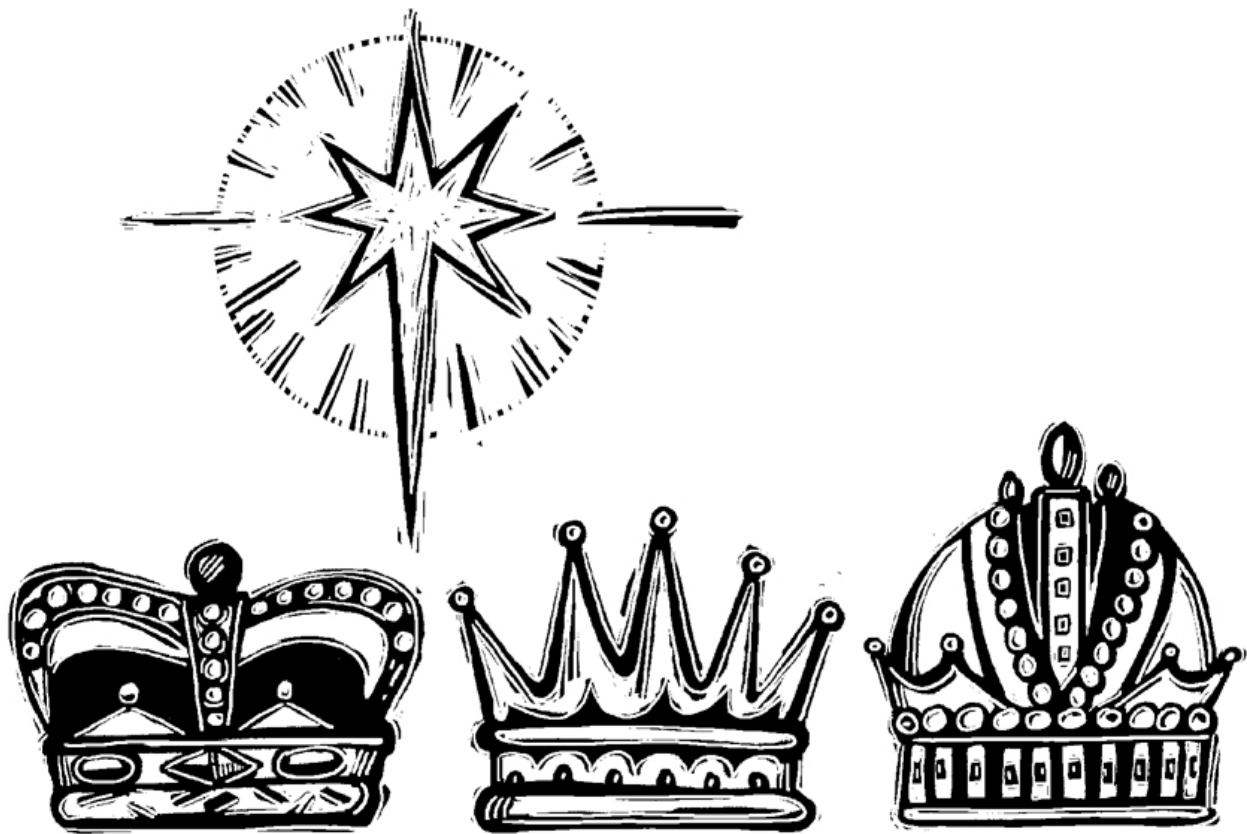


# *The Third Sunday after Epiphany*



## **SHADES VALLEY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**January 24, 2010**

**10:30 a.m.**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SHADES VALLEY!

*The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING** headphones are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one.

**HOLY COMMUNION** - - Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar and receive by faith our Lord's real presence. The Lutheran Church teaches that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a priceless gift from God.

**NURSERY** - - We have a nursery supervised by an adult near our worship space. Children are especially important to us and we want to make sure they have a safe and loving environment. An usher can provide you with directions. We also welcome young children to the Lord's table to receive a personal blessing during communion.

*The Altar flowers are given today  
to the Glory of God  
and in memory of  
Vicki Hamilton  
by  
Bill Hamilton*

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# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24, 2010

10:30 a.m.

**PERSONAL DEVOTIONS** *(Before the service speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. Following the service speak to one another.)*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

### “Be Thou My Vision”

Benny Brake, clarinet

~arr. Curnow

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

As God’s beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

*A period of silence helps us call to mind the many ways in which sin has scarred both our personal and community life. Please kneel as you are able.*

Strong and faithful God,

**we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW 843

- 1) **Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev’ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**
- 2) **Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev’ry land.**
- 3) **Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

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## GREETING

Arise, shine; for your light has come. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sit

## THE FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19

*(Please read responsively between women and men with the women beginning)*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

**THE GRADUAL VERSE**

**"Alleluia"**

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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 Luke, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 4:14-21**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**"Jesus Revives the Soul"**

**Pastor Daniel Dahl**

*We stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Hark, the Glad Sound"**

**ELW 239**

- 1) **Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
and ev'ry voice a song.**
- 2) **He comes the pris'ners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

- 3) **He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.**
- 4) **Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.**

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## **APOSTLES' 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 into hell. 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves and listens to us.

*A brief silence follows. Please kneel as you are able.*

O God, you gather us into the body of Christ. Help us honor one another's gifts and work together as one. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, you fill the world with wonder; help us to be good stewards of your handiwork. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, you give value to each of us; not one of us is more or less important in your sight. Help us to see one another through your eyes. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, your world is full of abundance, yet too many go with nothing. Help us to share with those for whom nothing is prepared. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, you proclaim liberty to all those who suffer; help us be a presence of comfort to those who are oppressed by illness, poverty, or powerlessness. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*We stand*

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(This tradition of greeting, going back to the early church, offers those at worship an opportunity to share the presence of the risen Christ in complete relationship with him as a prelude to Holy Communion.)*

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you.**

We sit

## THE OFFERING

### “O Lord, I Sing with Lips and Heart”

~D. Mengel

*O Lord I sing with lips and heart, joy of my soul, to thee;  
 To earth thy knowledge I impart as it is known to me.  
 Thou are the Fount of grace, I know, and Spring so full and free  
 whence saving health and goodness flow each day so bounteously.*

*Who warmeth us in cold and rain? Who shields us from the wind?  
 Who orders it that fruit and grain we in their season find?  
 Thou are the Fount of grace, I know, and Spring so full and free  
 whence saving health and goodness flow each day so bounteously.*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

We stand

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation,  
**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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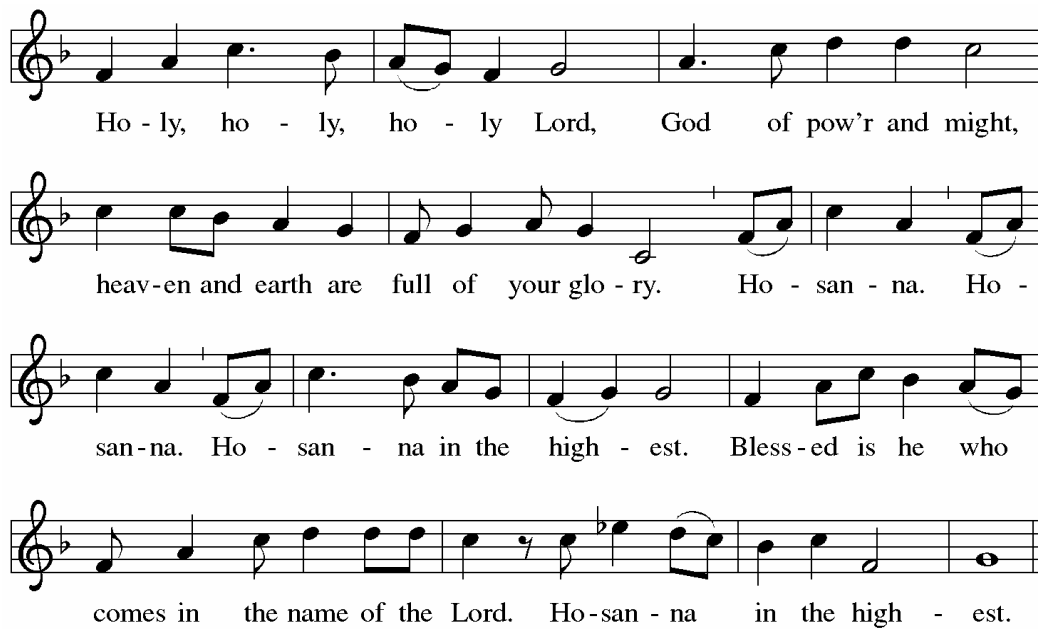
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . 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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

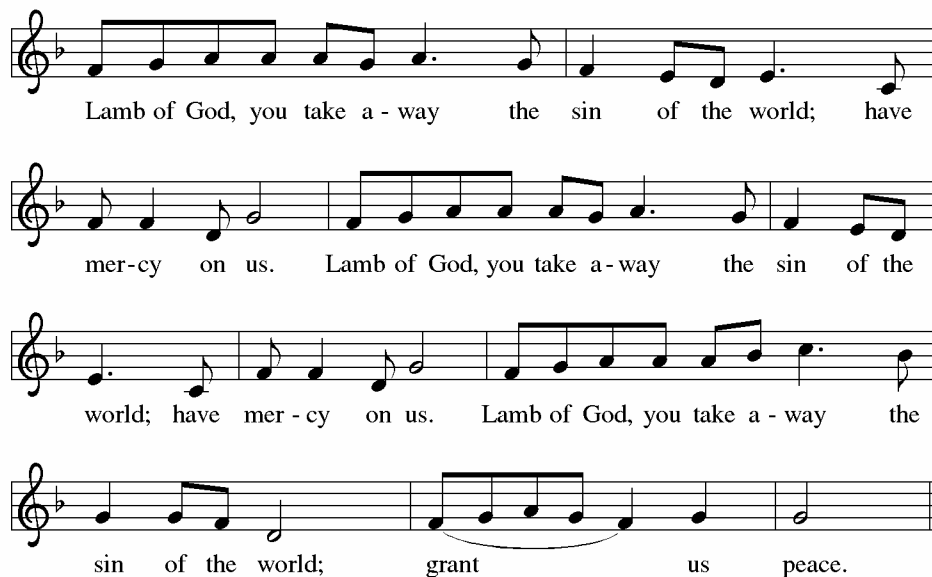
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*We sit*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*(All who call upon the name of Jesus Christ as Lord are invited and encouraged to come forward. Communion is by **intinction**. Simply hold the wafer in your hand until the cup comes to you. Then, dip the wafer in the cup as the words of reception are spoken. Each communicant may make the sign of the cross as a remembrance of Holy Baptism, and speak the word, "Amen" as communion is received.)*



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.

*We stand*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION****SENDING HYMN****“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”****ELW 539**

- 1) **Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace  
that evil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.**
- 2) **Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your word.  
and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.**
- 3) **Abide with heav’nly brightness among us, precious Light;  
your truth direct and keep us from error’s gloomy night.**
- 4) **Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;  
let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your word.**
- 5) **Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.**

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POST SERVICE MUSIC**

## *This Week at Shades Valley*

### **Today, January 24th . . .**

10:30am      Worship

### **Monday, January 25th . . .**

9:30am      Quilters  
6:30pm      Augsburg Bible Study

### **Tuesday, January 26th . . .**

1:00pm      Staff Meeting  
6:00pm      Pack 95

### **Wednesday, January 27th . . .**

2:00pm      Recorders  
5:30pm      Dinner  
5:30pm      Sr. High Bible Study  
5:30pm      Jr. Bells  
6:00pm      Property Meeting  
6:00pm      Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00pm      Adult Bible Study  
6:00pm      Sr. Bells  
6:30pm      Children's Choir  
7:15pm      Sanctuary Choir

### **Next Sunday, January 31st . . .**

8:00am      Worship  
9:15am      Sunday School for ALL  
10:30am      Worship

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**Monday -- Thursday**  
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