

# 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

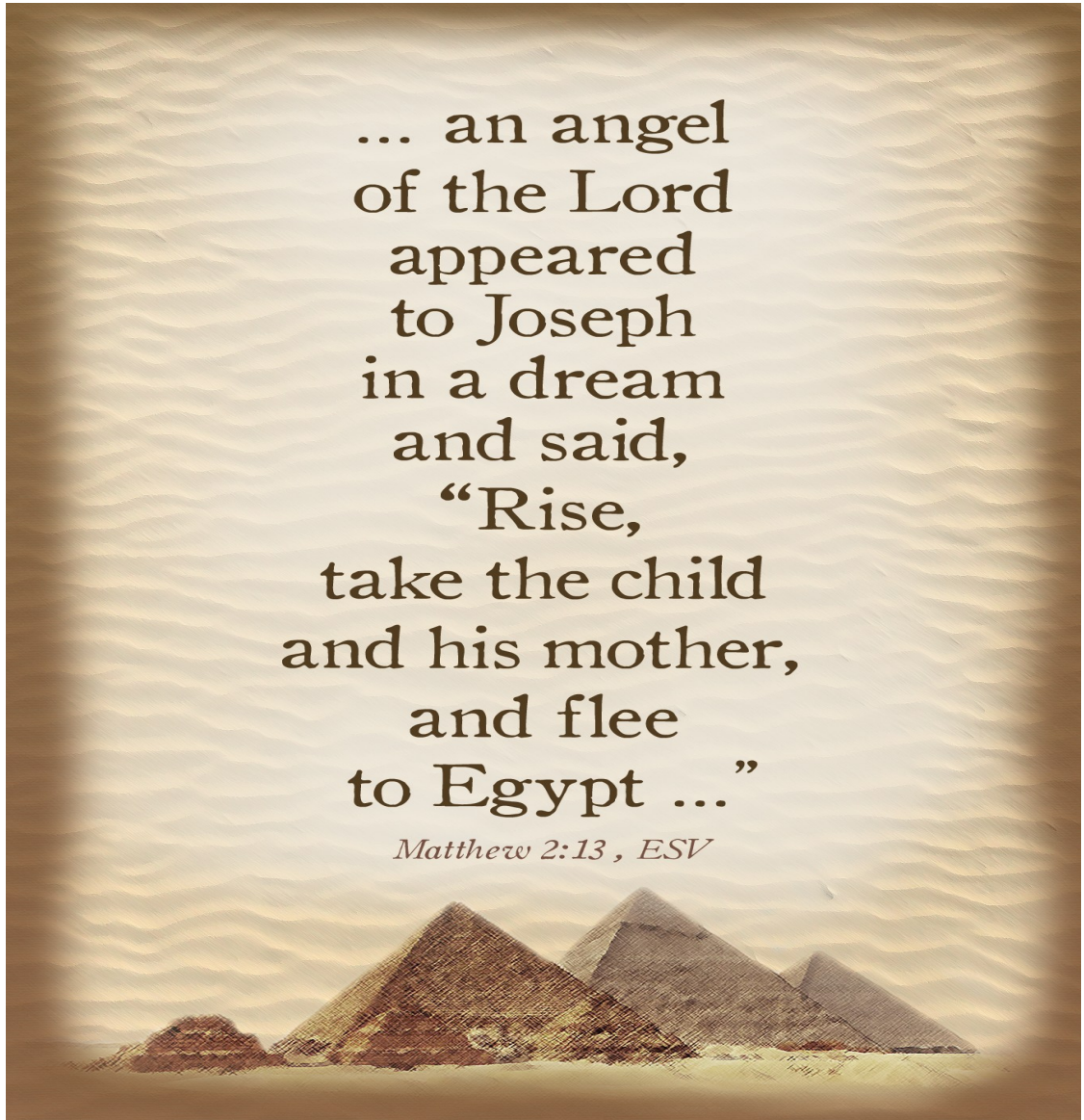
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... an angel  
of the Lord  
appeared  
to Joseph  
in a dream  
and said,  
“Rise,  
take the child  
and his mother,  
and flee  
to Egypt ...”

*Matthew 2:13, ESV*



# DECEMBER 28, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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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 of Christmas*

*December 28, 2025, 9:30 A.M. Worship*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In**

**PRELUDE**

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A Reconciling God,

C **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

P God's grace upon grace flows over you. † Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

**Hymn Sing**

**ELW 267-300**

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.**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

C **O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully," and he became their savior

<sup>9</sup> in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 148 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **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: Hebrews 2:10-18

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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 become 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.

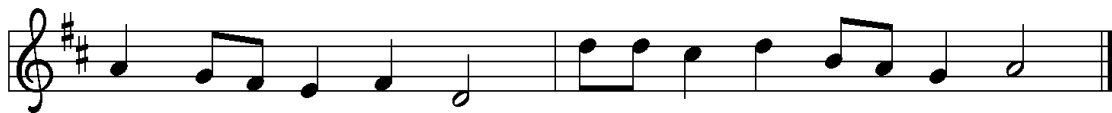
A The Word of the Lord.

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.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to: **Matthew 2:13-23**

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

<sup>13</sup> Now after the magi had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet,

“Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ **SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Unga

+ **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.**

+ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God of grace, you show us mercy not according to our worthiness, but according to the abundance of your steadfast love. Grant us the courage to go into the world and do likewise. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of abundance, the sun and moon praise you and the shining stars sing of your love. Where we have desecrated your creation, make us into a healing balm for what we have broken. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of righteousness, when leaders fail to fulfill their calls to enact justice, you suffer alongside us. Propel those in power to see you reflected in the faces of all they serve. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** God of life, you claim us as your own and care for us as Christ's siblings. Pour out your compassion in every place your people suffer, and protect them in the palm of your hand. We pray especially for Susan Schacht, Dean Welch, Kai, Brenda Charleston, Lily Braumoeller, Craig, Nikki Wykstra, Carey Yaros, Erick DelReal, Aloise Olson, Barbara Carey, Patricia Lussky, Janice, Colleen Glackin, Nadine Kelly, Patty Musielak, Vernon Rasmussen, Nick & Anita Lehr, Dick Ford and others we name in our hearts or out loud. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of compassion, you nurture children as the apple of your eye. As you sheltered your son Jesus from Herod's grasp, shelter all children in danger. As you comforted Rachel, comfort all who have lost children to violence. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of love, you console those who weep for lost beloved ones especially The Family of Barb Balster, The Family of John Krentz, The Family of Marilyn Malinowski, The Family of Martha Jepsen, The Family of Gail Fesnak and The Family of Janet Connell. Even as we mourn, we offer thanks for those who have gone before us, trusting in your comfort and protection. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We give thanks for all who have treasured the gospel and lived in faithful service. We pray for Penny Morken, Edward Ries, Bonnie Kischer, Barb Tommingo, Katherine Cianflone and Bradley Pressentin as they celebrate birthdays this week. Strengthen our earthly journeys until, at the last, your face shines upon us and we are held in your in love. God of grace,

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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>.+



**OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

+ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

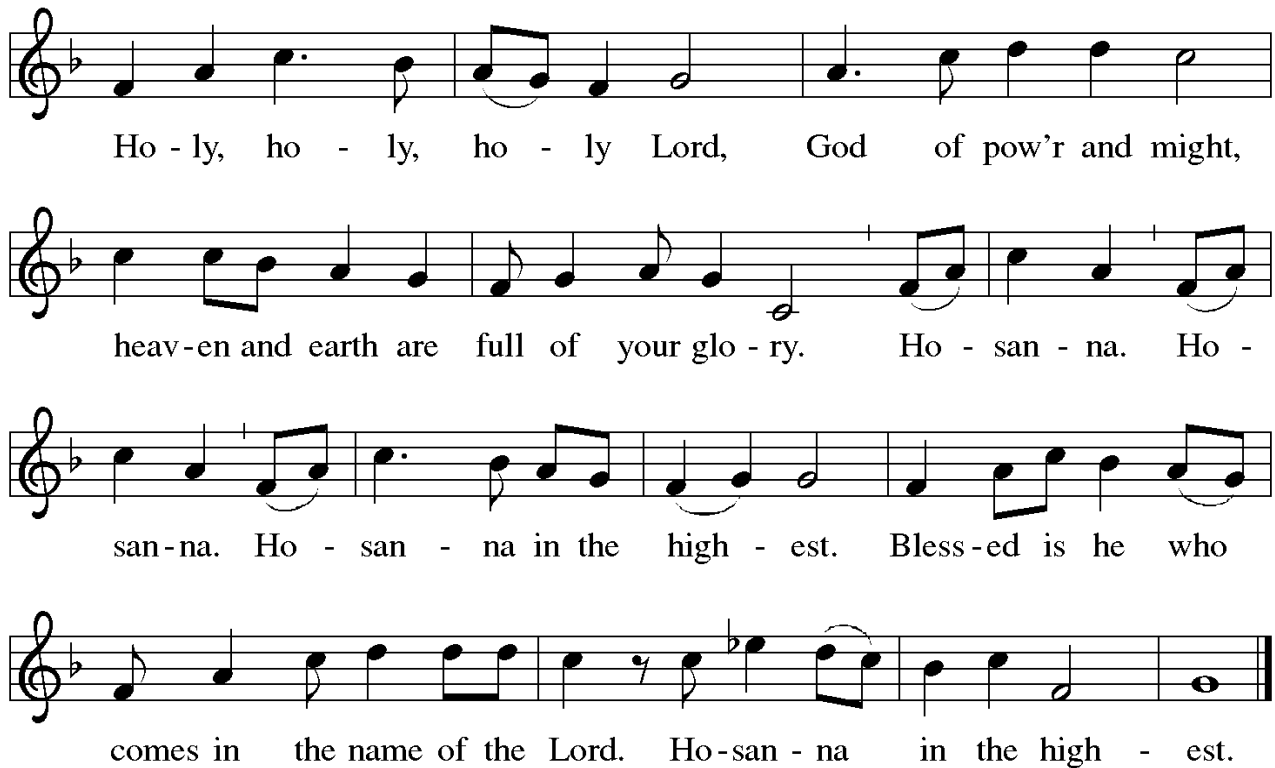
P Lift up your hearts.

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** *(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**

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.

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

**+ COMMUNION BLESSING**

A Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C Amen.

**+ THE BLESSING**

P The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,  
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C Amen.

**+ SENDING HYMN**

**Hymn Sing**

**ELW 267-300**

**+ DISMISSAL**

P Glory to God in the highest!

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

P Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla. Merry Christmas to All!

### 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!

### THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The office will be closed on Thursday for New Year's Day. Pastor Jeff is available by appointment in the office or by cell phone.

**Monday December 29**

**Pastor Jeff is on Vacation**

**Mary is on Vacation**

**9:00 am Bone Builders in Hanson Hall**

**Tuesday December 30**

**Pastor Jeff is on Vacation**

**Mary is on Vacation**

**Wednesday December 31**

**Pastor Jeff is on Vacation**

**Mary is on Vacation**

**9:00 a.m. Bone Builders in Hanson Hall**

**Thursday January 1**

**Church Office is Closed**

**Sunday January 4 Second Sunday of Christmas**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Pastor Jeff**

**The services is also live streamed on YouTube or can be accessed on our website. See [www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org) for details.**

## **Ministries for Today**

**Altar Assistants: Scott Krenz, Jackie Masterson and Penny Morken**

**Lector: Milan Blaho**

**Altar Guild: Lori Bernabei**

**Ushers: Doris Marderness, Charlotte Wahlig and Penny Morken**

**AV Technicians: Steve & Sue Kautz**

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