

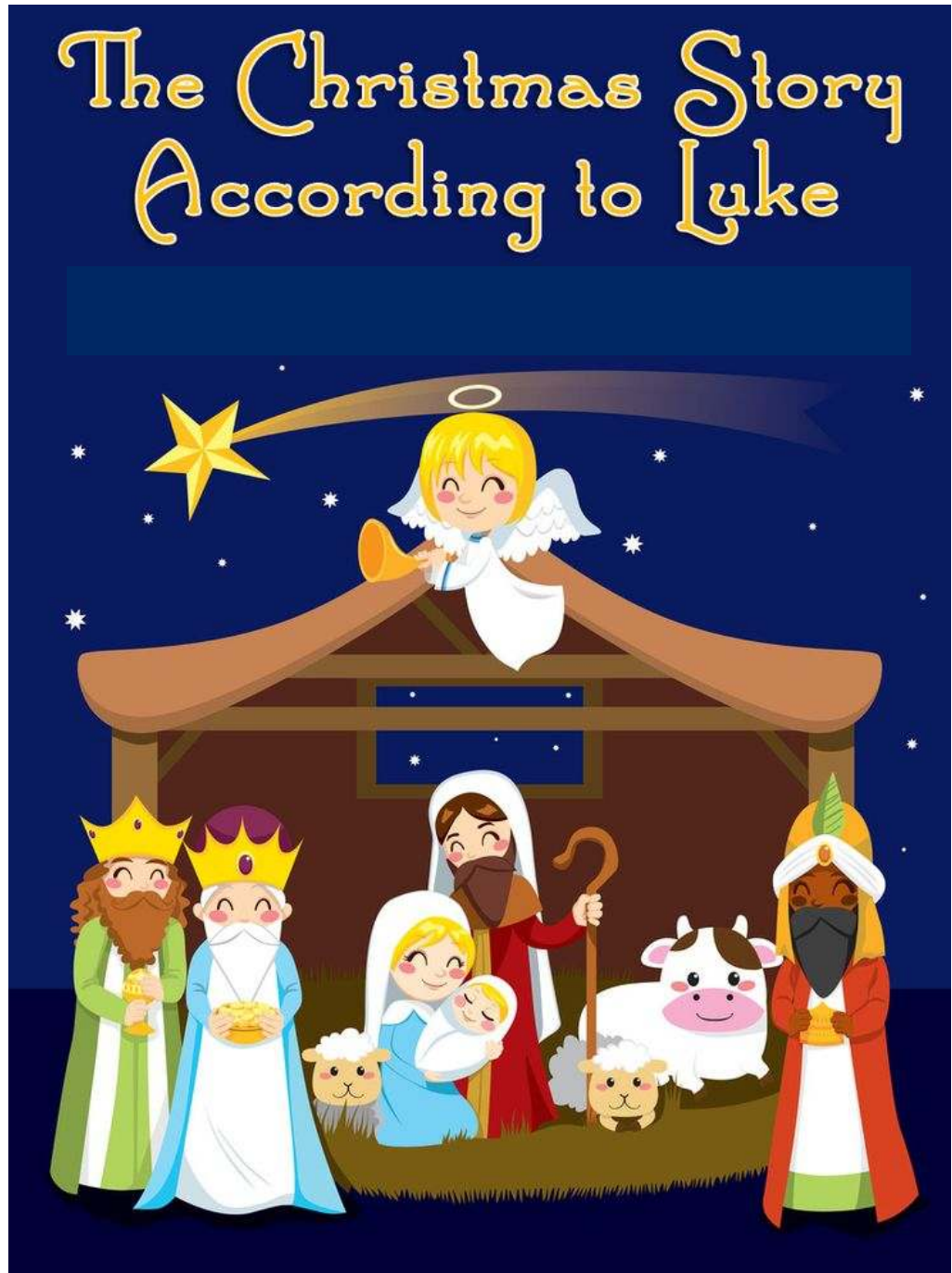
SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP



**DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT AND
CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

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. H. Peter Lyberg

Altar Guild: Anita Lehr

Ushers: Iann Butterman, Bob & Elaine Dunkle, and
Howie Wiesener

12/10 Attendance: 185

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A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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 **Open us up to your coming.**

P We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by God’s promises.
O Emmanuel,

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

P We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer predicated on our fear. O Emmanuel,

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

P We find a new receptivity within us that desires God's will over our own will and relies on God's justice and mercy to accomplish it. O Emmanuel,

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

P Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

C **Amen**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

4. O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

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

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 126 (*Sung responsively*)

¹When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion,
then were we like¹ those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with¹ shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great¹ things for them."

³The LORD has done great¹ things for us,
and we are¹ glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for-¹ tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses¹ of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who¹ sowed with tears
will reap with¹ songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ ing their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

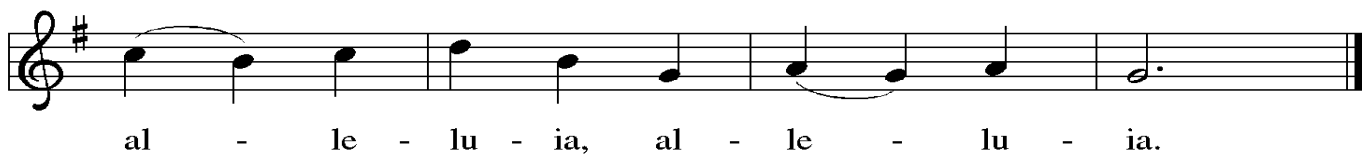
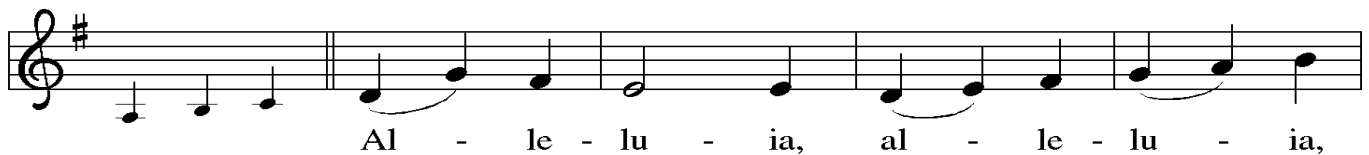
²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

A The Word of the Lord.

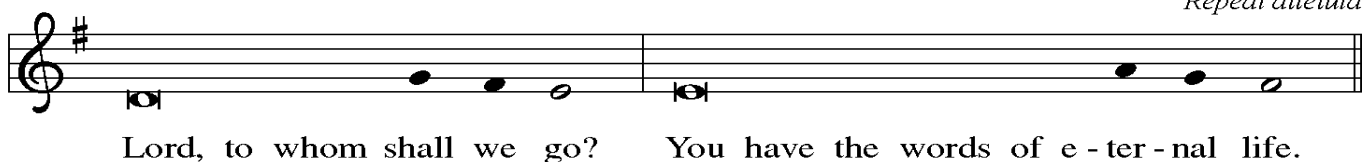
C Thanks be to God.

+

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



+ **The Holy Gospel** according to: **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Gospel - Luke 2:1-20

Readers - Cecelia Moran and Jenna Snover
Lap Harp - Shelby Hackethal and Bailey Tait

"Away in a Manger"

ELW 277

Verse 1 sung by children only; Verses 2 & 3 sung by all

SERMON

"One Crying Out!"

Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg

Lessons for the day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”* **ELW 251**

+ **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**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

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Tom Dunlop

Treasurer: Tony Zeman

Linda Tidmore

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 *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* *ARR. K. LEE SCOTT*
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

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

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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
6785

+ 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.

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

“People, Look East”
Verses 1 and 4

ELW 248

+ 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 Bonnie Brisky in celebration of the life of Betty Brisky.

CALL FOR ACTION

Every week, Shepherd of the Glades will be collecting and donating canned and boxed food to help persons in need at St. Matthew's House, Grace Place, and Immokalee Friendship House. Suggested items are canned food of all kinds, powdered milk, peanut butter, jellies/jams, cereals, soups, rice, pasta, etc. Items need to be within code date and unopened. Just bring your donations to the Church and give to the ushers. All items are being delivered locally. The last delivery was to St. Matthew's House.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children of SOTG thank you for the opportunity to enact the Christmas Gospel. 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 gifts for Youth Haven on the Giving Tree are due in TODAY. 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.

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 20 "Wrap in Love"

In this season of hustle and bustle, the emphasis moves from wrapping presents to wrapping people in love, just as Mary wrapped the Christ Child so lovingly in swaddling clothes. Let the hymns, prayers, Scripture readings, children's message and sermon in this worship service make the love of Christ known to you this day.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE BAPTISMS

At the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, there are several baptisms scheduled. If you are also interested in partaking of the sacrament of baptism at that service, please speak to Pastor Doug as soon as possible.

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

Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 8:30 a.m. Landscaping Group

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Advent Worship, "Wrap in Love"; 6:30 p.m.
Choir**

**Sunday, December 24, 2017, Christmas Eve, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship; No Sunday
School; 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Joyous Christmas Eve Worship with communion,
candles, and special music**

Sunday, December 31, 2017, New Year's Eve Day, 9:30 a.m. Worship with baptism

**Sunday, January 7, 2018, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Forum on Youth
Haven**

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