

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2018

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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5:30 and 7:30 P.M.

*Joyous Worship with
Candles, Communion, and Special Music*

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 in each paten.

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.

GOD BLESS YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Ministries for Tonight

Altar Assistant: 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. - Colleen Hoffman

Readers: 5:30 p.m.-Elizabeth Cianflone, Jocelyn, Cadence, and
Jenna Snover
7:30 p.m. Colleen Hoffman

Altar Guild: Barbara Modjeska

Ushers: 5:30 p.m. - Nadine Kelly, Bill & Doris Marderness
and Jim Sauer
7:30 p.m. - Chuck Keller, Penny Morken,
Jim Sauer, and Keith Scamehorn

Two worship services beginning January 6, 2019: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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A CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES . . . A PLACE TO GROW

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

“In the Bleak Mid Winter”

ARR. GUSTAV HOLST

Elizabeth Cianflone, violin; Victoria Romeo, Cello

(Remain seated.)

5:30 p.m. **CHILDREN’S PROCESSION** ***“Away in a Manger”*** **ELW 277**

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

+ A CHRISTMAS GATHERING . . . ***“The Glory of the Lord”***

**All sing: Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

+ PRAYER

P Almighty God, before whom angels veil their faces, and in whose presence they delight, with reverence and joy we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

**All sing: Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

P Confessing our sin and our unworthiness, we beseech your mercy and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh to dwell among us, full of grace and truth.

**All sing: Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

P When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

**All sing: Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness - on them the light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**All sing: Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

P Our preparing is over.

C **God's promise had been fulfilled.**
(The Advent candles are lit.)

P The Advent candles form a circle of light. They remind us of the never ending love of God. As we light the Christ Candle, let us remember that Jesus is in our midst, yesterday, today, and forever as we pray:

C **Almighty God, you gave your only Son to take on our human nature. He illumines our world with your light. The coming of your light into our world brightens weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness. Empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

ELW 271

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

C **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

HYMN

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

ELW 287

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing: Hark! What mean those holy voices sweetly sounding through the skies?

Lo, the angel host rejoices, heav'nly alleluias rise.

Listen to the wondrous story which they chant in hymns of joy:

“Glory in the highest, glory! Glory be to God on high!”

+ THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW 282

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Pastor Bob

+ HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW 283

All sing: Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

**Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels.
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God in the highest!"**

**Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

A Glory to God in the highest,

C And peace to God's people on earth.

A Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

A Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer on this day.

A Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C Reveal yourself to us in words and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The Christmas Peace of the LORD be with you all.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Lullaby of Love-A Song for Christmas"* BY DAVID CATHERWOOD

Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Cianflone, Violin; Victoria Romeo, Cello

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

C You led your people Israel through the wilderness with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

P Enlighten our darkness by the light of Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

C For you are merciful. You love your whole creation. And we, your creatures, glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in his holy supper.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

+ **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION** *All are welcome!*

+ **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

“What Child Is This”
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW 296

ELW 276

+ **POST COMMUNION BLESSING** (Sanctuary lights are turned off)

P Let us pray. Great and gracious God,

C **We thank you that in this holy meal the true Light has come to dwell in us.
As we return into the world you love, may we take to all people the good
news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY (Please tip only unlit candles to receive the flame from your neighbor. Do not tip a lighted candle, lest wax spill.)

+ **HYMN**

“Silent Night”

ELW 281

All sing: **Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin
Mother and child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing,
Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 30th, 2018, Sunday Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. with communion. On Epiphany Sunday, **January 6, 2019**, there will be two worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

2019 GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR IN THE INFORMATION CENTER IN NARTHEX

Please help beautify the Sanctuary Chancel each Sunday with real flowers. The cost is \$60 for two bouquets or \$30 each. You may dedicate your flowers to commemorate a meaningful event or to honor a loved one. If you have questions, please call the church office.

EXTRA IN THE NEW YEAR

On Thursdays, starting **January 10, 2019**, Pastor Bob will be leading a Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke at both 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND THANKS TO ALL

From Pastor Bob, Megan, Lynn, and Tom, thank you for your generous Christmas gifts. You are great blessings! A joyous and blessed Christmas and New Year's to you all from all of us!

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

Office hours this week are: Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday-9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 25, the office will be closed in celebration of the Savior's birth.

Sunday, December 30, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob

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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