

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP



Then *Joseph* Got Up,
took the child and his mother by night,
and went to **EGYPT.**

Matthew 2:14, NRSV

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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DECEMBER 29, 2019
First Sunday of
Christmas

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 or standing at the altar rail. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish, instead, to receive a 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 Jeff to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

Ministries for Today

Lector: Connee Zeman

Assistant: Brenda Charleston

Altar Guild: Irmgard Bjerken

Ushers: Linda and Gary Salisbury
Karen and Brad Pruener

AV Technician: Zack Soto

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First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2019, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** ELW 94

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C **Amen.**

+ **OPENING HYMN** **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** **ELW 275**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

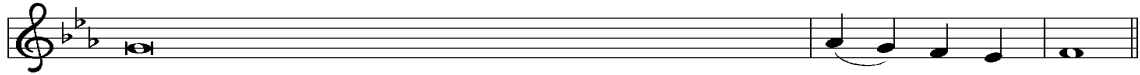
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63: 7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely”; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 148 (*Sing responsively*)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God’s will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹² **young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all |
faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

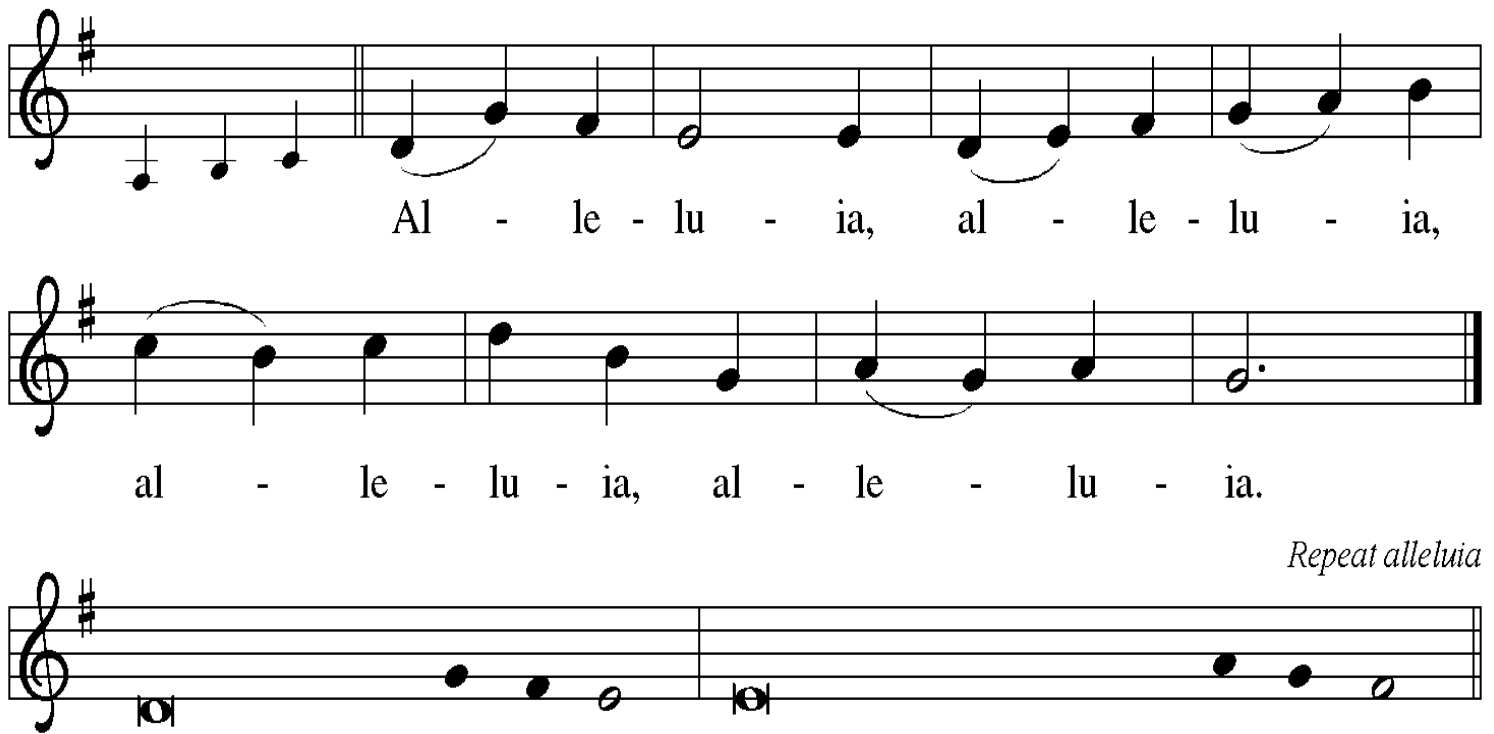
SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” ¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.” ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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The Holy Gospel according to: **Matthew 2:13-23**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey T. Ungs

Text: Lessons for the day

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW 279

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

+ APOSTLES' CREED

ELW 105

**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 life everlasting. Amen.

+ THE PRAYERS *(You may come forward for prayer.)*

A Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church. Give to your whole church open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus.

Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Praise to you, Creator of all, for you have created a rich diversity of nature and creatures: sun, moon, stars, mountains and all hills, oceans and rivers. Sustain all that you made and keep us faithful in our care for creation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We bless you, Ruler of all, for the communities and nations of which we are a part. Gather into your arms the many peoples of the world and grant humility to all leaders, so that all may find blessing and peace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A O Holy One, you overcame death and freed us from all fear. Give courage to all who are afraid and comfort to all who suffer in any way. Especially, Don Sharpe, Jim Hahn, Beverly Smith, Susan Evans, Alice Bassett, Jim O'Neal and Rich Bartsh, and give patience and compassion to those who provide care.

Hear us, O God

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Nurturing God, you care for your children in any danger. Grant courage to our congregation, that we are present with children who need our love and protection, with parents who grieve the loss of children, and with those who seek safety from hurtful situations. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Light of life, you claim us as your children forever. We praise you for those who have gone before us in the faith, serving as witnesses to your presence, especially Iris Krug and Deloris Johnson Galster. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A As a community, we rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays within our faith community. Today, we pray for Sharon Hicks, Edward Ries, Barbara Tommingo, Katherine Cianflone, Ted Roscoe and Lisbet Ramirez as they celebrate their birthdays. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"What Child Is This"

ELW296

+ OFFERTORY

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

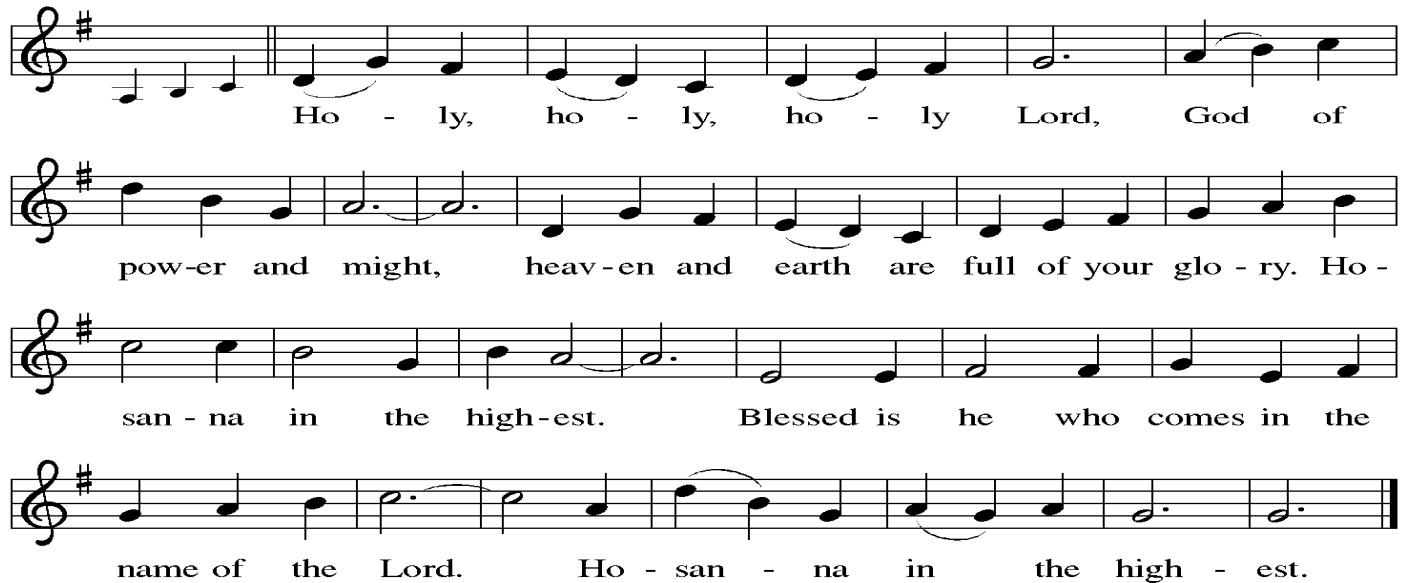
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ **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:

+ **SANCTUS**



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

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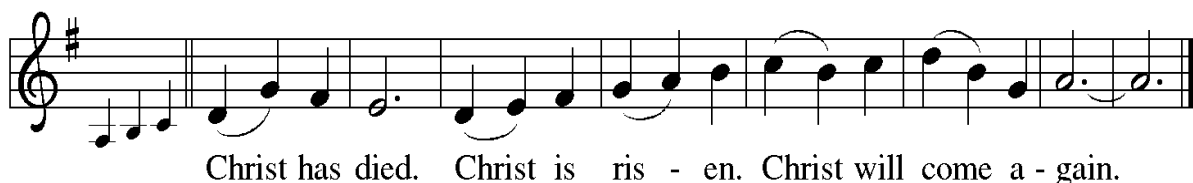
P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

C **You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

P We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for your salvation.

+ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**


P In the night in which he was betrayed, . . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, . . . To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C 

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

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

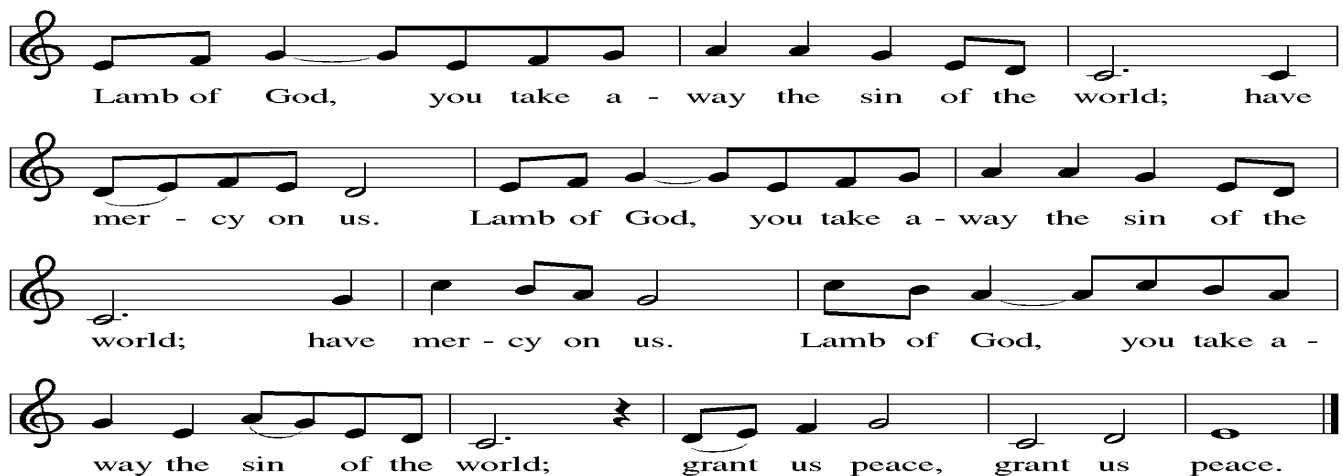
(Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of bread into the wine or juice. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)

A Please be seated.

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

Lamb of God



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COMMUNION BLESSING

P Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

C Amen.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

5113

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.

+ **THE BLESSING**

P Grace from God's own heart, peace from the Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW 290

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the chancel this morning are given by Heidi and Mike Dziubla to celebrate the birthday of their niece, Sophie Bauer.

STARTING TWO SERVICES

Sunday, January 5, 2020 we will be holding two worship services. The time of the services will be 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

We have been informed that the local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

SEW-SEW LADIES

The sew-sew ladies would appreciate any old sheets and tablecloths that you would like to donate for their quilting projects.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you are interested in working with the Alter Guild, we would love to have you. This would involve preparing the alter for Sunday service, but time commitment is minimal. If interested, contact Anita Lehr at 239-793-4957.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday, January 10, 2020, the Women's Bible Study will begin. The ladies will meet in the music room at 10:00 a.m.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Starting Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Pastor Jeff is going to begin a Bible study group at 2:00 P.M. This meeting will be held in the music room. All are welcome!

DANA DICKERMAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dana Dickerman's memorial service will be held at Center Pointe Community Church located in Golden Gate, on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

2019 GIVING TREE

The Evangelism team would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who participated in this years' very successful "Giving Tree " project.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANKS TO ALL

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

WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 12, 2020 is the date for our welcome back luncheon. David Contessa and Steve Mielke, from Trivent, will provide the lunch and have a discussion on "Income Taxes and Retirement". There will a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

The office is open regular hours Monday, 12/30/19, Tuesday, 12/31/19, Thursday, 1/02/20 and Friday, 1/03/20 (9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.).

Pastor Jeff is available in the office by appointment.

First Sunday of Christmas, December 29, 2019, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Jeff Ungs.

Monday, December 30th, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bone Builders, Hanson Hall. All are welcome!
(no Bone Builders on Wednesday, January 1, 2020)

Tuesday, December 31th, Sew- Sew ladies will not meet this week due to the New Years holiday.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020, No Choir practice.

Friday, January 3, 2020, Newsletter mailing

Sunday, January 5, 2020, Worship and Music meeting after 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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