

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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Jesus increased in wisdom
and in stature and in favor
with God and man.

Luke 2:52, ESV

**DECEMBER 26, 2021
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. 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.

Ministries for Today

Lector: Nadine Kelly

Altar Guild: Darlene Momberg

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Betty & Jim Sauer &
Barb & Ron Modjeska

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First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

“Mary, Did You Know” BY MARK LOWRY & BUDDY GREEN

Pat Cooper, Soloist; Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

P In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

P Holy God,

C **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

P I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. + In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

C Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

Hymn Sing
ELW 267-300

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you 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: 1Samual 2: 18-20, 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ **PSALM 148** (*Read 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, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

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

⁶**who made them stand fast forever 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, doing 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.**

¹³Let 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!**

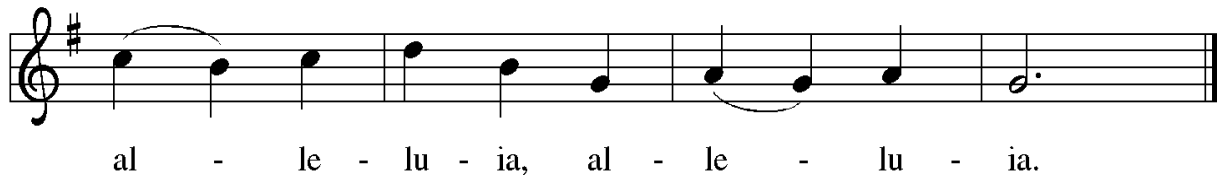
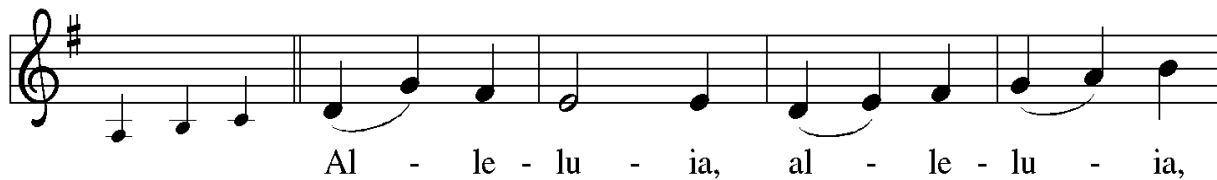
SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

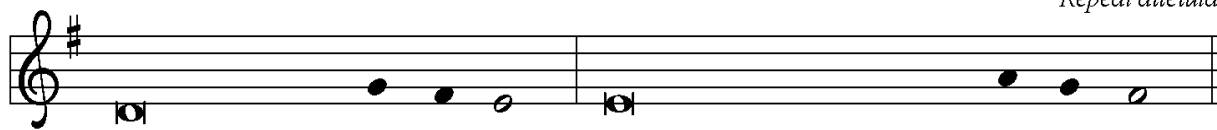
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C Thanks be to God

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



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THE HOLY GOSPEL according to **Luke 2: 41-52**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

**Hymn Sing
ELW 267-300**

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 Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A You come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us in the diverse splendor of the universe. Grant us the humility to trust our place in the network of creation, that we live in service to you and the natural world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these relationships, that we recognize the Christ child in one another and show your love to those most vulnerable. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us through people whom the world forgets. Poor shepherds and an imprisoned Paul announced your good news. Send your Spirit to all who are imprisoned, struggling with addiction, unwell, or in any need this day; especially: Mike Gjesdahl, 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.

Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us in acts of justice and forgiveness. Open our hearts to forgive one another, without permitting injustice. Supply us with the wisdom to be clothed with love, binding all things together in perfect harmony. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us through those who have died yet live with you forever. We give thanks for Stephen, deacon and martyr, who gave his life to tell the story of your love. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays within our faith community. Today we pray for Pat Cooper, Penny Morken, Edward Ries, Bonnie Kischer and Barb Tommingo as they celebrate their birthdays. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 **Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Gesù, Bambino”

BY PIETRO A. YON

Beverly Tarbox, Soloist

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW 289

Chancel Choir

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

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, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN**

Hymn Sing
ELW 267-300

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the chancel this morning are given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla in loving memory of her mother, Meta Bauer, and to celebrate the birthdays of their son-in-law Josh, and niece, Sophie.

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.

WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON

January 16, 2022 is the date for the "Welcome Back Luncheon". This year we are going to try something different. The food will be provided by Pop's Spot Grill and Thrivent Financial will be providing \$3 off any menu item for all attenders. The meal will be held in the in courtyard after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Be sure and mark your calendars.

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.

GIVE BY SINGING!

If you are interested in joining the choir, please see our Music Directory, Megan Cianflone, after worship.

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!

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday. The office will be closed Monday (December 27th) in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Pastor Jeff is available in the office by appointment.

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.

Monday, December 27th and Wednesday, December 29th, Bone Builders class, 9-10 :00 a.m.

Sew-Sews will not meet until January 4, 2022.

Second Sunday of Christmas, January 2, 2022, 8:30 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. The 10:30 a.m. worship service will be held in the courtyard.

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