

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2017

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**7:00 p.m. Worship
With Communion and
Candlelight**

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 in each paten.

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.

GOD BLESS YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

WITH JOY WE BAPTIZE CECILIA KNASEL-CASTILLO, CARLOS KNASEL, DEREK J. MORAN II, AND SHELBY ROSE MORAN!

Ministries for Tonight

Altar Assistant and Lector: Penny Morken

Altar Guild: Alice Bassett

Ushers: Tom & Vicki Dunlop and
Roland Cumor, Sr.

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 - 7:00 P.M., DECEMBER 24, 2017

A CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES . . . A PLACE TO GROW

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE *“Angels We Have Heard on High; Away in the Manger”* ARR. CATHERINE MCMICHAEL
Megan Cianflone, Piano; Cindy Quehl, Flute

+ **A CHRISTMAS GATHERING . . .** *“The Glory of the Lord”*

All sing: 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.

+ **PRAYER**

P Almighty God, before whom angels veil their faces, and in whose presence they delight, with reverence and joy we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

All sing: 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!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

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.

All sing: Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

P When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

All sing: Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness - on them the light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**All sing: Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.**

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**BAPTISMS OF CECILIA KNASEL-CASTILLO, CARLOS KNASEL,
DEREK J. MORAN II, AND SHELBY ROSE MORAN**

ELW 227

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The Christmas Peace of the lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

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.

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

¹⁴He 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.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing: Hark! What mean those holy voices sweetly sounding through the skies?

**Lo, the angel host rejoices, heav'nly alleluias rise.
Listen to the wondrous story which they chant in hymns of joy:
"Glory in the highest, glory! Glory be to God on high!"**

+ THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And 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!" ¹⁵When 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."

¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN

“Away in a Manger”

ELW 277

**(Children sing) Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**(Congregation and children sing) The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**(Congregation and children sing) Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“The Crib”

Rev. Dr. Douglas Wahlberg

+ HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW 283

All sing: Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

**Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels.
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, 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!”**

**Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

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. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

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

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

C Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer on this day.

P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C Reveal yourself to us in words and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. (Other intercessions are offered.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *“Gentle Jesus, Gift of Love”* BY JULIE A. HAUEISEN
Steve Aquino, Violin; Elizabeth Cianflone, Violin; 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 God 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.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

+ CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *All are welcome!*

+ HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"What Child Is This"

ELW 296

All sing: What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard
And angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the son of Mary.

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

ELW 276

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the child is Lord of all. Christ the child is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow;
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

+ POST COMMUNION BLESSING (Sanctuary lights are turned off)

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY (Please tip only unlit candles to receive the flame from your neighbor. Do not tip a lighted candle, lest wax spill.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Silent Night"

ARR. CATHERINE MCMICHAEL

Megan Cianflone, Piano; Cindy Quehl, Flute

+ HYMN

"Silent Night"

ELW 281

All sing: 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.

+ **CLOSING** **2 Corinthians 4:6**

P God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts, to give you the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen**

+ **BENEDICTION** (Extinguish your candles and 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 field 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

“Joy to the World”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Chancel this evening are donated by Heidi Bauer in honor of Christmas.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 31st New Year's Eve Day Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. with communion and a Christmas Hymn Sing. On Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018, there will be two worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

2018 GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

2018 FLOWER CALENDAR IN THE INFORMATION CENTER IN NARTHEX

Please help beautify the Sanctuary Chancel each Sunday with real flowers. The cost is \$60 for two bouquets or \$30 each. You may dedicate your flowers to commemorate a meaningful event or to honor a loved one. If you have questions, please call the church office.

EXTRAS IN THE NEW YEAR

Plan to spend two hours at your church beginning Sunday, January 13, attending the Adult Forums. See page 2 for the Forums schedule. On Thursdays, starting January 11, 2018, Pastor Doug will be leading a Bible Study on the Book of Acts at both 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

Office hours this week are: Tuesday through Friday-9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25, the office will be closed in celebration of the Savior's birth.

**Sunday, December 31, 2017, New Year's Eve Day, 9:30 a.m. Worship with
Christmas Hymn Sing; No Sunday School**



SOTG STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The Trinity

The Father: To the left of the cross is the open hand of God, giving all life and creation, the sun, the moon, and the stars, all creatures great and small, and things needed to sustain us on His earth.

The Son: The cross, gold for the glory of the resurrection, dominates the art. Around the center of this is red for the blood of Christ's sacrifice.

The Holy Spirit: In the upper right hand corner is the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit.

The Sacraments

Holy Communion: Below the dove, the communion chalice is shown, with the wheat and grapes, the bread and wine of communion, the body and blood of Christ.

Baptism: To the left of the cross is the shell, ancient symbol of baptism. Through water as a never ending river of blessing, it flows through our lives.

Our Faith

The swirling lines of movement throughout remind us that our faith is never still.

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