

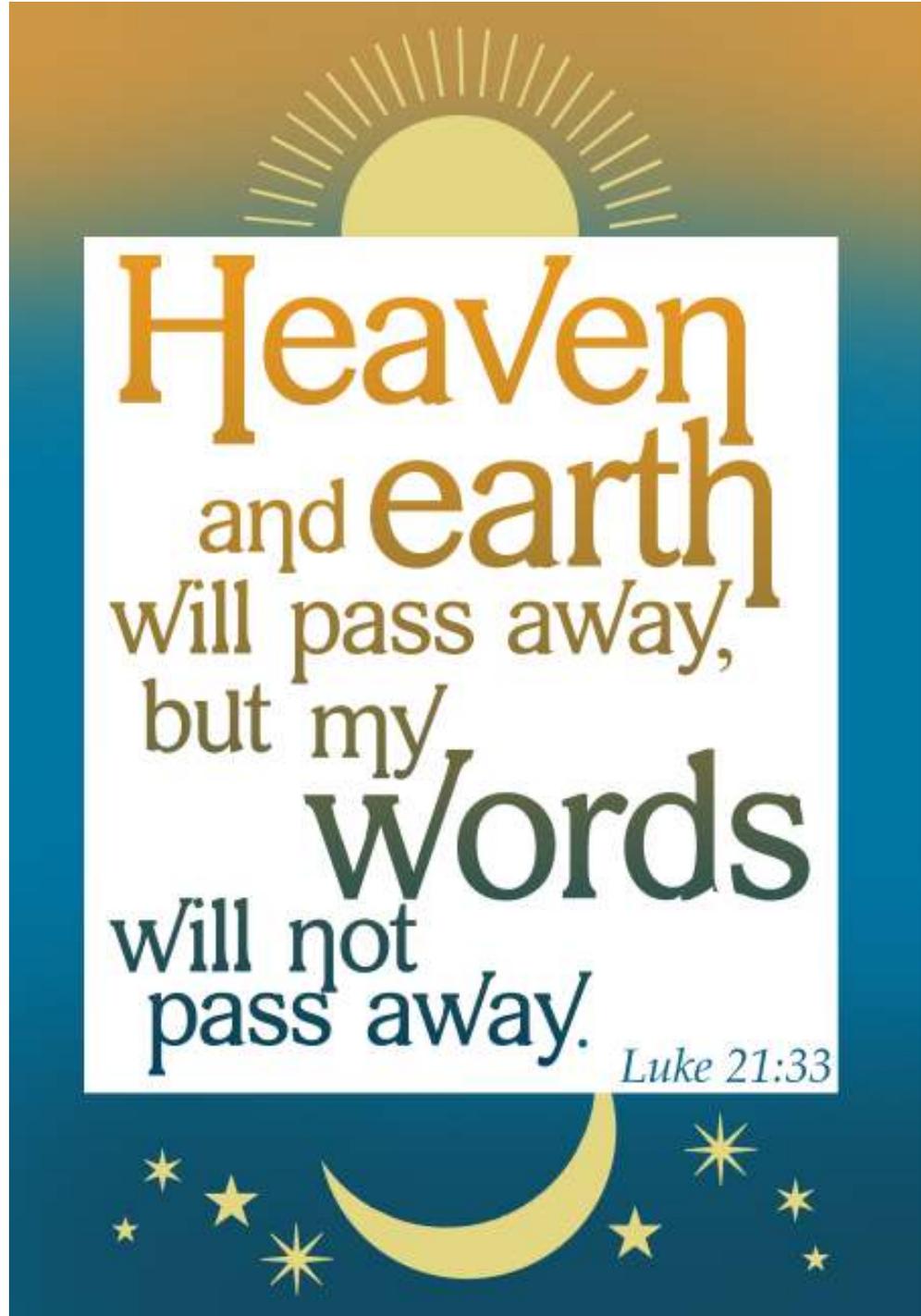
SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP



**December 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**

All Are Welcome

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling at the altar rail. Children are encouraged to come to receive the Lord's Blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (the smaller chalice), as well as wine, for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. The Assistant will hold both the wine and the juice and move from the center to the outside of the communion rail. Communion is continuous with kneeling. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Bob to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet.

Ministries for Today

Lector: 9:30 a.m. Nadine Kelly

Altar Guild: 9:30 a.m. Judy Kobs

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Bruce & Judy Kobs, Lester Larrabee
and Charlotte Wahlig

November 25, 2018 Attendance: 9:30 a.m. - 136

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES CHURCH

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First Sunday in Advent – December 2, 2018
9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 3

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT / RITE OF FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

P The Spirit and the church cry out:

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P All those who prepare for his appearance pray:.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P The whole creation pleads:

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

+ **HYMN OF LIGHT**

“O Light Whose Splendor Thrills”

ELW 563

Verses 1 and 3

+ **GREETING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God. In the beginning you called light into being. You set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In every age, you call imperfect people to be bearers of your light. You call them to be bright with your wisdom and aflame with your righteousness, like stars forever.

C **Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: kindled in the stable, magnified on the cross, and reflected in the lives of your holy people. With them, and with all your creatures we give you glory. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of your baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus. You belong to Christ. You are anointed to serve. Standing in God's presence, raise up your heads. The reign of God is near.

C **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

ELW 254

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (*Sung responsively*)

¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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+ **The Holy Gospel according to: Luke 21:25-36**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Came Down"

ELW 253

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of god in our lives with the word of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

A As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Grow our faithfulness and let your steadfast love blossom among us. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Sustain your creation, holy God. Water the parched soil. Restore depleted fields. Send farmers, forest rangers, and gardeners to care for fig trees and wheat fields, gardens and arboretums. Increase our love for the land. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Move us to nurture those who are bereaved and lonely. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Increase our joy, wondrous God. Plant thanksgiving in our hearts and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries and creation care programs. Guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God, we give thanks to you today. St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church on Fort Myers Beach is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a congregation. We ask you to hold them in the palm of your hand as they go forward into the future. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

A Send your Holy Spirit on this congregation and our Call Committee as we prepare ourselves to call the pastor you have chosen for us. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in your glory. Hold all who mourn in the comfort of your eternal light, and bring us to delight in the new life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another as we share Christ's presence in our midst.)

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERING ANTHEM

"Gather Your Children"

BY CARL SCHALK

Chancel Choir

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit. All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

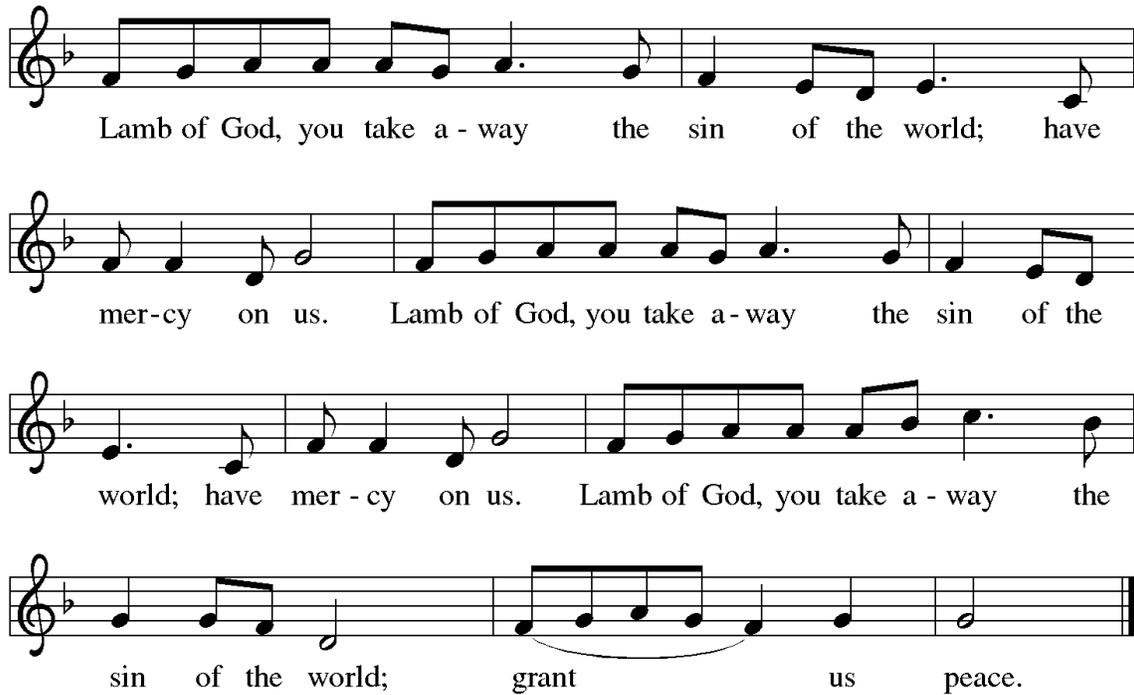
+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Sung and led by Rod Barikmo)*

C **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; and 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.**

THE COMMUNION

P God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good. *(Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of bread into the wine or juice. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)*

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“The King Shall Come”
“My Lord, What a Morning”

ELW 260
ELW 438

+ COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

C The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. Amen.

+ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

A Let us pray.

C **Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P May God direct your ways in peace. May God make you abound in love for one another and for all. May God strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**

“People, Look East”

ELW 248

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CALL FOR ACTION

Every week, Shepherd of the Glades will be collecting and donating canned and boxed food to help persons in need at St. Matthew's House, Grace Place, and Immokalee Friendship House. Suggested items are canned food of all kinds, powdered milk, peanut butter, jellies/jams, cereals, soups, rice, pasta, etc. Items need to be within code date and unopened. Just bring your donations to the Church and give to the ushers. All items are being delivered locally. The last delivery was to St. Matthew's House.



“GOD’S CREATION” 2019 CALENDARS

On Sundays, Nadine Kelly, Lori Bernabei, or Bonny Dery will be in the Narthex after worship to make beautiful 2019 calendars available with scripture and beautiful photos to raise funds for the Sunday School. They are only \$6 each and make beautiful gifts!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Annual Meeting to elect new Council members and approve the 2019 Budget has been scheduled for after worship service on Sunday, December 9, 2020. Packets are available in the Narthex.

ANNUAL PAUL TODD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SOTG's annual Christmas Concert with Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr. will be here on tomorrow, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in the courtyard every Sunday before and after worship, from the Church office during regular hours, or from the Lybergs at 239.774.5822. Price is \$25 per person.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On Christmas Eve there will be two opportunities to worship, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to worship with us!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Please help us beautify our sanctuary in praise to our Savior this Christmas! Poinsettias will be placed around the altar for Christmas. You may take your poinsettia(s) home after Christmas Eve worship. Please order one or more poinsettias by completing a form in the Narthex. The cost is still \$15 per poinsettia. The deadline for ordering is MONDAY, December 17, 2018. Please place your order form in the offering plate, leave in the basket in the narthex, or deliver to the Church office.

LUNCH BUNCH

If you enjoy sharing a meal with members of the congregation after worship on Sunday, please sign up on the sheet provided on the music stand outside the church entry doors **BEFORE** the service on Sunday morning. We meet at the Royal Palm Country Club. A menu is provided on the music stand. Only **VISA and MasterCard** are accepted (**NO CASH**). Please see Pastor or Carol Lyberg for further details. This is a private club, so you must sign up to attend, but all are welcome to come with the group.

ALTAR ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

If there is anyone who would like to serve as an altar assistant (person who leads the creed, prayers, and helps with communion), please contact Jan Wolfe (phone-239-649-7437 or email-janwolfe1@embarqmail.com) She is in need of a few more folks for this task.

BONE BUILDERS

A new low impact flexibility and balance class for seniors is being sponsored by the Collier County Recreation Department in Hanson Hall every Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. There is no charge, and it is open to everyone in the community. Come and bring a friend. See Pastor or Carol Lyberg for more details.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

Office hours this week are: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

First Sunday in Advent, December 2, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob; Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service; Bake Sale after worship

Monday & Wednesday, December 3 and 5, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bone Builders , Hanson Hall

Monday, December 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Paul Todd Christmas Concer

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 8:30 a.m. - Sew-Sews and Property Crew

Second Sunday in Advent, December 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob;

Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service; 10:30 a.m. SOTG Annual Meeting

Ways to Be Faithful with the Lord

- † Put God first
- † Seek and do God's will
- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Study & know God's word
- † Love & serve others
- † Tithe thankfully
- † Share the Gospel
- † Participate at church
- † Repent unfaithfulness

**Return to the Lord
Follow Jesus**



SOTG STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The Trinity

The Father: To the left of the cross is the open hand of God, giving all life and creation, the sun, the moon, and the stars, all creatures great and small, and things needed to sustain us on His earth.

The Son: The cross, gold for the glory of the resurrection, dominates the art. Around the center of this is red for the blood of Christ's sacrifice.

The Holy Spirit: In the upper right hand corner is the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit

The Sacraments

Holy Communion: Below the dove, the communion chalice is shown, with the wheat and grapes, the bread and wine of communion, the body and blood of Christ.

Baptism: To the left of the cross is the shell, ancient symbol of baptism. Through water as a never ending river of blessing, it flows through our lives.

Our Faith

The swirling lines of movement throughout remind us that our faith is never still.

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