

# 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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Two women  
will be grinding  
at the mill;  
one will be taken  
and one left.

MATTHEW 24:41, ESV

# NOVEMBER 30, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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**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.

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.

*First Sunday in Advent*

*November 30, 2025, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold** Indicates Congregation Joins In

**PRELUDE**

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

+ **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A Long expected God,

C **We confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.  
+ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C **Amen**

+ **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

Jackie Masterson

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"* (verse 1) **ELW 240**

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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*"My Lord, What a Morning"*

**ELW 438**

+ THE PRAYER OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

C **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 122** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup> **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup> **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup> **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to: **Matthew 24:36-44**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, <sup>36</sup> “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Jeff Ungs

Text: Lessons for the day

### + HYMN OF THE DAY

*“He Came Down”*

ELW 253

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 our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing, especially: The Family of John Krentz, The Family of Marilyn Malinowski, The Family of Martha Jepsen, The Family of Gail Fesnak, The Family of Janet Connell, Susan Schacht, Matthew Bailey, Clare Manzella, Dean Welch, Kai, Brenda Charleston, Lily Braumoeller, Nikki Wykstra, Carey Yaros, Erick DelReal, Aloise Olson, Barbara Carey, Patricia Lussky, Janice, Colleen Glackin, Nadine Kelly, Patty Musielak, Vernon Rasmussen, Nick & Anita Lehr, and others we name in our hearts or out loud. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

**C Hear 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 Barbara Collins, Gloria Blaho, Jennifer White, and Suzanne Yuhascheck as they celebrate their birthdays. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

A The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **OFFERTORY**

We give an offering to show thanks for God's blessings, and to support the ministries of God's Church, near and far. Offering collection plates are available upon entry to the sanctuary before worship or as you leave after its conclusion. To give electronically just scan this code with your phone or visit our website home page: <http://www.sotgweb.org>.



+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**ELW 107**

A Let us pray.

C **Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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.**

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

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** *(Sung)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever . Amen.**

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All are invited and welcome to come forward to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you would like communion brought to you in your pew, please notify an usher. 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. Note: Gluten free wafers are offered, as well, in the Narthex or as you come forward.

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

A God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P May God who comes among us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

**ELW 439**

+ **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla for the first Sunday of Advent; and by Lawrence & Maryann Buettner in celebration of the birthday of their triplet daughters.

### **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.

### **BLESSING BAGS**

Blessing Bags are now available in the Narthex. Be sure to take at least one to be a blessing to someone who could use one!

### **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULED**

If you would like to make Shepherd of the Glades your church home, we are planning a "New Member" Sunday for December 7th. For more information you can call the office at (239) 775-0696 during regular business hours or talk with Pastor Jeff.

### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH CANDLES**

We are seeking families or individuals to light the candles on our Advent wreath during worship. Please contact Pastor Jeff or Mary if you are interested.

### **PAUL TODD, JR. CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Save the date, Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for Paul Todd, Jr.'s Christmas Concert.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING! SAVE THE DATE**

We will be going to Lely independent living again this year to sing Christmas carols and share Christmas joy. Join the fun on Sunday, December 21st after worship!

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!**

Order forms for Christmas poinsettias to decorate the chancel for Christmas are now available in the Narthex or in the office. They will be \$22 each this year. We appreciate all who order poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary in honor of Christ's birth. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services.

## Ministries for Today

**Altar Assistants: Mary Winsor, Scott Krenz, and Renna Knotek**

**Lector: Gary Salisbury**

**Altar Guild: Donia Mrozek**

**Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Scott Krenz, Renna Knotek,  
Doris Marderness, and Doug Walck**

**AV Technicians: Abraham Ungs  
Kelli Ungs**

## THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

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

**Pastor Jeff is available by appointment in the office or by cell phone.**

**Monday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 3rd, Bone Builders in Hanson Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Sew-Sews meeting in Hanson Hall;**

**Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025, Bible study with Pastor Jeff starting at 10:00 a.m.**

**Friday, December 5th, 2025, Noon New Members Luncheon**

**Second Sunday in Advent, December 7, 2025, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff. 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). Fellowship Committee Bake Sale after service.**

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Congregational President

Penny Morken

Administrative Assistant to the Pastor

Lynn Dickerman

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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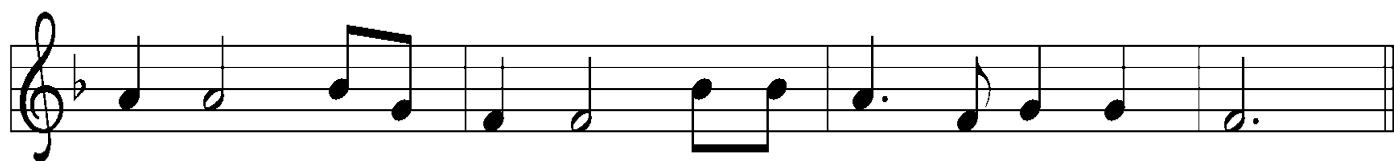
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# My Lord, What a Morning

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

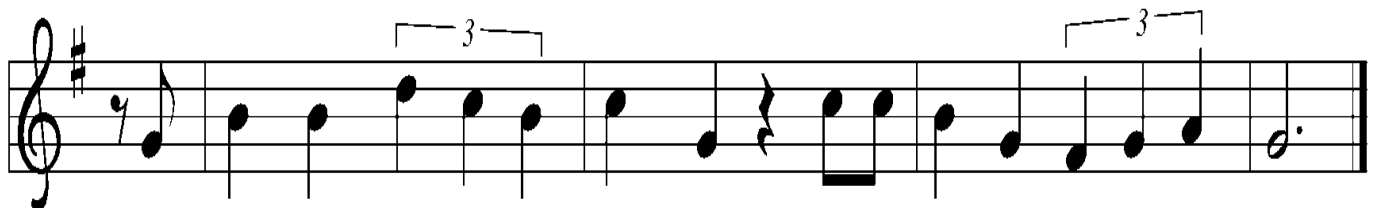
Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

# He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: Andraé Crouch

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VERY SOON

12 12 12 and refrain

# Soon and Very Soon (Continued)

Coda after stanza 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.