

# 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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# FEBRUARY 2, 2025 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

## 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 (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with kneeling or standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If you have an offering for the church, the offering plates are located at the entrance of the church.

Pastor Jeff is away this Sunday. Please welcome Rev. Tara McGraw who will be leading worship this morning.

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

Altar Assistants: Judy Ripke, Brenda Charleston,  
& Mary Winsor

Lector: Robert Besanceney

Altar Guild: Donia Mrozek

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Tom & Sally Moore,  
Judy Ripke, & Brenda Charleston

AV Technicians: Alan Shultz  
Abraham Unga

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*February 2, 2025, 9:30 A.M. Worship*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold** Indicates Congregation Joins In

## PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

## BLESSING OF THE FOOD!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### + **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

A Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

A Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

### + **OPENING HYMN**

***"Shine, Jesus, Shine"***

**ELW 671**

A 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

A  
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C  
Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C  
Lord, have mer - cy.

A  
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.

C  
Lord, have mer - cy.

A  
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

C  
Lord, have mer - cy.

A  
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C  
A - men, a - men.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm: 84** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where  
she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup> They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>9</sup> Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your anointed.

<sup>10</sup> **For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in  
the tents of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;  
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup> **O LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## **SECOND READING Hebrews 2: 14-18**

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] 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, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## + **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: **Luke 2: 22-40**

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

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Pastor Tara McGraw

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue” ELW 644**

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**

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**



P God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness. Today we pray for: the Fetzer family, Mary Gehr, Jan Wolfe, family of Marvin Thor, Theresa Chiorazzi, Lauren, Ron Eickhoff, Vicki Dunlop, Pastor Fred Davison, Linda, Kalem, Pastor Bob Hoffman, Gail Fesnak, Alison Heck, Barb Tommingo, the family of Marilyn Day, Jim Shaw, Barbara Gega, Cornelia Setzkorn, Susie Espersen, Vernon Rasmussen, Ron Blasig, Sandy & Doc Lofthouse, Ryan Smith, Pastor Carl Kelly, Rod Barikmo, Nick & Anita Lehr, Micah Smith, and others we name in our hearts or out loud. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

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 Ardelle Berthe as she celebrates her birthday. We also pray for Lawrence & Maryann Buettner, and Gary & Linda Salisbury as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed, as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen.**

## + **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

A 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 grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.**

## + 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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune  
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

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.

## + 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

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

A Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
C Amen.

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal-vation 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.

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**THE BLESSING**

P The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.  
C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN** “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” ELW 631

+ **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.  
C Thanks be to God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Flowers on the chancel this morning are given by Lawrence & Maryann Buettner in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

**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.

**HAVE AN INTEREST IN SEWING?**

The Sew-Sew quilters would welcome anyone that enjoys sewing, quilting, cutting, tying, or would just like to gather for fellowship with the ladies on Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. (All are welcome!)

**SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

Pastor Jeff’s Saturday Bible study class on “Revelation” will begin on February 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

## **HOPE AND HEALING!**

**Our Grief Support Group class is tentatively scheduled to begin the end of January/ beginning of February at 2:00 p.m. This is a 12 week commitment and the cost of the materials needed is \$26 per person. If interested, please call the office at (239) 775-0696 to register.**

## **2025 MINISTRY FAIR**

**Sunday, February 9th immediately following worship service, we will have a ministry fair in the courtyard. You will hear members of each committee discussing what their committee does and who benefits from their efforts. Come and see where your time and talent are within our church community.**

## **STRAWBERRY SUNDAE SUNDAY**

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 16, 2025 when the Fellowship committee will be serving strawberry sundaes immediately following our worship service.**

## **2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025 we will have our Annual Meeting following the worship service. Annual reports will be available in the Narthex. Each committee chairman will have submitted a written report and the treasurer will highlight the 2025 goals, and answer any questions regarding the budget. Please plan on attending!**

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

**The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.**

**Pastor Jeff is available in the office by appointment.**

**Monday, February 3rd & Wednesday, February 5th, Bone Builders meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, February 4th, Sew-Sew's Quilting 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!**

**Wednesday, February 5th, Pastor Jeff's Bible study class begins at 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, February 9, 2025, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. 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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## Shine, Jesus, Shine

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*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, all this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire,

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our lives are this -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

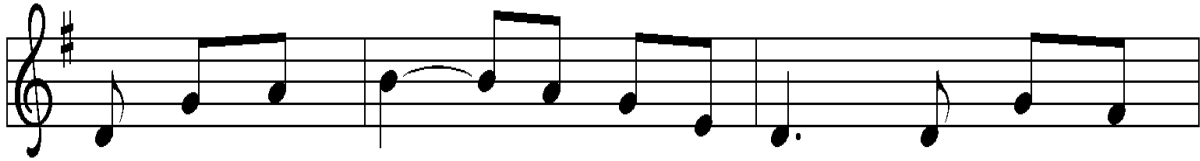
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
re - tired here, may our lives tell your sto - ry,

Shine on me, shine on me;  
Shine on me, shine on me;

Text: Graham Kendrick, 3. 1. 3. 6  
Music: Graham Kendrick  
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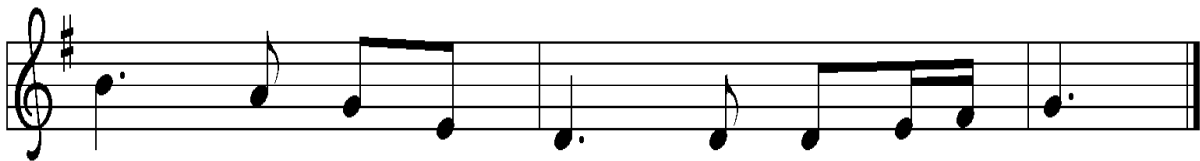
# Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
see: then we will see love face to face.  
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional

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## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887