

**You are invited to this week's activities  
at Good Shepherd**

**December 15th, Sunday**  
**3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS**  
**WORSHIP**  
 8:45 AM Worship & Communion  
 9:45AM Blood pressure checks  
 10:00 AM Family Sunday School -  
 Christmas Party!  
 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Worship & Communion

**December 16th, Monday**  
 8:30AM Jazzercise  
 10:00 AM Quilting (FH)  
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts (LLSR)

**December 17th, Tuesday**  
 9:00AM - 4:00PM Days for Girls  
 (FH)  
 6:00pm Girl Scouts (LLSR)

**December 18th, Wednesday**  
 6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS)  
 8:30AM Jazzercise  
 No Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir  
 7:00PM Synod Lay Leader  
 Network

**December 19th, Thursday**  
 9:30AM Bible Study  
 10:45 AM Yoga  
 7:00PM AA  
**December 20th, Friday**  
 7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible  
 8:30AM Jazzercise  
 8:00 PM AA & Al-anon

**December 21st, Saturday**  
 8:30AM Jazzercise

**December 22nd, Sunday**  
**4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
 8:45 AM Worship  
 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
 10:00AM Christmas Carol Sing!  
 11:00 AM Worship

**December 24th, Tuesday**  
 2:30PM Christmas Eve Worship  
 4:30PM Christmas Eve Worship  
 10:30PM Christmas Eve Worship  
**December 25th, Wednesday**  
 10:00AM Christmas Worship

**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday School Christmas Worship**  
**December 15th, 2019**  
 8:45 & 11:00am Worship & Communion



**THE**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Story*

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## Welcome to Worship!

We are happy you have chosen to worship at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd! Please use this bulletin as a guide for today's liturgy, found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship* in each pew.

**PARENTS & KIDS:** We have a few special things to help children enjoy worship:

- Just outside of the sanctuary, we have a Kids' Corner with a bookshelf filled with Bibles and other activities. You are welcome to bring a Bible into worship with you today!
- In the back of the sanctuary are Joy Bags filled with fun activities for younger kids.
- Come sit in the front of the sanctuary so your child can see everything that's happening!
- In the pews are "Holy Art" cards for kids of all ages to draw on.
- Please come up front for the Children's Sermon! (*Parents, you are welcome to come up with your child to help them feel more comfortable.*)

We love to have children in worship, but we also understand that sometimes kids (and parents!) need a break. Stop by our church's nursery (near the bathrooms) and say hi to Sydney! She will be more than happy to help!

**COMMUNION** You are invited to join us this morning in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine given at the Lord's Supper — a sacrament offered to renew the relationship God began in Baptism. **Communion will be served today by Intinction.** Communicants should come forward to the two serving stations, receive the wafer of bread and dip it into the chalice of red wine or white grape juice. Children not yet instructed to receive the Sacrament are invited forward for a blessing. The first two pews on the pulpit side are reserved for people who are unable to go up to the communion rail. Please sit there if you wish to have communion brought to you. Gluten free communion wafers are available, let the communion server know if you would prefer this option.

**Daily Lectionary 3 Sunday in Advent 12/15/19**

Sunday	Matthew 11:1-6
Monday	Matthew 11:7-10
Tuesday	Matthew 11:11-15
Wednesday	Matthew 11:16-19
Thursday	Matthew 11:20-24
Friday	Matthew 11:25-27
Saturday	Matthew 11:28-30

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Wednesday, December 11th, we made 31 plates of Christmas cookies for our visitation committee's people, staff, And boxes of cookies for Chum, Seafarers, Loaves and Fishes and the Jail. What a wonderful outreach from our congregation!



**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING:** Join us in between services (a non-Sunday school day) on **December 22nd** to sing Christmas Carol favorites. We will have an informal time of Song, Cider and Cookies in the Gathering Space following first service.

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### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & ENDOWMENT FUND ANNUAL

**MEETING** - The Endowment Fund Annual Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation are scheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 9th, 2020, at 9:45 AM.**

**2019 CONTRIBUTIONS** - Contributions intended for the 2019 tax year must be postmarked or placed in the offering plate on or before **December 31, 2019.** No exceptions can be made due to IRS Regulations.

Thank you to the following individuals who assisted in today's worship service:

**Greeter** ..... Mae Nelson (8:45) Linda Wick (11:00)  
**Acolytes**..... Sarah Earley (11:00)  
**Ushers**.....Mike & Deb Klopp; Pat & Susan Sage; Jerry Asperheim (8:45)  
 .. Dona Schafer, Mark Newman, Ardy Bloomquist, Judi Hermans (11:00)  
**Altar Guild** ..... Grace Monson  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Shelly Larson, Rosemary Guttromsson (8:45)  
 ..... Youth (11:00)  
**Offering Counters**..... Linda Susens, Mike Ronchetti,  
 ..... Elizabeth Lundgren, Sandy Scott  
**Accompanist** .....Linda Turpening  
**Projectionist**.....Julie Seidelmann (8:45); Marcia Semerau (11:00)  
**Gathering Space Treats**..... Barb Hanson, Lisa Harloff,  
 ..... Jenna Hart, Jessica Hehir

## Worship Notes and Announcements

**AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION**, this week we remember in our prayers: Our Sunday School children, and Sunday School volunteers

### Today's Schedule:

8:45 – Sunday School Children Lead Worship

After Worship— **Family Sunday School!**

- **Special treats in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Play Bingo in the Fellowship Hall or relax and watch a movie in the Lower Lakeside Room**

10:45 – Line Up and Get Ready!

11:00 – Sunday School Children Lead Worship

After worship, please return all costumes to Rm 108- Thank you!

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND WORSHIP AT 8:45 AND 11:00AM**

**AT 10:00AM CHRISTMAS CAROL SING AND REFRESHMENTS**

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**December 24th at 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, & 10:30 PM**

#### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

**December 25th at 10:00 AM**

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

**Worship at 10:00 AM**



**Tues., Dec 17 Join us to make kits for “Days for Girls”** An international organization which empowers women and girls worldwide through sustainable menstrual care products and health education. The WELCA women of Minnesota have teamed together to support their mission. WELCA is supporting the efforts of French River “Days for Girls” ministry so that young girls may stay in school. Education through the Days for Girls organization plus sustainable hygiene products provide young girls the tools to better their future.

*Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.  
Tell how the angels in chorus,  
Sang as they welcomed His birth,  
“Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace and good tidings to earth.”  
Frances Crosby, 1880*

**WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP** – featuring the Sunday School Christmas Program! We are so glad that you are here, and so excited to see our Sunday School children leading worship today. Sometimes a picture helps bring words to life. Today, the children are helping us see story of Jesus' birth in a way that children have done for hundreds of years.

Yes, they will wiggle, and frown, and maybe even pick their noses. Sometimes, they will be too quiet, and other times they might seem too loud. And of course, their costumes will inevitably become tousled as they stand up front. There is nothing perfect about a Christmas Program. But then again, take a look at our story. Mary was young and unmarried. There was no room for them at the inn. Just imagine the smell of the animals and shepherds. The only thing perfect about this story is the message: Immanuel. God is with us. God is with us in the messy, smelly, and imperfect. God is with these beautiful, beloved children as they learn and share the story of Jesus:

*“She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.” (Luke 2:7)*

*“They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and saw the baby laying in the manger. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said.” (Luke 2:16-18)*

*“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed! When they saw the Child with his mother, Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him.” (Matthew 2:10-11)*

*Special thank you to all of the Sunday School Families, Teachers, and Parents who made today possible! Please join us in between services for treats, Bingo, and a movie. Thank you for teaching your children the story of Jesus. Thank you for being here today so your children can teach the story to the rest of us. We are so grateful and blessed to have you and your children part of our congregation.*