

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE**

One who is
more powerful
than I is coming
after me:
I am not worthy
to carry his
sandals.

Matthew 3:11, NRSV



**DECEMBER 7, 2025
SECOND 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.

Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 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**

+ **GATHERING HYMN** ***"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"*** **ELW 247**

+ **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** **Bob Besanceney**

P As we light the candle on the Advent Wreath, let us pray

C **Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us**

PSALM: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 (Read responsively)

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15: 4-13

- ⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;
¹⁰and again he says,
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;
¹¹and again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;
¹²and again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: Matthew 3: 1-12

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

+ **SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Unga

Text: Lessons of the Day

+**HYMN OF THE DAY** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” ELW 249

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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Arvin & Kathie Danielson

Brad & Tasha Funk

James & Suzanne Geddes

Fred & Kim Hasse

Frank & Gail Pacchiarotti

Mark & Ginger Welch

Mary Winsor

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

P You have affirmed your faith along with the congregation by confessing the Apostles Creed. You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New Members respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us now welcome our newest members of Shepherd of the Glades as we give God thanks with applause.

+ 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 With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

A With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

A With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

P With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease, 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, Barb Balster, 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. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. 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 Lisa McGarity, Dorothy MacKenzie, Alice Bassett, Harlo Peterson, and George Giacometti, as they celebrate their birthdays. God of grace,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith . Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

C **Hear our prayer.**

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**

P 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** *(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.

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** **“Prepare the Royal Highway”** **ELW 264**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Phil & Lisa Willman in honor of Pearl Harbor.

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!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please greet our newest members after worship as we share coffee together.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday after worship will be our annual meeting to approve the 2026 budget and vote for new Council Members, Nominating Committee Members, and Synod Assembly Representatives. Materials for the annual meeting are available in the Narthex.

2025 GIVING TREE

If you missed getting a gift tag from the Giving Tree last Sunday, the Evangelism Committee invites you to take one this Sunday.

Ministries for Today

Altar Assistants: Mary Winsor, Bonny Dery, and Liz McGuire

Lector: Mary Sherman

Altar Guild: Lori Bernabei

**Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Bonny Dery, Liz McGuire,
Penny Morken, and Lori Bernabei**

**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 8th and Wednesday, December 10th, Bone Builders in Hanson Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Sew-Sews meeting in Hanson Hall; 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

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

Saturday, December 13th, 2025, 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Marilyn Malinowski.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 14, 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. Fellowship Committee Bake Sale after service. After worship there will be an Annual Meeting.

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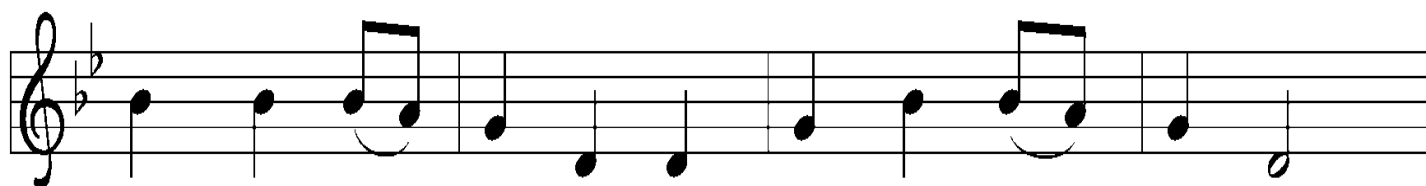
Penny Morken

Administrative Assistants to the Pastor

Deanna Colbert & Lynn Dickerman

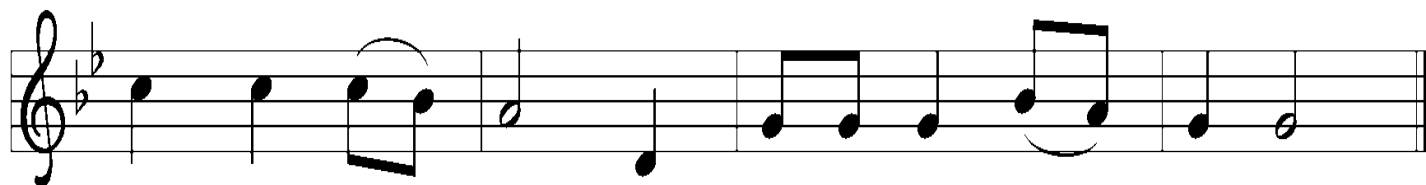
Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Ososǒ, Ososǒ



O - so - sǒ o - so - sǒ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǒ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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Music: OSOSŌ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947

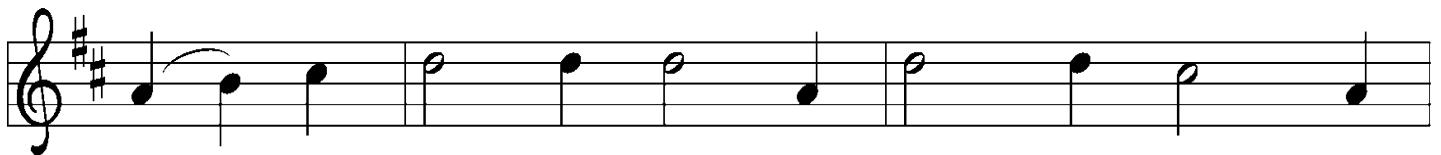
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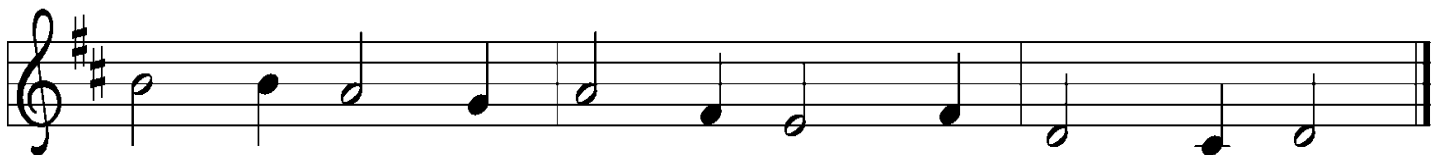
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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