at 9:00 AM.