

Good Shepherd

Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



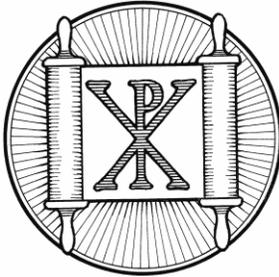
## Advent Vespers



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# WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



We have gathered to meditate at Vespers. Vespers is an evening service, coming from one of the daily offices at which the Church meets to meditate upon God's Word. Our particular order is called Evening Prayer. In this service, our Triune God is pleased to serve us with his promises and mercy. Advent Vespers focus on the coming of the Messiah to forgive sins and to bring us into his eternal kingdom.

If you are visiting with us this evening, we ask you to sign our guest book by the church entrance. If you would like to learn more about the Evangelical Lutheran Church – its confession or its practice, please speak to the pastor. We hope you will join us again soon.

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## EVENING PRAYER – PAGE 54

*It is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross on yourself where you see the sign of the cross (+) in the order of service.*

*The congregation shall stand after the bell toll.*

<b>The Hymns</b>	Chief Hymn	24 -- The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came <a href="https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/24">https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/24</a>
	After the Lord's Prayer	274 -- My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord <a href="https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/274">https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/274</a>
	Closing Hymn	8 -- Come, O Precious Ransom, Come <a href="https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/8">https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/8</a>

**Psalm of the Day**      Psalm 62 (cws)                      *In Unison*

**Psalm Prayer**      Lord God, in this changing world we look to you as our unchanging rock of refuge and hope. Hear us as we please for your mercy, and grant us your saving grace and protection.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**The Reading and the Seasonal Response** have been printed on the opposite page.

**The Sermon**      Luke 1:46-55

**Sermon Text**      For a theme, you can just keep it -- "The Song of Mary."

### Intercessions

*Intercessions that are requested prior to the bulletin's printing will be included in the bulletin. Requests may be made prior to the service as well.*

## LUKE 1:26-56

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

*Scripture readings are from the English Standard Version.*

### Seasonal Response

**Cong:** *The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

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**Preacher:** Pastor Gregory Gibbons of Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redford

**Organist:** Jeanette Schneider

**OFFERING** -- The total of our offerings for Thanksgiving and mid-week Advent Vespers services has been designated for Huron Valley Lutheran High School, up to \$2,000.

# Advent Vespers

*We prepare for the coming of the Savior  
with repentance as we prayerfully, quietly, and eagerly await our Savior.*

## Advent Hymns



December 2

**The *Benedictus* – Song of Zechariah.** (Luke 1:67-79)

December 9

**The *Magnificat* – Song of Mary.** (Luke 1:46-55)

December 16

**The *Gloria in Excelsis* – Song of angels.** (Luke 2:14)

**Join us on Wednesdays for Advent.  
Vespers --7:00 PM**