

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**FEBRUARY 23, 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

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.

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

Altar Assistants: Bev Green, Renna Knotek,
& Mary Winsor

Lector: David Larson

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Jim & Bev Green,
Doris Marderness, & Renna Knotek

AV Technicians: Kelli Ungs
Abraham Ungs

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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025, 9:30 A.M. Worship

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

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** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ELW 656

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 **O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm: 37: 1-11, 39-40 (Read responsively)

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you
they seek refuge.

SECOND READING 1Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

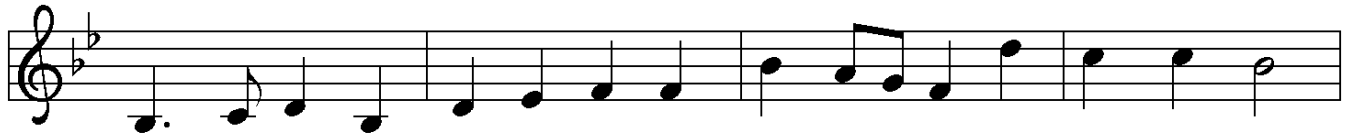
The Word of the Lord.

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 6: 27-38**

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

Jesus said: ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Ungs

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” **ELW 708**

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.**

+ **MISSION MOMENT**

Highlighting Sew-Sew Quilters - Becky McDanel

+ **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 Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all.
God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. Today we pray for: Sue Popivach, Manuela Schultz, Kimberly Lasher, Bob, Walter, Mary Gehr, Jan Wolfe, Theresa Chiorazzi, Lauren, Vicki Dunlop, Pastor Fred Davison, Kalem, Pastor Bob Hoffman, Gail Fesnak, Alison Heck, Jim Shaw, Barbara Gega, the family of 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 Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. 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 within our faith community. Today we pray for Becky McDanel, Margarete Krehan, Patricia Clark, and Jan Wolfe as they celebrate their birthdays. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

A We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. 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. Amen.**

+ 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 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.

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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 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” ELW 608**

+ **DISMISSAL**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Today, 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!

FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sunday, March 2nd we will show our family movie beginning at 1:00 p.m. Popcorn and goodies will be available. Invite a friend or neighbor to share in the fun!

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 24th & Wednesday, February 26th, Bone Builders meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 25th, Sew-Sew's Quilting 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Wednesday, February 26th, Pastor Jeff's Bible study class begins at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 27th, Grief Support Group meeting from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 1st, Pastor Jeff's adult Bible study on "Revelation" beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2, 2025, Transfiguration of Our Lord - 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.

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Our Mission is "Transforming lives through the Living Word of God."

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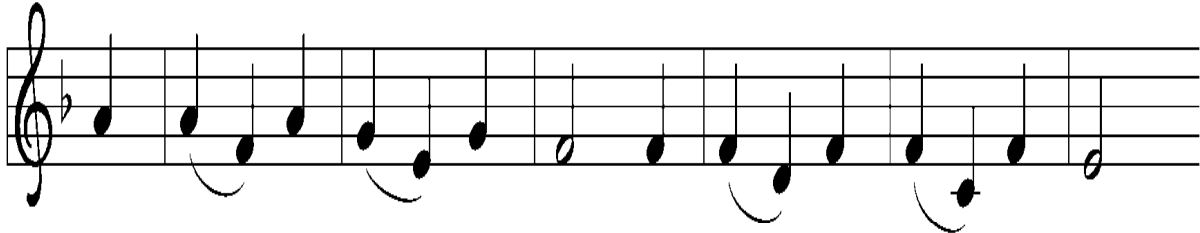
Administrative Assistants to the Pastor

Lynn Dickerman and Linda Tidmore

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. H. Peter Lyberg

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



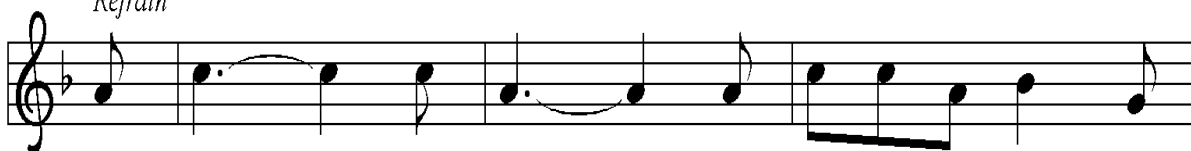
the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

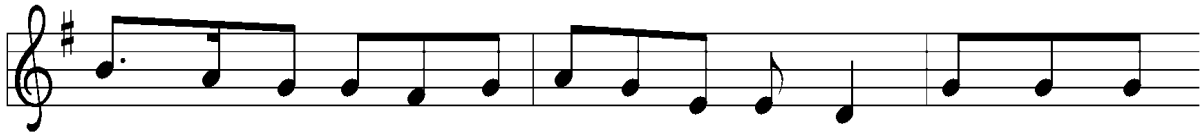
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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

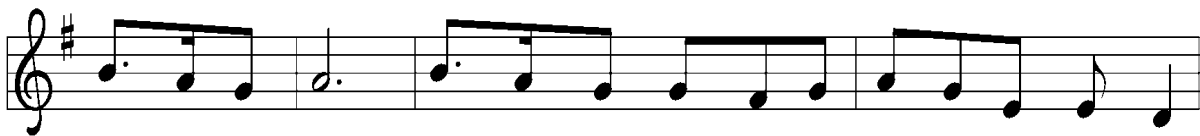
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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

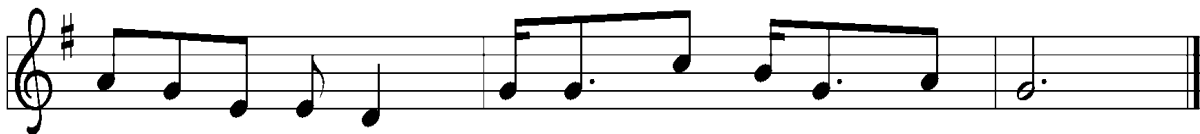
Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"