

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

**“This is my Son,  
the Beloved, with whom  
I am well pleased.”**



**Matthew 3:17, NRSV**

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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**JANUARY 11, 2026**  
**BAPTISM OF OUR**  
**LORD**

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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.

## *Baptism of Our Lord* *January 11, 2026, 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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**      *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*      **ELW #302**

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 God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 29** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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C **Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

A Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill especially the families of Barb Balster, John Krenz, Marilyn Malinowski, Martha Jepsen, Gail Fesnak and Janet Connell. We pray for Susan Schacht, Dean Welch, Kai, Brenda Charleston, Lily Braumoeller, Craig, Nikki Wykstra, Carey Yaros, Erick DelReal, Aloise Olson, Barbara Carey, Patricia Lussky, Janice, Alan Holm, Colleen Glackin, Nadine Kelly, Patty Musielak, Vernon Rasmussen, Nick & Anita Lehr, Dick Ford, Barbara Gega, David and others we name in our hearts or out loud. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the people of Venezuela. We pray for peace in their country and for the safety of the people living there. We pray for justice, for order and for true freedom. We pray for hope and wisdom that they might see a better tomorrow and future. Today, we also pray for our Florida Bahamas Synod bishop, Pedro Suarez, and his wife, Aura, whose family live in Venezuela. Merciful God,  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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 majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

A Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**      *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise“ ELW #310*

+ **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Ministries for Today**

**The altar flowers are given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla  
in celebration of their sister-in-law, Debbie's, birthday**

**Communion Assistants: Mary Winsor, Gail Fitch and Liz McGuire**

**Lector: Gary Salisbury**

**Altar Guild: Donia Mrozek**

**Ushers: Gail Fitch, Liz McGuire and Sue & Steve Kautz**

**AV Technicians: Kelli Ungs and Abraham Ungs**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOSPITALIZATIONS

Local hospitals no longer call church offices to advise of hospitalization of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is, 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 available in the Narthex. Be sure to take at least one to be a blessing to someone who could use it!

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes for 2026, they are available in alphabetical order by the outside doors as you enter or exit. If you have not had assigned envelopes in the past but would like to have them now, please contact the church office.

## WELCOME BRITT SWANSON!

Britt is executive director of ELCA Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Britt will share the ministry of Lakeside during the sermon time today and will be available after Worship for conversation. She invites everyone to join her for an informational meeting and meal in Hanson Hall tomorrow (Monday). All are welcome

## WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Following Worship on January 18th, join us for a Welcome Back meal and fellowship time in Hanson Hall. This is a free meal and open to all, not just returning seasonal members and friends. Please sign up in the Narthex so we can plan for having enough food available.

## 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 January 12

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

5:00 p.m. Lakeside Lutheran Camp meeting in Hanson Hall

Tuesday January 13

8:30 a.m. Sew Sews in Choir Room

6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**Wednesday     January 14**  
**9:00 a.m. Bone Builders in Hanson Hall**  
**10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Choir Room**

**Sunday             January 18     Welcome Back Sunday**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Pastor Jeff**  
**The service is also live streamed on YouTube or can be**  
**accessed on our website. See [www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org) for**  
**details.**

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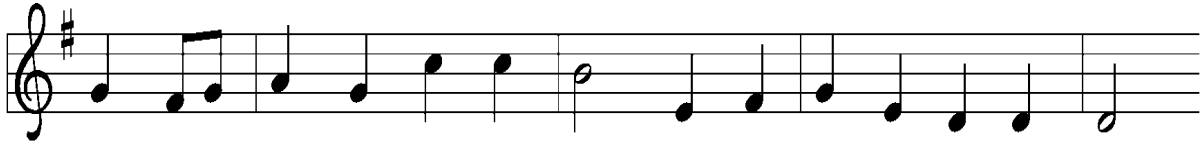
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Director for Discipleship	Mary Winsor
Director of Music	Megan Cianflone
Congregational President	Penny Morken
Administrative Assistants to the Pastor	Deanna Colbert & Lynn Dickerman

## As with Gladness Men of Old



- 1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
- 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
- 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
- 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

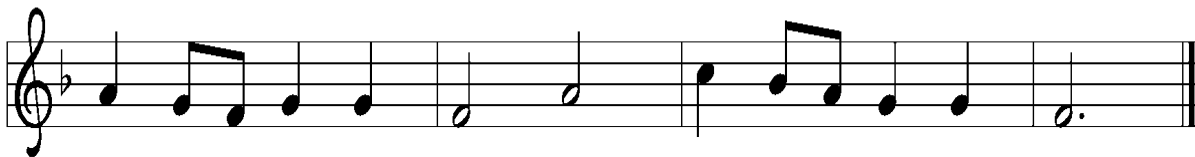
## Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

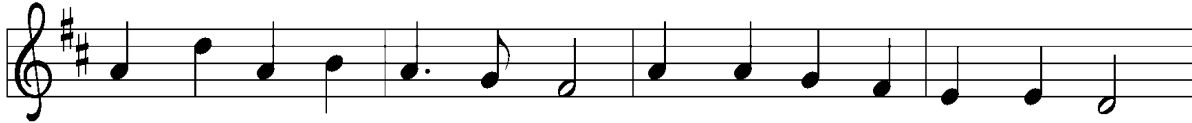
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## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,