

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*November 27, 2022 // 10:15 am Worship Service  
First Sunday in Advent*

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**As we gather together for worship, we remember...**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, LSB 357, vs 1

Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord's Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). **Children** who have not yet been instructed in communion can cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing (Mark 10:13-16). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor.

**~PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**~WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**~INVOCATION**

**~OPENING HYMN**

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

*LSB 357*

Verses 1 and 2

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

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*\*Please stand.*

**~CALL TO WORSHIP: THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND THE PROPHET'S CANDLE**

**P:** We light this candle to remember all the prophets of old that God sent us to tell us of Christ coming.

**C:** **We light this candle to remind ourselves that as Christ was foretold to come in the past so He is foretold to come in the future and, we, the church await His Second Coming.**

**All:** **We light this candle to remind ourselves that many people are still waiting for the coming of Christ in their lives.**

P: A voice of one calling, "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40:3)

To give his people the knowledge of Salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:77-79)

### ~CONFESSION

*A time for silent confession.*

**All: Who better to release us from the captivity to sin, O Lord? Who has heard the chains that bind us to our past, the sinful deeds we wish we could forget? You, Jesus, hear the clanking of the metal and know how to save us from every sin that weighs us down. We were prisoners to sin. No matter what we tried, we could not escape. But you came to liberate us. You broke our chains. We are free! Amen.**

### ~ABSOLUTION

P: The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim the liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. (Isaiah 61:1)

### ~HYMN OF PRAISE

#### *This is the Feast*

LSB 155

*Refrain*

**☐** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**~PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All:** O Lord, you have searched us and know us better than we know ourselves. And yet, we give you thanks for you are good and your steadfast love endures forever, cleansing our heart and renewing our spirit, all through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

*\*Please be seated.*

**~SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 1:18-20

<sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
 though your sins are like scarlet,  
 they shall be as white as snow;  
 though they are red like crimson,  
 they shall become like wool.  
<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient,  
 you shall eat the good of the land;  
<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel,  
 you shall be eaten by the sword;  
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Reading

Romans 13:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand.*

## Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## ~CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ~HYMN

### *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

*LSB 344*

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
 Make straight the way for God within,  
 And let us all our hearts prepare  
 For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
 Our refuge and our great reward;  
 Without Thy grace we waste away  
 Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
 And make the fallen strong to stand;  
 Show us the glory of Thy face  
 Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

*\*Please stand to sing verse 5.*

- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
 Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
 Whom with the Father we adore  
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

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**~MESSAGE                    “When God Intrudes”**

**~APOSTLE’S CREED**

*LSB Back Cover*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 The resurrection of the body,  
 And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ~OFFERTORY

*\*Sing the Offertory as the offering is brought forward.*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*\*Please stand.*

## ~OFFERTORY PRAYER

## ~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*\*Following each petition the response will be:*

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

## ~LORD'S PRAYER

LSB Back Cover

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.

++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++

~PREFACE

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*\*Please be seated.*

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*\*Communion is served in a continuous line with the host distributed by the pastor and an elder will have a tray of individual wine cups for participants to take. If you prefer the individual wine cup with the host sitting on top, an elder will bring communion to you in the pew.*

~DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

LSB 338

- 1     Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
       Born to set Thy people free;  
       From our fears and sins release us;  
       Let us find our rest in Thee.  
       Israel's strength and consolation,  
       Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
       Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
       Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
  
- 2     Born Thy people to deliver;  
       Born a child and yet a king!  
       Born to reign in us forever,  
       Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
       By Thine own eternal Spirit  
       Rule in all our hearts alone;  
       By Thine all-sufficient merit  
       Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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***This is Jesus***

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Verse 3

- Verse 1   Night of wonder still and silent  
          Heaven's brilliance from above  
          Light of glory pierced the darkness  
          Mercy pierced my heart with love



*Chorus* This is Jesus King of glory  
Here to rescue from the fall  
Son of God who comes to save us  
Prince of peace and Lord of All

Verse 2 Oh the mystery who could fathom  
God would leave His Holy throne  
For a manger for a sinner  
For us all to be His own; *Chorus*

Bridge Rejoice He is with us  
Rejoice Hope is here; *Chorus*

Verse 3 For the hearts so prone to wander  
For these feet so quick to flee  
God is here and love is reaching  
For the lost and least of these

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*\*Please stand.*

## ~BENEDICTION

## ~CLOSING WORSHIP SONG ***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3 Chorus, Verse 4

Verse 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*Chorus* My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3    The Lord has promised good to me  
              His word my hope secures  
              He will my shield and portion be  
              As long as life endures; *Chorus*

Verse 4    The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
              The sun forbear to shine  
              But God who called me here below  
              Will be forever mine  
              Will be forever mine  
              You are forever mine

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## **~POST SERVICE MUSIC**