SUNDAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28TH, 2025 - JANUARY 4TH, 2026

WITH HOLY COMMUNION
10:00 AM



SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARK CITY, UTAH



WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

In Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace, the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

Whether you are a first-time guest, a regular friend or member, we hope that the Gospel speaks to you today. We encourage all persons to actively share in the worship of Almighty God, in hearing the Word read and preached, and in receiving the Word of Life in the Holy Communion on every Sunday morning.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

Children's Bulletins are available each Sunday Worship Service in the back of the sanctuary above the basket of crayons for our younger members and visitors. Please see an usher and they will assist you.

GATHERING

PRELUDE and WELCOME

GREETING

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

Dec. 28	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	ELW 270
Jan. 04	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	ELW 282

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....

December 28th, 2025

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

January 4th, 2026

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to ______, the ____ chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read,

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Pastor Derek Fossey

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dec. 28	Love Has Come	ELW 292
Jan. 04	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	ELW 288

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet each other with the peace of Christ.

OFFERING

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

Cash, check and online donations are all welcome Thank you for your generosity!



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OFFERING PRAYER

After the gifts have been presented, the following prayer is said by all.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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 God thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF BREAD & WINE

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.

All are welcome to come forward for Holy Communion.
You do not need to be Lutheran, you do not need to be a
member of Shepherd of the Mountains, and you do not need
to worry about whether you commune in your own church.
Gluten free wafers are available.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond:

∄ Amen.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The Pastor offers a blessing for the congregation. The people respond: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Dec. 28	Joy to the World	ELW 267
Jan. 04	Go Tell It on the Mountain	ELW 290

DISMISSAL

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

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SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS MISSION STATEMENT
"With open doors, minds, and hearts, we invite all to experience the joy
of God's love through worship, community, and service."

WHEN WE SAY ALL ARE WELCOME, WE REALLY MEAN IT!

"As all people are created in the image of God, we embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and we affirm the dignity and worth of every person.

We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's unconditional love and we are committed to racial equity. We boldly embrace, love, celebrate and welcome persons of all faith backgrounds, races, ethnicities, cultures, ages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. Everyone has a place here.

All are Welcome!



