



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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Saturday, January 2, 2020 | 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 3, 2020 | 8:15 AM

Christmas 2

A Manger for the Whole World

God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

Welcome/Life in Community

Call to Worship

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. We gather in the name of the light, Jesus Christ, to worship and praise God's name.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In this Christmas time,
as another year draws to a close,
we come together before God and with one another, confessing...

**All: how we have been caught up
in the different ways we are having to celebrate;
losing our focus on the Spirit of Peace;
the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires,
that we have neglected the voices of your children
who cry out for Justice;
in our focus on making the season perfect,
we have turned away from the hurting people
and broken places in our world in need of Healing;
in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for
children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your
amazing gift of Love.**

Pastor: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh,
our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray,

All: Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news of Christmas.
Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

**All: For unto us a Child is born;
unto us a Son is given.
His name shall be called Wonderful,
Counselor,
the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.**

God Speaks to Us

Special Music #275 vs 1& 2 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

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Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading...Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

Read by: 5:30 Lynn Spillar, 8:15 Josh Norem

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us

in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading...John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Special Music #510 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;

Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

3 Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Message

A Manger for the Whole World

Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Special Music #292 vs 1 & 3 *Love Has Come*

1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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God Feeds Us

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God whose light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never smother it.

Maker of all we see and all we don't see;

Who is Ruler of the universe:

Source of all creation!

We believe in the Word who has become incarnate, our very flesh and blood,
yet full of grace and truth,

Who is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

He is one with the Creator.

He was crucified and died for our sins.

He rose again in victory over the grave.

He is Messiah:

Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,

Breath of God moving among us.

Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:

Sustainer of all creation!

—adapted from affirmations of faith composed by Lisa Frenz and Bruce Prewer

Prayers of the Community Led by: 5:30 Lynn Spillar, 8:15 Diane Peterson

Sharing of the Peace (Virtual Greeting)

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Prayer of Thanks

Breaking of Bread

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;

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.

Communion Invitation

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.

Bread/cracker -

“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Wine/juice -

“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Communion Music

Communion Blessing/Prayer

God Sends Us

Benediction

Special Music #288 vs 1 & 2 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

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Commissioning

Pastor: The Word has come to dwell with us, and we dwell in His love. Let us go forth, rejoicing in our God-with-us, Emmanuel, Jesus Christ!

All: **Thanks be to God and WE WILL!**

Postlude

Prayers

Please pray for Bob Moore, Julie Shank, Jeri Porter, Kristen Murray and Matthew Plummer

Please pray for Tom Dawson, brother of Bill Dawson

Please pray for Linda Squires, sister of Laura Hills

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Ellsworth and Mildred Tonn, Jean Bessent and Don Bergstrom

We pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and for all those in the medical field caring for the sick. We give God thanks for vaccine development, which brings us all hope for our future health and well-being. We continue to pray for a cure and for an end to the spread of this disease.

Please pray for our global ministries: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti

Please pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All, Upbring , BeReal and New Life Center

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*Prayers for family members are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Preaching Pastor

Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts

Kevin McClure

Guitar

8:15 Josh Norem

Keyboard

5:30 + 8:15 Maria Lyapkova

AV

5:30 Bill Dawson,

8:15 Pete Forsberg, James Enochs

Hosts

5:30 Larry and Sandy Wikelius,

8:15 Amanda Forsberg , Judy and Bob Haugen

Mid Week Manna Returns!

Wednesday, January 13 at noon

SoulWork
Getting in to Shape!

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EPIPHANY

Wednesday, January 6th, 7 pm

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Come celebrate God manifested in the flesh,
come to dwell among us!





Join Us Outdoors

COURTYARD WORSHIP

5:30 pm Saturdays

8:15 am Sundays

Wear a mask | Bring a chair | Dress warmly



Worship

10:45 am Sundays, Livestream www.shephills.org/watch