

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

The one who is more powerful
than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down
and untie the thong of his sandals.

Mark 1:7, NRSV



**DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

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.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling at the altar rail. Children are encouraged to come to receive the Lord's Blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (the smaller chalice), as well as wine, for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. The Assistant will hold both the wine and the juice and move from the center to the outside of the communion rail. Communion is continuous with kneeling. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered, as well.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Doug to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet.

Ministries for Today

Altar Assistant and Lector: Rev. John Burgbacher

Altar Guild: Anita Lehr

Ushers: Iann Butterman, Guy & Pat Cooper,
Keith Scamehorn, and Charlotte Wahlig

12/3 Attendance: 179

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017, 9:30 A.M. Worship

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

ELW 94

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C **Amen**

P Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

C **We confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen**

P God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news; You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C **Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

P At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

C **Amen**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

6. O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*Sung responsively*)

¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, 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.

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+ **The Holy Gospel** according to: **Mark 1:1-8**

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

"Straight Paths"
Lessons for the day

Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”* **ELW 256**

+ **APOSTLES’ CREED** **ELW 105**

**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**

P + THE PRAYERS

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another as we share Christ’s presence in our midst.)

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God of the Sparrow”

ARR. CARL SCHALK

Chancel Choir

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all
those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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+ PROPER PREFACE

P 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:

+ SANCTUS

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to, e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: Argentine traditional

ARGENTINE SANTO
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P+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD’S PRAYER (Sung)

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

THE COMMUNION

ELW 112

P Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.

(Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of bread into the wine. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)

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Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Taizé Community
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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WAIT FOR THE LORD
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COMMUNION HYMNS “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” ELW 249

+ COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.'

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

A Let us pray. ELW 114

C **Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

+ THE BLESSING

P The God of hope, through Christ our peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, +
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

+ **SENDING HYMN** *“On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand”* **ELW 437**

+ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Bring good news to all.

C **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Chancel this morning are given by Kent & Beverly Adams in memory of their daughter, Connie Adams Boemer.

HURRICANE IRMA RECOVERY EFFORTS

An anonymous donor has pledged to give \$10,000 and challenged the congregation to match this amount from Thanksgiving on. Thanks to all your generous gifts, this generous gift has been matched by the congregation's generous gifts! Thanks be to God!

"GOD'S CREATION" 2018 CALENDARS

Continuing next Sunday, Bonny Dery will be in the Narthex after worship to make beautiful 2018 calendars available with scripture and beautiful photos to raise funds for the Sunday School. They are only \$6 each and make beautiful gifts! So far the calendar sales have netted \$155 toward GSSS.

SOTG COOKBOOKS FOR SALE!

Marlene Grzywinski will be making SOTG Cookbooks available for sale at \$12 each after worship. They make great Christmas presents!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Annual Meeting to approve the 2018 mission plan, vote for new Council members, and vote for the new Nominating Committee will be TODAY after worship. Packets for the meeting are in the Narthex.

IN LIEU OF POINSETTIAS

We are unable to buy poinsettias in bulk this year because of Hurricane Irma. The hope is to still have a minimal number of poinsettias to decorate the Chancel for Christmas, but there will not be enough for everyone. You may still submit dedications for loved ones, which will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. The money collected for these dedications will benefit the GSSS Fund. Dedication forms are available in the Narthex.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas program will be during worship, for a few moments, next Sunday, December 17, 2017. Service will be as normal. There will not be class on December 24 or December 31. Sunday School will begin again on January 7 during the 10:30 service.

2017 GIVING TREE

The Evangelism Committee has designated Youth Haven as the recipient of our community outreach project this season. Youth Haven provides emergency shelter and counseling services to abused, neglected, and abandoned children in Collier County. Gift suggestions for boys and girls, ages 6 to 16, are on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. If you would like to participate, select an ornament from the tree and return your unwrapped gift along with the identifying tag by December 17, 2017. Thank you for keeping these young people in your prayers. Please see Penny Morken if you would like additional information about Youth Haven. In addition, our first Forum talk at 9:30 a.m. on January 7, 2018 will be given by Jinx Liggett, Executive Director of Youth Haven.

This week at Shepherd of the Glades:

Office hours next week are: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Today, December 10, 2017, Second Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship and Children's Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 8:30 a.m. Sew-Sews and Landscaping Group; 5:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Advent Worship, "Share Joy"; 6:30 p.m. Choir

Sunday, December 17, 2017, Third Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship and Children's Sunday School Christmas Program.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesdays through Advent there will be worship services at 5:30 p.m. followed by fellowship in Hanson Hall. Join together for a very special Advent worship series, "Together in Advent", as all celebrate together as the family of God the coming of his Son for our salvation. Each week in the series focuses on a different activity for our "to-do list" that is centered on giving and sharing instead of on materialism. The offerings from these services will be used for Hurricane Irma restoration. The dates of those to come:

- December 13 "Share Joy"

In this time when cookies and other treats are shared with one another, let's share joy with those around us that they might taste and see that the Lord is good to us through the birth of his son. Let the hymns, prayers, Scripture readings, children's message, and sermon in this worship service make the joy of Christ known to you this day.

- December 20 "Wrap in Love"

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On Sunday, December 24, 2017, morning worship will be at 9:30 a.m.; Joyous Christmas Eve Worship with communion and candles will be at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The offering at the 11:00 p.m. service will benefit GSSS.

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