

arr. Osiek
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23, John 10:11-17 Rev. Spencer

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord watches over me. God gives me a home to live in, water to drink, and food to eat. God gives meaning to my life.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord guides me along the right way. Even when I'm walking by myself in a strange place, I don't feel scared because I know that the Lord is with me to help me and give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord has blessed me with so many things. I will never be able to repay God for His faithfulness and kindness to me.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

HYMN No. 174* *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE Kathy Gunsallus
Fanfare on Joy to the World Hancock

BENEDICTION*

GREETING*
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

8:30 am Worship Ministry (Traditional, Sanctuary)

Ushers: Gil Warren, Tom Gilman, Matt Moxhay, Charles Markovitz, Roger Lefferts, Jim Clinton
Bell Choir: Carol Benner, Jim Cole, Martha Eshelman, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Beth Lefferts, Melissa McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Sam Scheibe, Vicki Terry, Kathy Gunsallus, Director

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Please Join Us for Worship
8:30 am Traditional (*Sanctuary*)
11:00 am Contemporary (*Miller Commons*)

GATHERING THOUGHT

THE FPCM WAY OF THE WEEK

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith to be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

“But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.” (Luke 15:22-24)

“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!”
(Philippians 4:4)

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength.” (Proverbs 17:22)

Sunday, December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 am Sanctuary

WELCOME

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Acolytes:

Addison & Brayden LaMonica

Beadle:

Elder Bruce Melson

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bell Choir

Carol of the Birds

French Carol

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Anglo-Irish Carol

Angels and Shepherds

Bohemian Carol

The Joy of Christmas

arr. Larson

WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Rev. Spencer

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Conner Family

CALL TO WORSHIP*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. Our help is in the name of the Lord. God made heaven and earth.

In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills, and all nations shall stream to it. Many people shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the house of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that God may teach us His ways and that we may walk in the paths of the Lord.”

HYMN No. 155*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYER OF ADORATION*

Elder Melson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (The Apostles’ Creed)

LESSONS AND CAROLS

JESUS IS THE NEW ADAM (Confession and Assurance)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:4-9, Colossians 1:15-20

Beth Lefferts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You Who shaped out of nothing all that is,

Forgive us for returning to You empty-handed and empty-hearted.

You Who called forth light,

Forgive our love of the darkness.

You Who sent Jesus, the Firstborn of all creation,

Forgive us when we ignore Him. Remake us in the image of Christ,

so that the light of Jesus Christ may shine in and through us; for we ask these things through the name of Jesus Christ, our newborn Savior and Lord. Amen.

Time of silence to seek the Lord’s mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the work of Jesus, God has reconciled us to Himself; and we rejoice with the angels proclaiming:

Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth. God and sinners are reconciled. Jesus was born so that we no longer die and so that we may be born again. Thanks be to God!

HYMN NO. 171, vs. 1, 3*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

JESUS IS THE NEW NOAH (Remembrance of Baptism)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 7:1-5, I Peter 3:18-21

Kelly LePenske

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN No. 157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

JESUS IS THE SON OF DAVID (Thanksgiving for God’s Covenants)

SCRIPTURE

II Samuel 7:10-14, 16, Luke 1:30-33, 2:4-7

Paul Booker

PRAYER OF PRAISE

HYMN No. 147

Away in a Manger

WAY OF THE WEEK

Kelly LePenske