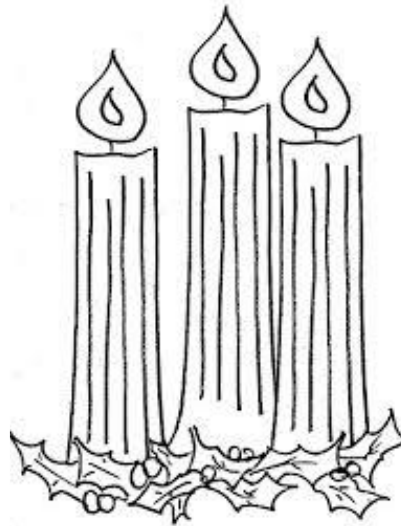


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

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.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
Hark, the Glad Sound
Tell Out My Soul
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON
Choir and Bells

ENTRANCE HYMN H-74 Blest Be the King Whose Coming VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!**

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;
pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed
the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.**

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!**

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free.**

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his 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.**

KYRIE

Congregation echoes each phrase

Paul Hillebrand
from *Come, Emmanuel Mass*

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Lord, have mer - cy,

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Christ, have mer - cy,

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Micah 5:2-5a

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Micah chapter 5...*

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing this refrain after the choir sings it the first time; soloist & choir sings the verses.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 Em C D Em
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 C D Em C Em
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great.
 And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn.
 So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? (Refrain)

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
 and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
 you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
 Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
 The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
 there are tables spread, every mouth be fed for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
 God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
 This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews chapter 10....

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to

establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stephen Weber

Choir sings: *Alleluia. Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and they will call him Emmanuel. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Celebrant In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

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.

Celebrant

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Lector

For all people in their daily life and work;

People

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector

For this community, the nation, and the world;

People

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector

For the just and proper use of your creation;

People

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially [*add names from notebook*] and those we name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*].
Silence

Lector Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Ayden Watson, Karen Morris, Nancy Fisher, Diane Linton, Sally Wakefield, Lisa Little, Donna Brotherhood and Jim Ratliff and the anniversaries of Janet and Jerald Ozbun, and Miriam Benitez-Nixon and Joseph Nixon.
Silence

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially... [*add names from notebook*] and those we name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*]. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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

Please be seated.

THE PRESENTATION*All stand as able.**Celebrant* 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**

GOD REST YE

**Prepare your heart, lift up your voice, join in the Advent song;
walk in the light of God's own Son to whom we all belong.
A little child shall lead us all, his love will make us strong!**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A*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* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:**SANCTUS** *All*

MENDELSSOHN

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might adored.
Heav'n and earth are shining bright with the glory of your light.
Loud hosannas now we sing! In the highest may they ring!
Blessed is the Coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.
Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blest!**

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a

perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 Jesus 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **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

Paul Hillebrand
from *Come, Emmanuel Mass*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the'. The second staff is marked 'All' and contains 'world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on'. The third staff has two first endings, both marked '1.' and '2.', with the lyrics 'us.' under each. The fourth staff is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,'. The fifth staff is marked 'All' and contains 'grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted rhythms, with some phrases marked with a fermata.

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Raymond H. Haan

Jacob Caldwell, Trombone

COMMUNION HYMN H-265

The Angel Gabriel

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

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-438

Tell Out My Soul

WOODLANDS

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Postlude on VENI EMMANUEL

Aaron David Miller

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Cantor	Jacob Caldwell
Crucifer/Server	Laurie Toohey
Torch/Chalicists	Dan Depies, Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Sheila Scott, Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Hank Nalewajek, Alan Mackay Mary & Jim Ratliff
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	Lynne Henderson, Jocelyn Frenette

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec 15 – Marc J, Christopher J, Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Sara M, Priscilla & Tony B, Gene & Maureen B, Mandeville P, Michelle & Family, Kathy W & Gerry B, Linda, Nancy V, Bob K, Bill G, Liz N, David B, Par B, David Q, Jim, Sue, David M, Bob & Karen, Olena & Family, Nancy V, Heather S, Bonnie L, Michelle B, Judy D, Dolores C, Milly L, Anne C, Bob S, Hubert L, Rosa, Tim E, Jackie T, Ron L, Billy V, Maggie, Rebecca, Ann, Elliot T, Lisa A, June C, Carol W, Lou W, Janet W, Kipling, Becky, Sky

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Ayden Watson, Karen Morris, Nancy Fisher, Diane Linton, Sally Wakefield, Lisa Little, Donna Brotherhood, Jim Ratliff

Anniversary – Janet & Jerald Ozbun, Miriam Benitez-Nixon & Joseph Nixon

Announcements

Hot Cocoa with Santa – Santa will be stopping at Good Shepherd today, Sunday, December 22 after the 10 AM service. Hot cocoa and festive treats will be available.

Family Christmas Eve Service & No-Rehearsal Pageant – December 24 at 5 PM, bring the family for a festive time of worship. This service will be Live Streamed. Please arrive between 4:20-4:40 PM to participate in the pageant.

Candlelight Christmas Service – December 24 at 9 PM, festive music begins at 8:30 PM. Join us for a celebration of the birth of Christ. This service will be Live Streamed.

Christmas Day Service – December 25 at 10 AM, this is the original celebration of Christmas, featuring traditional carols, Holy Communion, and good news of great joy for all people. *Please note this service includes the use of incense.*

One, Combined Service – December 29 we will have one worship service at 9 AM followed by Fifth Sunday Feast. Celebrate the 5th Day of Christmas on the 5th Sunday!

Christmas Cards – If you have leftover Christmas cards, please consider donating them to Good Shepherd's Card Ministry. Cards may be dropped at the church office.

Holiday Office Closure – The church office will be closed at noon on December 24 and reopen on January 2.

Wednesday Services – There will be no Wednesday services on December 25 and January 1. All are invited to worship at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning services.

Diocesan Visioning Day – We'll gather at on January 4 at 9 AM – 3 PM for important updates from the Bishop regarding the vision, mission, and goals of the diocese, and engage in the exciting work of dreaming about our future together. Lunch will be provided. Please rsvp to the church office to attend.