



ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Cass City, Michigan

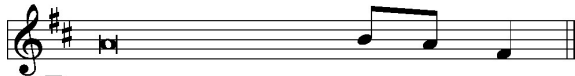
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Hymn: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

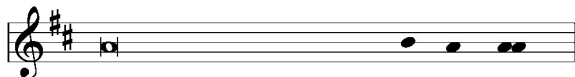
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Children's Christmas Program



**Sunday, December
23rd,
6:00 pm**

***All of Good Shepherd
is invited to bring your families and join us
as the children act out the story of the birth
of our Savior!***

Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve Service with Communion
Tuesday, December 24th 7:00 pm**

**Christmas Day Service with Communion
Wednesday, December 25th 9:30 am**

**New Year's Eve Service with Communion
Tuesday, December 31st 6:00 pm**

Psalm 149

Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds. Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

**Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

**Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.**

Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

**to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,**

to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
to execute on them the judgment written!

**This is honor for all his godly ones.
Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

Sit

Office Hymn: 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Colossians 1:15-29

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
G A - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn: 886 The Day Thou Gavest

French Horn accompaniment by Allison Schulz

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P . . . Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



C A - men.

Collect for Peace

P O God, . . . now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory for Advent

Sit



- L** 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righ-teous Branch.
- 2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell se - cure - ly.
- 3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

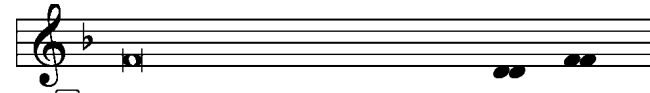


G This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

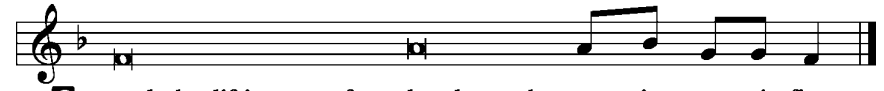
Sermon

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Versicle:



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



G and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat: 933 My Soul Rejoices

Sit

Offering

Stand

Kyrie



G Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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

forever and ever. Amen.