



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion Sunday

December 5, 2021

This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

There is great joy in gathering with one another to lift up praise and thanksgiving to God. Measures have been put in place to provide a safe environment for us to gather in church to worship.

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

ADVENT WREATH READING/LIGHTING/SINGING

Reader: As we continue our celebration of Advent, our thoughts go to the Christmas carols that make us so happy and peaceful inside. How wonderful to know that people all around the world sing similar carols and songs this time of year. This is one way we share our joy in Jesus with other Christians.!

People: Dear God, **all over the world people's hearts are bursting with joy as we all await the coming of our Savior. Angels sang with joy on the night of Jesus' birth. Thousands of years later, we still sing with joy. And our songs spread the good news of Jesus for all to hear, reminding all that God's precious gift to all people was his son Jesus!**

Reader: In Italy, children go from house to house singing and playing flutes. In Romania, everyone walks through town singing, while in Australia, thousands of people gather in a huge stadium, sit on blankets and sing. In the country of Wales, they even have a contest each year to see who can write the best new Christmas carol.

People: Dear Jesus, **thank you for the gift of my voice that can talk and laugh and sing with joy. Help me to use my voice to spread your love to those around me by sharing kind words and singing your praise. Amen.** By Lisa Komp. © Copyright 2021 by *Creative*

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(Light 2 purple candles.)

Join in singing the 1st verse of "*Joy to the World*" (Green #39)

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

GATHERING

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* CONFESSION Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God. *Silence is kept for reflection.* God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✚ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Stir up our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

GROWING

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined. A reading from the Prophet Malachi, the 3rd chapter.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

BAPTISM *Elianna was born on March 17th, 2020 to Shantel and Troy Rasmussen, and has big sister Nevaeh to teach her about life and faith. The four of them live in Elk Mound. Her godparents are Samantha & Cody Scheidler, and Bobbi & Curtis Carothers.*

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

WATER STORIES FOUND IN THE BIBLE

Heavenly Lord, to you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATION, as you remain seated, let us join with these families in professing our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS / SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

GIVING OF THE LIGHT (*congregational member says this*)

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR THE PARENTS: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of right living with you, for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism, so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And all God's people responds with an Amen **All: Amen**

JOIN IN A WELCOME PRAYER Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world. **Dominic, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.** From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #48313.

GIVING

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* OFFERING PRAYER God of our waiting and watching, **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Jesus, light of the world, guide our path each day, as we give generously and gratefully to support your work in the world . Amen.**

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Hear us, O God, **All: Your mercy is great.**)

* GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

HOLY COMMUNION

(Ushers will begin in the back of the sanctuary, directing you to the front of the sanctuary. Children not receiving communion may be brought forward for a blessing. Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you.)

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, **+** through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

* Green #30 SENDING HYMN "*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*" (p. 5)

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

Today	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Worship w/Communion & Baptism of Elianna Rasmussen
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
	6pm	- Finance Meeting
Wednesday	3:20pm	- 7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation class
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
Saturday	8-10am	- Ruby's Food Distribution
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Stewardship Sunday bring your Intent Card
	11:00am	- Fellowship-Kris Jenson hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH/NYG CHRISTMAS SLEIGHS for sale after worship only \$10! Help us raise funds to send our youth and adult chaperones to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2022!

NEXT SUNDAY (or sooner) bring in/mail in your INTENT CARD for giving to God's ministry here at Shepherd of the Hill for 2022.

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Hark, the Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

Public
Domain

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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WE NEED ADDITIONAL HOSTS for FELLOWSHIP in 2022 Mainly just need to make coffee, set out cups/creamer/sugar, bring some fruit or baked goods...and there will be cheese and sausage ready to cut and serve. (See brown refrigerator, bottom right drawer)

GRIEF SHARE will be starting in JAN. 2022 Pastor Tony Hill will be leading an online GriefShare group. What it's all about: *It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.*

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life: video, support group discussion and personal study/reflection. More information to come