

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors.



January 04, 2026

Ann Knipping, Accompanist

**Preludes: "Sing We Now of Christmas" and
"Alfred Burt Carol Medley" arr by Mark Hayes**

This time allows you to center your heart & mind on God's presence in worship.

Welcome, Friends in Christ,

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service.

Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.

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Welcome to Visitors, Friends and Members: Pastor Todd Bertani

Opening Litany

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Sing the glory of God's name; give him glorious praise.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done! Give him glorious praise.
Amen

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)



Opening Hymn: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” *Hymn 290*

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

The musical score is written for a voice and piano duo. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy." The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords, often with a moving bass line. The vocal line is melodic and expressive, with some notes tied across measures. The score ends with a double bar line.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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Hymn of Praise

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the first line of the hymn. The lyrics are: '1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth. Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame; ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name. Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done; yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.'

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of all people,

You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey.

Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Jesus Says Come and See

First Reading: Genesis 28:12-15

¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-5

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

² **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Selah**

⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Gospel: John 1:35-51

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of

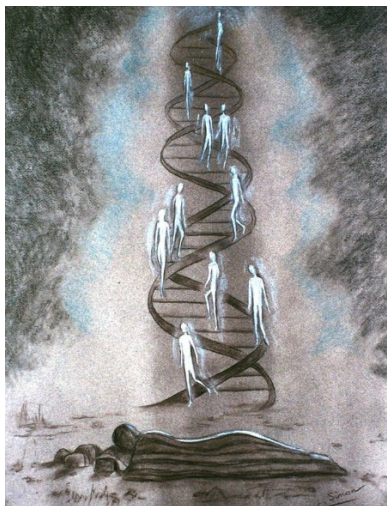
Joseph from Nazareth.”⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani “Come and See”



Sermon Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" *Hymn 308*



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,
God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
Your Son has rān - somed us in love to live in him here
you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -
ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life
in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai

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Apostle's Creed

**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 People

Each petition ends: "Hear us, O God,"
Response is **"your mercy is great."**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

*Online
Giving*



Offertory: "Christmas Lullaby" by Chip Davis
played by Ann Knipping

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Receiving of Gifts

Offering Prayer

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

The Lord be with You.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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;
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May
your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God
incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.

*We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

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.

Communion Hymn: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" *Hymn 817*



1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Amen.

Ministry Calendar

THIS WEEK

Today after Church

We are taking down the Christmas decorations. Please stay and assist. Many hands ... make for happier helpers.

January 7—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space

3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

January 8—Thursday:

1:00 p.m.: Quilters

January 9—Friday:

11:00 a.m.: 1st Good Sam monthly service for 2026

January 10—Saturday:

1:30 p.m.: Girls Time Out. Game afternoon with cards etc. at the church.

NEXT WEEK

January 11—Sunday:

10:30 a.m.: VISION IN ACTION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 12—Monday:

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. : PEO IU Meeting

January 14—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Estes Park Women's Club Luncheon

3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

January 15—Thursday:

1:00 p.m.: Quilters

1:00 p.m.: COUNCIL MEETING

January 17—Saturday:

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: PEO IU Reciprocity Meeting

Blessing

God, the Source of glory,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth

+ bless you all, now and forever.

Amen.



(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Sending Hymn: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” Hymn 774

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

Sending

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Joy to the World" *arr by Chip Davis*



<i>Thank you for serving!</i>		
	<i>January 04</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Ann Knipping	Julie Varilek
<i>Choir Director:</i>	NA	Ann Knipping
<i>Greeter:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Lector:</i>	Miriam Deffenbaugh	Linda Schlitt
<i>Ushers:</i>	Julie Wilson Mike Wold	Jan Kilgore Larry Kilgore
<i>Tellers:</i>	OPEN OPEN	Josh Young OPEN
<i>Altar Care:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Communion Asst:</i>	Miriam Deffenbaugh OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN OPEN
<i>AV Engineer:</i>	Steve Peter	Robbi Telfer
<i>Fellowship Host:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Flower Sponsor:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Flower Arranger:</i>	Letha Thorn	Letha Thorn
<i>Calendar</i>		
<i>Wednesday, Jan 07</i>	8:00 am Sacred Space 3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	
<i>Thursday, Jan 08</i>	1:00 pm Quilting	
<i>Friday, Jan 09</i>	11:00 am 1st monthly service at Good Sam	
<i>Saturday, Jan 10</i>	1:30 pm Girls Time Out	