
Grace Lutheran Church

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Welcome to our 2015 Christmas Eve Service!

Welcome -- to our visitors this evening! We invite you to celebrate our Savior's birth with us at our Christmas Day festival service, tomorrow at 10:00 am. Please join us to honor our Savior-King! Our regular Sunday worship services are at 10 am.

Tonight our children will present the message of the birth of our Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ. In Psalm 23 we are told, "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." This means we are never lacking any good thing. Perhaps immediately our thoughts turn toward our earthly possessions and health. But when we consider our greatest need – forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation – then this profoundly deepens our perspective. We then see our need for a Good Shepherd to lead us on the path of righteousness to eternity. Jesus was born to do this! He knew our struggle with sin, looked on us with compassion, came to live a perfect life in our place, died to make the payment for our sin, and then rose triumphantly to be our living Shepherd who does His continuous work in shepherding us to heaven. Tonight we focus on this message:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS BORN!

In order to present a clear Law and Gospel service, we consider the following five parts:

- 1) The Good Shepherd Comes as Foretold*
- 2) The Good Shepherd Comes to Save the Straying Sheep*
- 3) The Good Shepherd Comes to Be Born*
- 4) The Good Shepherd Comes to the Shepherds*
- 5) The Good Shepherd Comes Still Today*

"I am the Good Shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by My own." John 10:14

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- ➔ **Reminder:** Please silence all mobile devices for the worship service.
- ➔ **Thanks:** Thanks to all the Sunday School teachers, musicians, and parents who made this evening possible by helping the children learn their pieces and hymns. A special thanks goes out to the children who put in their time and effort to make this evening a special occasion. But even a more special thanks to our Lord Jesus, who by His birth came to be our Good Shepherd!
- ➔ **Worship Info:** The order of worship will be projected on the screen during this evening's worship service. The file which is being projected is available for your own mobile device by going to Grace's webpage at www.FridleyLutheran.org. See "Christmas Eve Worship Slides (pdf)"
- ➔ **Video:** A reminder that we are having a Christmas Eve service instead of a program. Therefore, we ask that parents and friends avoid taking flash pictures and taking video during this service so that the focus remains on the joyous message of our Savior's birth. This Christmas Eve service will be discreetly recorded on video and placed on our website. DVD's will also be made available by request. If you are interested in a copy, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- ➔ **Christmas Day Worship:** Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am. We will be continuing our Advent theme, "Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me." Come worship the newborn Shepherd!
- ➔ **New Years Eve:** On New Years Eve we will be having a 7 pm worship service.
- ➔ **Regular Sunday Worship:** Our regular Sunday worship services are held at 10 am.

He will feed His flock like a shepherd,
He will carry the lambs in His arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.
Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain (Jennings)

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- 6) *The Good Shepherd Comes as Foretold*
- 7) *The Good Shepherd Comes to Save the Straying Sheep*
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