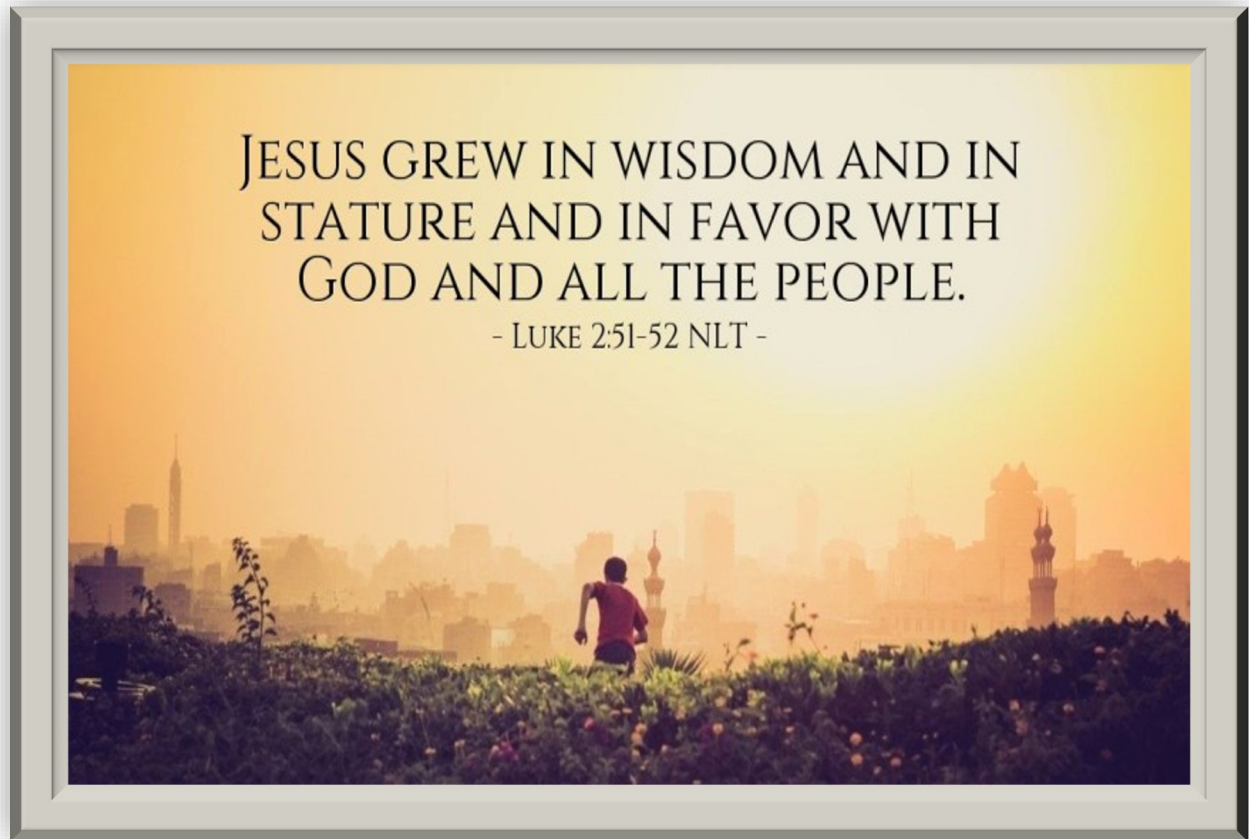


Shepherd of the Desert Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Welcome to Worship  
December 28,29, 2024



Gospel: Luke 2:41-52  
Pastor: Phil Gustafson  
Message: I Know Where I Am

Shepherd of the Desert Mission Statement

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".

✠ Please stand as you are able when noted.

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## ✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, creator of the stars of night, companion at the evening table, breath over the deep waters.

C **Amen.**

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

C **we confess that we have sinned against you this day.**

**Some of our sin we know—  
the thoughts and words and deeds  
of which we are ashamed—  
but some is known only to you.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness.**

**Deliver and restore us,  
that we may rest in peace.**

**Amen.**

P By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven.  
We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

C **Amen.**

✠ Gathering Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory

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## ✠ Greeting

P 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.**

# Kyrie

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Oh, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Oh, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Oh, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Oh, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_\_ cy.

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Re - joice, re - joice, Em - man - u -

el, has come to us, O Is - ra - el.

A - - - - men.

## **Prayer of the Day**

- A Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## **First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

*Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.*

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>

Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 148

*The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)*



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

- <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, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove 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 forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. **R**
- <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, do- | ing 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. **R**
- <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! **R**

## Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ‡ Gospel Acclamation



The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a sequence of notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are written below the staff, with the first line for the Antiphona (A) and the second line for the Chorus (C). The lyrics are: 1. A: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. 2. C: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## ‡ Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

*Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.*

<sup>41</sup> Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Message I Know Where I am

‡ Hymn of the Day Love Has Come

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## **‡ Apostles' Creed**

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

C 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers of the Gathered Community**

Each petition ends with:

A God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

## **Sharing the Peace**

### **Anthem**

### **‡ Offertory**

As saints of old their first - fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of bount - teous yield,  
so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

## ✠ Offering Prayer

P O Mighty One,

C you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen

## ✠ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

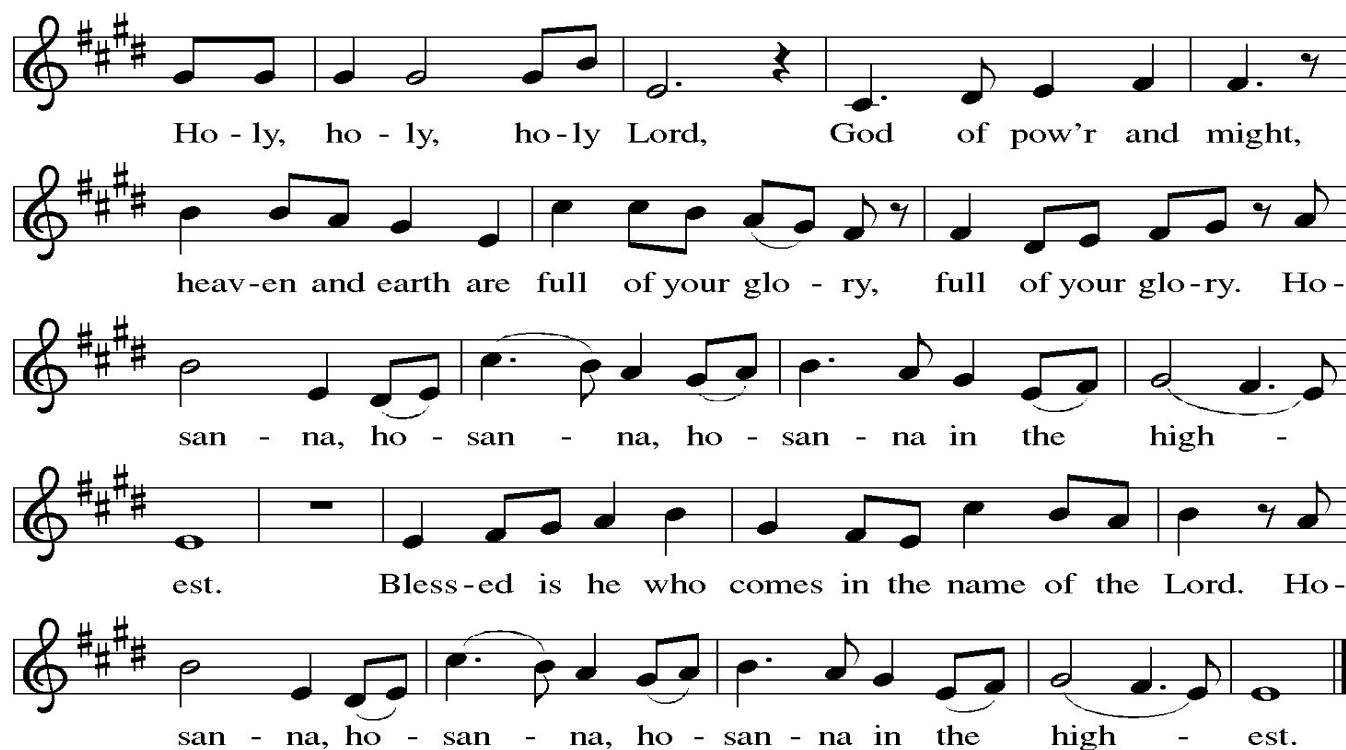
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

## ✠ Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy)

### Setting 8



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



**‡ Lord's Prayer**

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.**

**‡ Lamb of God**

**Setting 8**



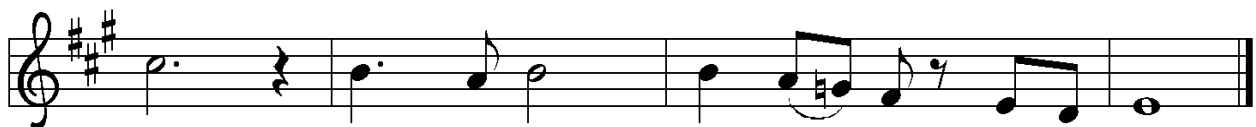
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**Invitation to Communion**

P There is a place for you at the table. You are welcome here.

Please let Pastor know if you would like to receive a gluten free wafer.

**‡** Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

C **Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**‡** Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**‡** Sending Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**‡** Dismissal

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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# SHEPHERD OF THE DESERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday Morning Bible Study** No Bible study Monday the Dec. 30th. Bible Study will resume Jan. 6th. Continuing with Leviticus chapter 14.

**Paint Night** Jan. 10th at 5:30pm. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan for supplies. Please bring your own drink(s) to sip on while painting. Snacks will be provided.

**Sunday Morning Coffee Hour** Join us Sunday morning's in the Founders Room for fellowship, and coffee.

**December Mission of the Month- Shepherd's Shuttle Bus Ministry**  
In December, special offerings designated "Mission of the Month" will be used to offset the cost of having a shuttle bus ministry at Shepherd of the Desert. The shuttle provides a "Spirit Lift" to our members and friends, who cannot drive. But want to participate in church services and activities.



<i>Renee Darling</i>	<i>12/28</i>
<i>Chuck Johnson</i>	<i>1/01</i>
<i>Carol Lipska</i>	<i>1/01</i>