

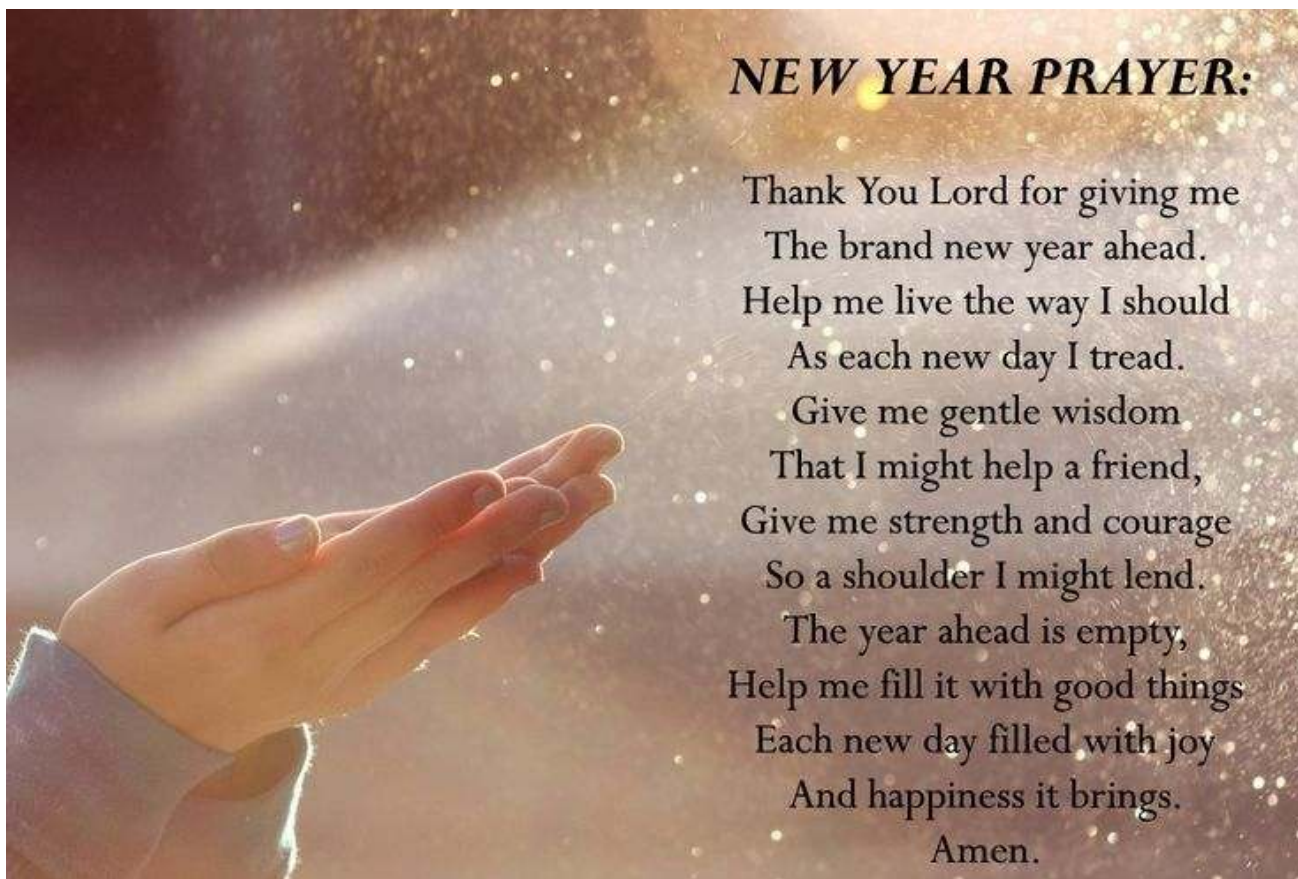
SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

DECEMBER 31, 2017 NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

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.

Ministries for Today

Altar Assistant and Lector: Bonny Dery

Altar Guild: Irmi Bjerken

Ushers: Iann Buttermann, Brad & Karen Puener, and
Keith Scamehorn

December 24, 2017 attendance: 152

Christmas Eve attendance: 7:00 p.m. - 202

11:00 p.m. - 59

Two worship services next Sunday, January 7, 2018: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Stay for or come early for the "Forums", starting January 7, 2018. On January 7, 2018 Jinx Liggett, Exec. Director of Youth Haven, will be with here. Youth Haven was the organization that benefitted from our Christmas Angel Tree Project.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

December 31, 2017, 9:30 A.M. Worship

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTIONS & 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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen**

+ **OPENING HYMN** *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

ELW 288

+ **BAPTISM OF AVA NICOLE DEMERY**

ELW 227

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN REQUESTS

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever-the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹ What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³ moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8 (Read responsively)

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **What are human beings that you are mindful of them, Mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Revelation 2:1-6a

¹“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: ²“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. ³ I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

A The Word of the Lord.

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 13: 6-9**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

“Heaven Can’t Wait”
Text: Lessons for the day

Rev. John Burgbacher

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“What Child Is This”

ELW 296

+ **THE PRAYERS**

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

+ **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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Once in Royal David’s City”
“Love Has Come”

ELW 269
ELW 292

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

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

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.



NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE NEXT SUNDAY

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 26, 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.

PASTOR'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Doug's Bible study begins on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at both 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall. The study will be on the book of Acts.

THANKS TO ALL

From Pastor Doug, Megan, Lynn, and Tom, thank you for your generous Christmas gifts. You are great blessings!

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 New Year's Day.

Today, December 31, 2017, New Year's Eve Day, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship; No Children's Sunday School

Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m. Landscaping Crew; No Sew-Sew group

Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Choir

Sunday, January 7, 2018, Epiphany Sunday, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship; 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum in Hanson Hall on Youth Haven with Jinx Liggett, Executive Director. Youth Haven is the organization that benefitted from our Christmas Angel Tree Project; 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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