

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

11:00 p.m.
Worship with
Communion,
Candlelight,
and
Special
Music



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 by each server.

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 Tonight

Altar Assistant and Lector: Penny Morken

Altar Guild: Lynn Wahlberg

Ushers: Pat Cooper, Paul & Ann Hashagen, and
Nadine Kelly

Two worship services beginning January 7, 2018: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Stay for or come early for the "Forums" that begin on January 7:

- **January 7 - Youth Haven with Jinx Liggett, Exec. Dir.**
- **January 14 - Teen Challenge International-Southwest Florida**
- **January 21 - Update on capital campaign, LOL and Hurricane Irma Recovery Efforts, GSSS**
- **January 28 - Legacy Giving with Rev. Ana Lugo, Regional Gift Planner for the Florida-Bahamas Synod**

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CHRISTMAS EVE - 11:00 P.M., DECEMBER 24, 2017

WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES . . . PEACE BE WITH YOU

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
“Greensleeves”

BY HAL H. HOPSON
BY RICHARD PURVIS

H.G. Fisher, Jr., Organist

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW 283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest: (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

P Confessing our sin and our unworthiness, we beseech your mercy and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. On this glorious Christmas Eve, by virtue of my office, I announce the Christmas grace of God on all of you as your sins are truly forgiven.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”

ELW 271

I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!

Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.

He dwells again in heaven's realm, the Son of God today;

And still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.

When mother trims the Christmas tree which fills the room with light,

She tells me of the wondrous star that made the dark world bright.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray together.

C **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WE HEAR OF CHRIST'S COMING

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² Training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ While we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ **HYMN**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Verse 1)

ELW 279

O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

+ THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

+ HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Verse 3)

ELW 279

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"O, Holy Night!"

Rev. Dr. Doug Wahlberg

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. (Refrain)

+ RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P Glory to God in the highest,

C **And peace to God's people on earth.**

P Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

C **You rule the earth with truth and justice.**

P Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

C **Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.**

P Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this holy night, especially . . . that they may know the blessing of your healing.

C **Blessed are you, Son of God.**

P You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Two French Carols"

ARR. BRANDT ADAMS

H. G. Fisher, Jr., Organist; Cindy Quehl, Flute

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

C **You led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.**

P Enlighten our darkness by the light of Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

C **For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation. And we, your creatures, glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

P Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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

+ **COMMUNION**

+ **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW 270

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW 282

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

+ **POST COMMUNION BLESSING** *(Sanctuary lights are turned off.)*

+ **CANDLE LIGHTING** *(Please remember to tip the unlighted candle.)*

(During candle lighting)

"Silent Night"

ELW 281

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin
Mother and child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing,
Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

+ **SILENT MEDITATION**

+ **BENEDICTION** (*Lights are turned on.*)

+ **SENDING HYMN** *“Joy to the World”*

ELW 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

POSTLUDE

“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts”

ARR. A.C. WHITWORTH

From “The Christmas Oratorio” by Camile Saint-Saens

H. G. Fisher, Jr., Organist

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