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*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*Sunday, December 15, 2024*  
*Worship 9:00 am*

Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk (\*) you are invited to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gathering*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION \*

BLUE pp. 10-11

SHARING OF THE PEACE \*

OPENING HYMN \* *Fling Wide the Door*

RED #259

<sup>1</sup>*Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings his great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.*

<sup>2</sup>*He is the rock of our belief, the heart of mercy's gentle self. His kingly crown is holiness; his scepter is his loveliness; he brings our sorrows to an end. Now gladly praise our king and friend, and worship him with song for saving us from wrong.*

<sup>3</sup>*Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true*

*king's commands. And blessed be the hearts he rules, the humble places where he dwells. He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, creator of the world, our only strength for good.*

<sup>4</sup>*Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; our hearts are open wide in trust. Oh, show us now your lovely grace, upon our sorrows shine your face, and let your Holy Spirit guide our journey in your grace so wide. We praise your holy name, from age to age the same!*

APOSTOLIC GREETING \*

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KYRIE \*

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HYMN OF PRAISE \*

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*Glory to God ...*

PRAYER OF THE DAY \*

See Celebrate

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH\*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH \*

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN \* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
*(stanzas 1, 2 & 3)*

RED #257

<sup>1</sup>*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.*

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

<sup>2</sup>*O Come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.*

*Refrain:*

<sup>3</sup>*O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes, on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.*

*Refrain:*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Word*

FIRST READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*)

See Celebrate

PSALM (*Chanted responsively by whole verse.*)

See Celebrate

*Psalm Tone #2*

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SECOND READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*)  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (BLUE p. 31) & GOSPEL \*  
(*Responses: Glory to you, O Lord. / Praise to you, O Christ.*)

See Celebrate  
See Celebrate

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY \* *People Look East* RED #248

<sup>1</sup> *People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east, and sing today – Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

<sup>2</sup> *Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish. People, look east, and sing today – Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

<sup>3</sup> *Stars keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east, and sing today – Love, the Star, is on the way.*

<sup>4</sup> *Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People look east, and sing today – Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

NICENE CREED \* BLUE pp. 32-33  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION\* See Celebrate

*Meal*

OFFERTORY VERSE \* BLUE p. 35

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY \*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER \* BLUE p. 35

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY \* BLUE p. 36

WORDS OF INSTITUTION \* BLUE p. 37

LORD'S PRAYER \* BLUE p. 39

LAMB OF GOD \* BLUE p. 39

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*All baptized believers are welcome, including visitors, to the Table of the Lord! Wine (red) or grape juice (clear) is available.*

COMMUNION BLESSING \* BLUE p. 40

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE \* BLUE p. 40

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION \* BLUE p. 41

*Sending*

BLESSING \* (*Response: Amen.*) BLUE p. 41

CLOSING HYMN \* *Prepare the Royal Highway* RED #264

<sup>1</sup>*Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!  
Let every hill and valley a level road appear!*

*Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:  
Refrain:*

*Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!*

<sup>2</sup>*God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!*

*God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!  
Refrain:*

<sup>3</sup>*Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring.*

*All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:  
Refrain:*

<sup>4</sup>*His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.*

*So let your praise be sounding for kindness to abounding:  
Refrain:*

DISMISSAL \* (*Response: Thanks be to God.*)

POSTLUDE

***Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.***

Linda Freed, Marianne McCann, Shirley Lafferty (Jim Lubrecht's niece), Mike Densmore (Jeanette Logan's cousin), Chuck Walker (friend of Otis & Nadine Martin), Brad Neil, Dan Fleming, Linda Freed, Dennis Hocker, Marian Wilson (Otis's sister), Mick Mortiz (Sandy's father), Jeannette Spencer (Anneke Fleming's friend), Marietje Koning (Anneke Fleming's twin sister), Patsy Bauman, Randy Brittelli (Linda Schreier's son), Adam Mazur (Linda Schreier's godson), Jennifer Dupilka (Linda Schreier's granddaughter's mother), Abby Keith, Betty Nickle, Carol Gerig, Robin & Richard Walker (friends of Margo Whittaker), Betty Hammell, Jason Ziegler (friend of T.J. Johnson), Katherine Keister (friend of Nancy Pinko), Tina Stark (friend of Linda Schreier), Jacqueline Neil (Brad's mother), Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Grace MacMurtrie (Hope Bowling's mother), Marion Tosheff, Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Reed Pollock, Jack Pollock, Maxwell Reilly, Myles Reilly, George Schreffler, III, & Chris Stevenson.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Linda Freed, Shirley Kaltreider, Dottie Koppenhaver, Miriam Reinard, Pastor John Schaertel, Ed Seneca, Tom Snyder.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Through the power of the cross, we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to nourish those who hunger in mind, body, and spirit.

**Susquehanna Chorale to Perform Traditional *Candlelight Christmas Concerts***



The Susquehanna Chorale, a nationally acclaimed adult chamber ensemble of 41 auditioned singers, will present its *Candlelight Christmas* concert series on Dec. 13-15th, under the direction of Linda L. Tedford.

The final performance will be **TODAY!!**, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, beginning at 4 p.m.

This year's *Candlelight Christmas* concerts celebrate the season with holiday music, including settings of traditional carols. To honor the late choral legend, Alice Parker, the Chorale will feature her arrangements of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella*, *The Friendly Beasts*, and *Angels We Have Heard on High*. The program also includes stunning brass accompaniment to Jeffery Ames', *Gloria Fanfare*, Glenn Rudolph's *The Dream Isaiah Saw*, Richard Dirksen's *Welcome All Wonders* and Dan Forrest's sing-along favorite, *Festival First Noel*.

A pre-concert recital by Susquehanna Chorale accompanist, Daniel L. Dory and guest artists, The Messiah University Brass, will be presented 15 minutes prior to each performance.

For tickets, information about group discounts, and our livestream option, visit [www.susquehannachorale.org/performances](http://www.susquehannachorale.org/performances) or call the Messiah University Box Office at 717.691.6036 and choose option 1.

**Donations Please!**

The Welcome Committee is asking for donations for our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Socials. If you would like to donate baked goods, please sign up on the sheet that is on the Welcome Committee bulletin board directly beside the main entrance door in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Manna Food Pantry**

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuously rising food prices, food pantries are seeing a greater demand for their services. If you would like to donate you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry", and place it with your regular giving envelope.

**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY**

- **Welcome pads are on the pews** at the center aisle; please sign and pass to your neighbor. Please include any changes.
- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of OSL's children, youth, and young adults who bring us hope.

**TODAY**

<b>9:00 am</b>	Reader	John Zimmerman
	Ushers	Penny & John Zimmerman
	Communion Assistants	Deb Flage
	Counters	Jim Lubrecht, Penny & John Zimmerman

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 22, 2024**

<b>9:00 am</b>	Reader	Herb Logan
	Ushers	Kathy & Bill Sheetz
	Communion Assistants	Alice & Jim Lubrecht
	Counters	Donna Miller, Sara Smith & Sandy Moritz

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Today	9:00 am	Worship Children's Sunday School January newsletter deadline
Monday, December 16		<b>office closed</b> <b>vacation day for Barb</b>
Wednesday, December 18	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Soup & Supper Advent Worship both @Good Shepherd
Sunday, December 22	9:00 am	Worship

**Pastor Frank's office hours are  
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am to 12 noon.**

**Staff Christmas Gifts**

Council is collecting donations for staff holiday gifts. If you would like to contribute you can use the envelope in your church mailbox. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can either put your donation in the Zimmerman mailbox or give to Penny. Thank you!

### **A Very Big Thank You**

The Social Ministry Committee sponsored a very successful Christmas collection for the Salvation Army in Harrisburg. Our collection barrel was overflowing with gifts which were delivered to the Salvation Army on December 3, 2024. We would like to thank everyone for their contributions. Our congregation again showed their generous support of caring for others in our community. We are always looking for new committee members to join us. If you are interested, please talk to any committee member. Members are Nadine Martin, Otis Martin, Penny Zimmerman and Donna Miller.

### **Pastor Joel's Installation @Holy Trinity, Lancaster**

If you would like to attend, Pastor Joel will be installed at his new call on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> @3pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke St., Lancaster. There is a reception to follow, and the church is asking if anyone is staying for the reception, to please RSVP to their church office at 717-397-2734.

### **Family Promise**

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday evening, January 12 through Sunday morning, January 19, 2025.

Won't you **please** consider providing a meal, driving the van, or sleeping overnight at the Church?

If have any questions, please call me at (717)497-1200.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Thank you! Nadine Martin

### **Sponsorship of Sundry Bulletins**

The sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the months of **January -June in 2025** are now on the bulletin board. Future months will be placed there shortly. The cost to sponsor remains \$12.30

### **Our Reverse Advent Project**

In your bulletin today there is a list of food items for our Reverse Advent Project. Starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, a food item is suggested for members to collect each day.



Then on December 24, please bring your collection of food items to the church to be distributed to local food pantries. **You may also drop them off at the church before Christmas Eve if that is more convenient for you.** These items are to replenish the food banks who are hit particularly hard during the holiday season.

### **In Your Mailbox Today**

For those of you who do not have e-mail, or who request a hard copy, your December edition of our newsletter is now in your mailbox.

**Also**, the key code to unlock the front doors has recently been changed. For security reasons this code is not published in our bulletin or newsletter. Each member has been given the new code, placed on an index card, in their church mailbox.

### **Mid-Week Advent Services**

You are invited to attend Midweek Advent services at Good Shepherd. The final evening of the series of Midweek services will be held this Wednesdays, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Good Shepherd will begin with a soup supper at 5:30pm followed by worship at 7:00pm, using the Holden Evening Prayer.

### **Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me."**

We will have Children's Sunday School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **The next class will be TODAY, December 15!!!** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children's message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn!