

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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# 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE



Blessed  
is she who has  
believed  
that the Lord  
would fulfill  
His promises  
to her

LUKE 1:45

**DECEMBER 19, 2021  
FOURTH 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 or standing at the altar rail. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish 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 at the communion rail. Communion is continuous with kneeling or standing. 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.

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### Ministries for Today

Lector: Lawrence Buettner

Altar Guild: Lori Bernabie

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Leslie & Hank Beers &  
Lawrence & Maryann Buettner

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*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*December 19, 2021, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold** Indicates Congregation Joins In

**PRELUDE**

**“Mary Had a Baby”**

*By: Pastor Carl and Joan Kelly*

## **INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

P God for whom we wait,

**C in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. Amen.

**C Amen.**

**+ OPENING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW 257**  
*(verses 7 & 8)*

### **+ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Brad Caulder**

P As we light the candle on the Advent Wreath, let us pray.

**C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son’s birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.**

**+ “Waiting for Messiah” by: Pastor Carl & Joan Kelly**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ **THE PRAYER OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign, alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## FIRST READING: Micah 5: 2-5a

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ **PSALM LUKE 1: 46b-55** (*Read responsively*)

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 10: 5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

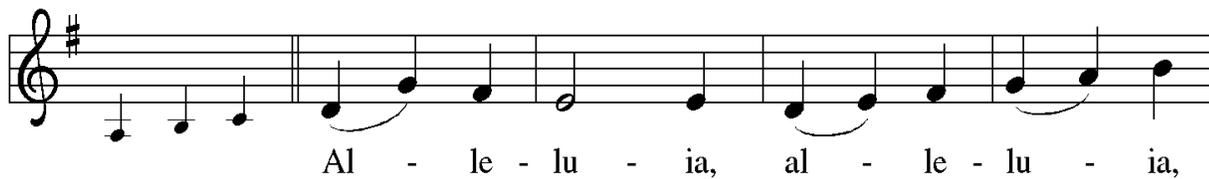
<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

### + GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to **Luke 1: 39-45**

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Unga

Text: Lessons for the day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" **ELW 251**

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**

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

A Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that brings forth abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all who call our attention to imbalances of power. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and those who are pregnant. Comfort any struggling with infertility and those who await test results, are in treatment and hospice care, and others in need; especially: Brad Caulder, Roger Bennett, Joe S., Fr. Albert Pike, Valerie Cooley, Bobby Hicks, Lynn Arbeiter, Ed Larson, Diane & David Beasley, Carl Hydes, Tom Dunlop, Doc Lofthouse, Micah Smith, Marge & Don Sharpe, Patricia Lussky, Jim Opperman, Leo Malinowski, Nick & Anita Lehr, and the Swain family. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness. Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries within our faith community. Today we pray for Olivia Tibbetts and Doris Marderness, as they celebrate their birthdays. We also pray for Marcia Schacht & Tom Watts, and Kathy & Roger Burtchin as they celebrate their anniversaries. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ **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.**

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

“Angels to Follow”

*by Pastor Carl & Joan Kelly*

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit’s power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen.

+ **THE BLESSING**

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ELW 254**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Flowers on the chancel this morning are given by Gary Spragg as an everlasting memory of his wife, Barbara.

**HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE LIVE STREAMING**

When the prelude begins, we begin Worship and live streaming the service. Please remember to use quiet reflection when the prelude begins so your greetings are not broadcast on the internet.

**2022 GIVING ENVELOPES**

Your 2022 Giving Envelopes are available in the Narthex. You can pick them up before or after worship services, or pick them up during regular business hours during the week.

**BLESSING OF THE SEW-SEW QUILTS**

The Sew-Sews have had 2-5 people working since November 7th to complete the quilts on display this morning, which will go to St. Matthew’s House and the Shelter for Abused Women and Children. They will have 20+ more to donate by Christmas!

**GIVE BY SINGING!**

If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Megan Cianflone (our music director) after worship service.

## **QUILTING WITH THE SEW SEW'S**

Anyone interested to start quilting again? There are quilting tasks that can be done from home. You do not need to be a quilter to help with this very necessary benevolence project. Come join us Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. or work from home. You also do not need to be female to help! If interested, call Maryann Buettner at (239) 989-1728 or email at: maryannflamingo@sbcglobal.net. The sew-sews always need old sheets for the backing of the quilts. You can drop your sheets off in the office Monday thru Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## **WELCOME PADS**

So that those in your pew may know who you are and so we may track attendance, please remember to sign in the "Welcome" folder located at the end of each pew. Thanks!

## **WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON**

January 16, 2022 is the date for the "Welcome Back Luncheon". This year we are going to try something different. The meal will be provided by Pop's Spot Grill and all attendees will receive \$3.00 off their order. The meal will be held in the courtyard after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Be sure and mark your calendars.

## **THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:**

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Pastor Jeff is available in the office by appointment.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent December 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m.,** public worship with Pastor Jeff Ungs. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - [www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org).

**Monday, December 20th and Wednesday, December 22nd,** Bone Builders class, 9-10 :00 a.m.

**Sew-Sews** will not meet until January, 2022.

**Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** with candlelight and special music.

**First Sunday of Christmas, December 26, 2021, 9:30 a.m.,** public worship with Pastor Jeff Ungs. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details -[www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org).

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Megan Cianflone

Bonny Dery

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



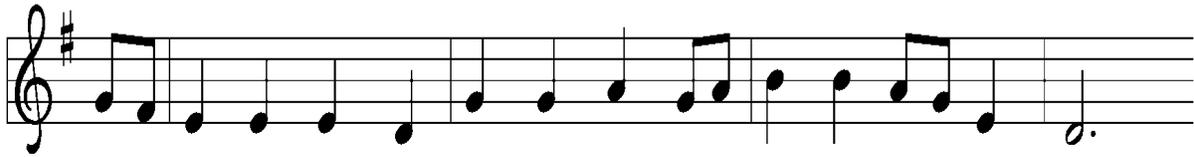
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heav'nly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

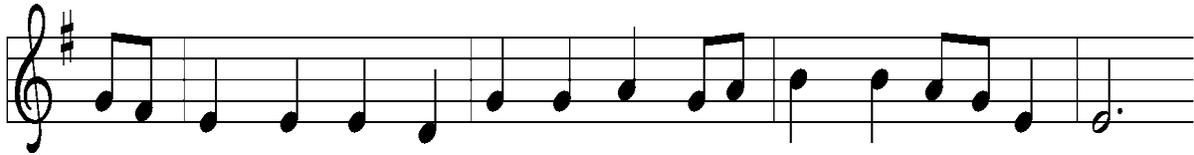
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# My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



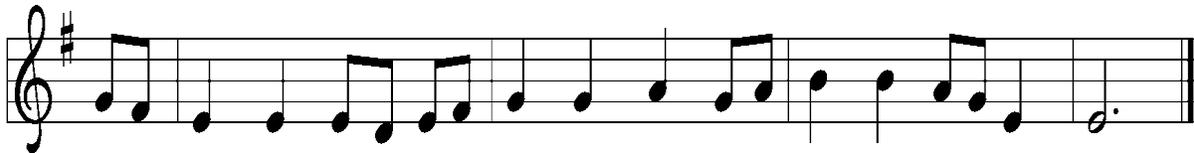
- 1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
- 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
- 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835