

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**5:00 & 7:00 P.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE**



**DECEMBER 24, 2025
CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE**

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, 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.

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE - 5:00 and 7:00 P.M., DECEMBER 24, 2025 A CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES . . . A PLACE TO GROW

+ *Indicates Please Stand*

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

“I Saw Three Ships”

Arr. Willis

Corey Newell, trumpet, Megan Cianflone, piano

“Carols for All”

Arr. Calistri-Yeh

*Elizabeth Cianflone - violin, Carlos Mejia - cello,
Corey Newell - trumpet, & Cindy Quehl - flute*

+ A CHRISTMAS GATHERING . . .

**All sing: Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

+ PRAYER

P Almighty God, before whom angels veil their faces, and in whose presence they delight, with reverence and joy we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

**All sing: Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

A Confessing our sin and our unworthiness, we beseech your mercy and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh to dwell among us, full of grace and truth.

**All sing: Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

P When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

**All sing: Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

A The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness - on them the light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**All sing: Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

A The Christmas Peace of the lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

+ THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

All sing: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

+ Hymn

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

ELW 290

All Sing: Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. Refrain**

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain**

**Down in lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain**

+ THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P The Gospel of our Lord,
C Praise to You Oh Christ.

+HYMN *“Away in a Manger”* **ELW 277**

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
 I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus;
 I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care
 And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

PASTOR’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

+ HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* **ELW 283**

**All sing: Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
 Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him born the king of angels.
 Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
 “Glory to God in the highest!”**

**Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P Glory to God in the highest,

C **And peace to God's people on earth.**

A Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

P Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer on this day.**

A Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Reveal yourself to us in words and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

+ OFFERING

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

A Let us pray.

C **God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

THE 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 God thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
C **You led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.**
P Enlighten our darkness by the light of Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
C **For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation. And we, your creatures, glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
P Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in his holy supper.
All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. All communion services offer 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.

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

+ **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

MUSICAL OFFERING "*O Holy Night*" *Sung By: John Sherman*

+ **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

"What Child Is This"

ELW 296

**All sing: What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch
are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard
And angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate who ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for the sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you,
hail, hail the the Word made flesh, the babe, the sone of Mary!**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrth; come, peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

+ **POST COMMUNION BLESSING** (*Sanctuary lights are turned off*)

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY (*Please tip only unlit candles to receive the flame from your neighbor. Do not tip a lighted candle, lest wax spill.*)

+ **HYMN** **“Silent Night”** **ELW 281**

(*Introduction : Elizabeth Cianflone & Cindy Quehl*)

**Silent Night, holy night, All is calm
all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child
holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly
peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake
at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia! Christ the Savior, is
born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God,
love’s pure light radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your
birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.**

+ **CLOSING** **2 Corinthians 4:6**

A God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts, to give you the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ Jesus.

C Amen

+ **BENEDICTION** (*Extinguish your candles and lights are turned on.*)

+ **SENDING HYMN** **“Joy to the World”** **ELW 267**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

POSTLUDE

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”
*(Elizabeth Cianflone - violin, Carlos Mejia - cello,
Corey Newell - trumpet, & Cindy Quehl - flute)*

Ministries for Today

**Altar Assistants: 5:00 p.m. - Mary Winsor and Steve & Sue Kautz
7:00 p.m. - Mary Winsor and Guy & Pat Cooper**

**Lector: 5:00 p.m. - Lawrence Buettner
7:00 p.m. - Bob Besanceney**

**Altar Guild: 5:00 p.m. - Donia Mrozek
7:00 p.m. - Barb Modjeska**

**Ushers: 5:00 p.m. - Steve & Sue Kautz and Rich & Becky McDanel
7:00 p.m. - Guy & Pat Cooper and Ron & Barb Modjeska**

AV Technicians: Abraham Ungs and Kelli Ungs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this evening are given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla for Christmas.

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.

2026 FLOWER CALENDAR IN NARTHEX

Please help beautify the Sanctuary Chancel each Sunday with real flowers. The cost is \$80 for two bouquets or \$40 each. You may dedicate your flowers to commemorate a meaningful event or to honor a loved one. If you have questions, please call the church office.

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2026 giving envelopes are now available in the Narthex. The envelopes are in alphabetical order for your convenience.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND THANKS TO ALL

From Pastor Jeff, Mary, Megan, Lynn, Deanna, Kelli, and Abraham, thank you for your generous Christmas gifts. You are a great blessing! A joyous and blessed Christmas and New Years's to you all from all of us!

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

Normal Office Hours are 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.

This week the office will be closed Thursday, December 25th for Christmas Day and Friday, December 26th

Next week the office will be open normal hours December 29th, 30th and 31st and January 2nd. We will be closed on Thursday, January 1st, for New Year's Day.

**Thursday, December 25 - Friday, December 26, 2025, and Thursday, January 1
Office closed**

First Sunday of Christmas, December 28, 2025

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.

SOTG STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The Trinity

The Father: To the left of the cross is the open hand of God, giving all life and creation, the sun, the moon, and the stars, all creatures great and small, and things needed to sustain us on His earth.

The Son: The cross, gold for the glory of the resurrection, dominates the art. Around the center of this is red for the blood of Christ's sacrifice.

The Holy Spirit: In the upper right hand corner is the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit.

The Sacraments

Holy Communion: Below the dove, the communion chalice is shown, with the wheat and grapes, the bread and wine of communion, the body and blood of Christ.

Baptism: To the left of the cross is the shell, ancient symbol of baptism. Through water as a never ending river of blessing, it flows through our lives.

Our Faith

The swirling lines of movement throughout remind us that our faith is never still.

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

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