

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

GOD FULFILLED
WHAT HE HAD
FORETOLD THROUGH
ALL THE PROPHETS,
THAT HIS MESSIAH
WOULD SUFFER.

Acts 3:18, NRSV



**April 15, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

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 is offering 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.

Sunday Ministries for this Week

Altar Assistant and Lector: 9:30 Joanne Hogan

Altar Guild: 9:30 Anita Lehr

Ushers: 9:30 Iann Butterman, Ann & Paul Hashagen,
and Keith Scamehorn

Last Sunday's attendance: 8:30 - 125
10:30 - 109
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Third Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018

9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 10

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

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 In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

+ **GATHERING SONG** “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” ELW 367

+ **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4 (Read responsively)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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+ The Holy Gospel according to: **Luke 24:36b-48**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

“Acted in Ignorance?”

Rev. Dr. Douglas Wahlberg

Text: Lessons for the day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”* ELW 469

+ **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**

+ **THE PRAYERS** *(You may come forward and kneel at the Communion rail for a “good-bye” blessing.)*

P Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Holy, reconciling God, open our hearts and minds to receive you in the scriptures and in holy meal. Send us forth for the healing and redemption of the world. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Answer the cries of those who are ailing, who are brokenhearted, and who seek your mercy. Deliver them from affliction, and turn their cries to shouts of praise. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Remembering the lives of the saints who shared their faith with us, guide us by your Spirit to live in truth, as we long for the day when we shall live in your fullness. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

+ **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 HYMN

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW 491

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

+ **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.

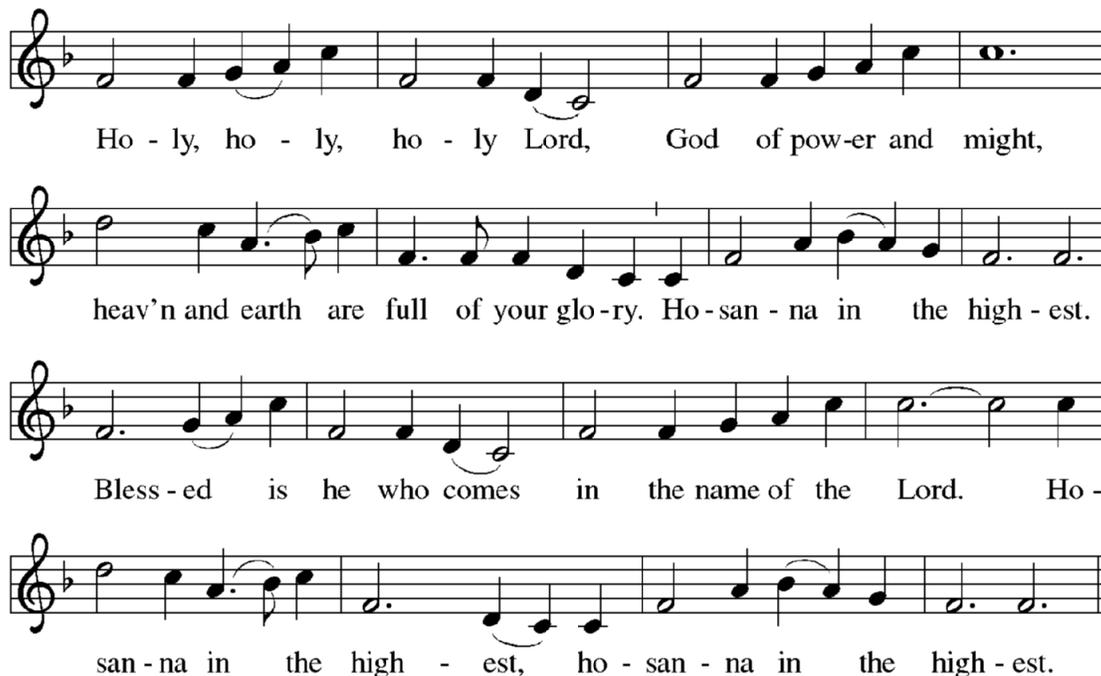
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+ **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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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 wafer into the wine or juice. Gluten free wafers are also offered. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)

+ **COMMUNION HYMN** *“As We Gather at Your Table”* **LW 522**

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

+ **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray together. ELW 114

C **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

+ **SENDING SONG** *“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”* **ELW 366**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A He is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

April 10, 2018

Greetings in the name of the resurrected and living Lord Jesus Christ,

After moving through a discernment process I believe guided by the power of the Holy Spirit, I am announcing my retirement from God's full time ministry and from serving at Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church as your Sr. Pastor.

My last Sunday of providing worship at SOTG will be Sunday, July 1st. The actual effective date of retirement will be determined through mutual conversation with me and the SOTG council.

Our Synod is informed of this and will be working with our Council to move forward soon.

I've been wonderfully blessed to serve in God's ministry for almost 42 years and here at SOTG for over 9 years. Certainly through God's Holy Spirit we have been blessed to be a blessing to and for each other and our community. My wife, Lynn, and I have very much appreciated your love, caring, prayers and support during our time with you here.

Thank you all so much for your awesome partnership with me in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ ordained by God and made known to us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

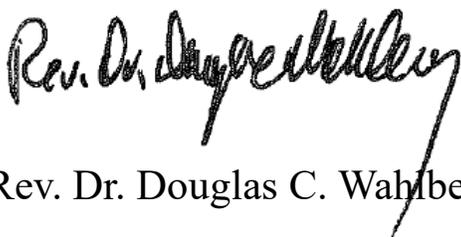
The psalmist writes: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him, and he will act."
Psalm 37:5

The Lord to Jeremiah: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Jesus says to the disciples: "I will not leave you orphaned; because I live, you also will live; you in me and I in you." John 14:18-20.

The Apostle Paul writes: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:2-6

God's Peace be with us all!



Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A 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.



LEAVING FOR THE NORTH?

Leaving for the North? Be sure to let us know on the form on the Narthex counter. If you have food you need to dispose of before leaving, remember you may leave it at our food collection spot also in the Narthex, and we'll be sure it gets to a local needy agency.

DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR 2018

The flower calendar sign-up is posted on the bulletin board near the mailboxes. Want to dedicate flowers to honor a loved one? Sign up today to get your special date.

This week at Shepherd of the Glades:

Office hours are: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Today, Sunday, April 15, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 8:30 a.m. Landscaping crew and "Sew-Sew's"

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:30 Sunday School

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