

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

*... the child to be born
will be holy; he will be
called Son of God.*

Luke 1:35, NRSV



**DECEMBER 24, 2017
FOURTH 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: Irmi Bjerken

Ushers: Iann Butterman, Pat Cooper,
Roland Cumor, Sr., and Nadine Kelly

12/17 Attendance: 139

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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 **Surprise us by your coming.**

P We gather together to let God’s good news reorient our lives. O Emmanuel,

C **Surprise us by your coming.**

P We wait for the day when all the world will see the sign that God is with us. O Emmanuel,

C **Surprise us by your coming.**

P We are shocked by how God comes close, even at this very moment. O Emmanuel,

C **Surprise us by 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”

5. O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (*Sung responsively*)

¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love
is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

³"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴**I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.**

¹⁹You spoke once in a vision and said to your | faithful people:
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out | of the people.

²⁰**I have found Da- | vid my servant;
with my holy oil have I a- | nointed him.**

²¹My hand will | hold him fast
and my arm will | make him strong.

²²**No enemy | shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked | bring him down.**

²³I will crush his | foes before him
and strike down | those who hate him.

²⁴**My faithfulness and steadfast | love are with him,
and he shall be victorious | through my name.**

²⁵I will set his hand | on the sea,
and his right hand | on the rivers.

²⁶**He will say to me, 'You | are my father,
my God, and the rock of | my salvation.'**

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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C Thanks be to God.

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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: **Luke 1:26-38**

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

"He Will Be Great"
Lessons for the day

Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg

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. (REPEAT)
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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COMMUNION HYMNS “*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*” ELW 265
“*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*” ELW 242

+ COMMUNION BLESSING

P 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.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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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**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW 244

Verses 1 and 4

+ **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 Heidi & Mike Dziubla of Floral Design by Heidi.

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.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tonight will be 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.

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE

Starting Sunday, January 7, 2018, there will be two worship services: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. with Adult Forums between services at 9:45 a.m. The first Forum will be on Youth Haven with Jinx Liggett, Executive Director.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY ON JANUARY 28, 2018

The next New Member Sunday is scheduled for January 28, 2018. You are invited to make this church your spiritual home. If this is your wish, please contact Pastor Doug at 239-687-6580.

This week at Shepherd of the Glades:

Office hours next week are: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; the office will be unavailable on Christmas Day in celebration of Christ's birth.

Today, December 24, 2017, Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship; No Children's Sunday School; 7:00 & 11:00 p.m. Festive Christmas Eve worship
Sunday, December 31, 2017, New Year's Eve Day, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship; No Children's Sunday School

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