

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240

Third Midweek Advent Service
with Holy Communion
December 18, 2024



Theme: EVERLASTING FATHER

Pastor James Lanning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order of Service: Holden Evening Prayer Folder

Offerings should be placed in the basket near the usher's stand at the sanctuary entrance.

At the end of service please leave the Prayer Folders on the usher's stand at the sanctuary entrance

OPENING HYMN "Away In a Manger"

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE – Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL – John 14:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except

through Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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MESSAGE - “Everlasting Father”

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BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The First Noel”

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1. The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winters’ night that was so deep. Chorus
2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night. Chorus
3. And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went. Chorus
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest
O’er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both pause and stay
Right o’er the place where Jesus lay. Chorus
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Chorus
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind has bought. Chorus

**Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!**