

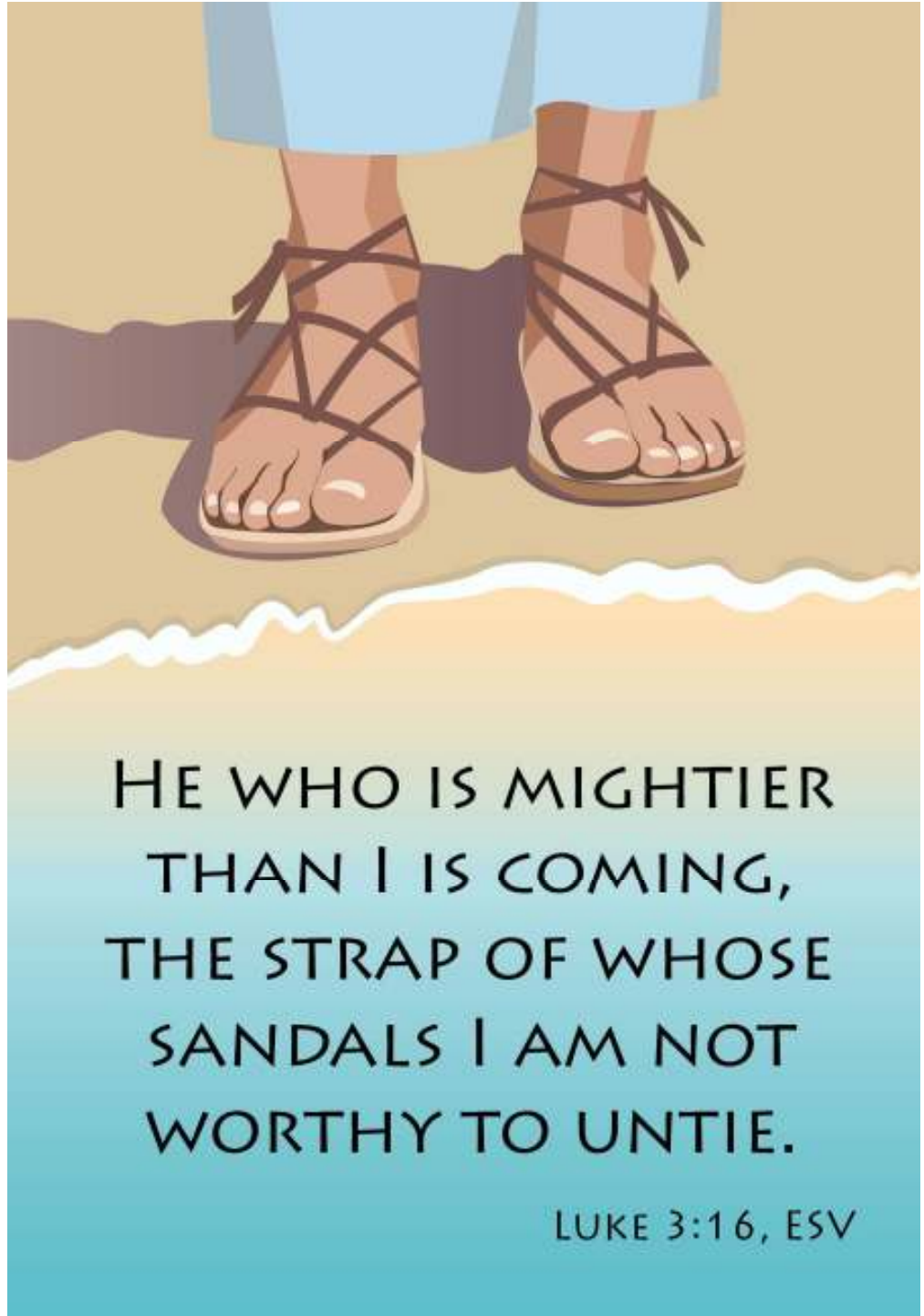
**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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**9:30 a.m. WORSHIP**



HE WHO IS MIGHTIER  
THAN I IS COMING,  
THE STRAP OF WHOSE  
SANDALS I AM NOT  
WORTHY TO UNTIE.

LUKE 3:16, ESV

**December 16, 2018**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN 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 Bob to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet.

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## Ministries for Today

Lector: 9:30 a.m. Connee Zeman

Assistant: 9:30 a.m. Bonny Dery

Altar Guild: 9:30 a.m. Irmie Bjerken

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Bill & Doris Marderness, Gary Salisbury,  
and Jim Sauer

December 9, 2018 Attendance: 9:30 a.m. - 159

# SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers*

*Third Sunday in Advent – December 16, 2018*

*9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 3*

+ *Indicates Please Stand*

**Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In**

## PRELUDE

## INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + **THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT / RITE OF FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:*

P The Spirit and the church cry out:

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

P All those who prepare for his appearance pray:.

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

P The whole creation pleads:

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

### + **HYMN OF LIGHT**

**“O Light Whose Splendor Thrills”**

**ELW 563**

*Verses 1 and 3*

### + **GREETING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P We give you thanks, O God. In the beginning you called light into being. You set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In every age, you call imperfect people to be bearers of your light. You call them to be bright with your wisdom and aflame with your righteousness, like stars forever.

C **Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: kindled in the stable, magnified on the cross, and reflected in the lives of your holy people. With them, and with all your creatures we give you glory. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of your baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus. You belong to Christ. You are anointed to serve. Standing in God's presence, raise up your heads. The reign of God is near.

C **Amen.**

### + **GATHERING HYMN**

**“Gather Us In”**

**ELW 532**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P As we light the candle on the Advent Wreath, let us pray.

C Lord Jesus, you continue to do great things for us. Give us your gift of peace as we prepare for your coming. Amen.

+ HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(Verse 3)

ELW 257

*O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai’s height  
In ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.*

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

## + 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.

## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6** (*Sung responsively*)

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you | will draw water  
from the wells | of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:  
Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations;  
proclaim that this name | is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, who has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Bob Hoffman

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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+ **The Holy Gospel according to: Luke 3:7-18**

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

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Bob Hoffman

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"*

**ELW 241**

**A** Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of god in our lives with the word of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

## **INSTALLATION OF SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL FOR 2019**

Our Annual Meeting has elected members of our Congregational Council for the year 2019. Please come forward as your name is called. “Pete” Peterson, Larry Buettner, Pat Cumor, Tom Dunlop, Pat Cooper, Paul Hashagen, Earnestine Keller, Keith Scamehorn, and Doug Walck.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ freed us from sin and death. He made us members of his church. Through word and sacrament we have been fed and strengthened in our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives. Moments ago, members of the Council, and all gathered here, have confessed our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

St. Paul writes in the First Letter to the Corinthians: *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”* [12:4 – 7]

You have been called into positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect Him in whose name we gather, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation. You are to ensure that, as much as is possible, God’s will is done in this community and in the whole world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving. You are to contribute actively to discussion of issues and tasks as they present themselves in our monthly meetings. This will ensure that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of trust in the presence and power of God in your lives active in love. You are to work to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ gathered here at worship, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of members of the Congregational Council to which you have been elected?

*Council Members respond: Yes, and I ask God to help me.*

People of God, members of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

*All respond: Yes, and we ask God to help us.*

I now declare you installed as members of the Congregational Council of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church. God bless you with his Holy Spirit. May you prove to be faithful servants of Christ, our Lord.

*All: Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS

A As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

For choirs, hymn writers, musicians, and off-key singing, we give you thanks, Holy One. Fill us with your song of joy. Open us to proclaim your glory in our singing, speaking, and silence. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For the hurting places in creation; for seas and lands ravaged by natural disasters; for communities and creatures displaced by floods and droughts. Grant peace through your presence and joy in your healing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For peace to ring out in our hearts and in our homes; for mercy and forgiveness to reign in every community; for war to cease and hunger to end. Give us this joy now, Holy One. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For those who are oppressed; for soldiers and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and their families; for neighbors who have no access to medical care; for those who are ill and those who mourn. Fill them with your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For foster families opening their homes; for grandparents raising grandchildren; for single parents struggling to make ends meet; for expectant parents who now grieve. Give strength and comfort, Holy One. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Send your Holy Spirit on this congregation and our Call Committee as we prepare ourselves to call the pastor you have chosen for us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A In thanksgiving for preachers and teachers who have guided us on the way. Bring us with them to rejoice eternally in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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

## OFFERING ANTHEM

*“Waiting for a King”*  
Chancel Choir

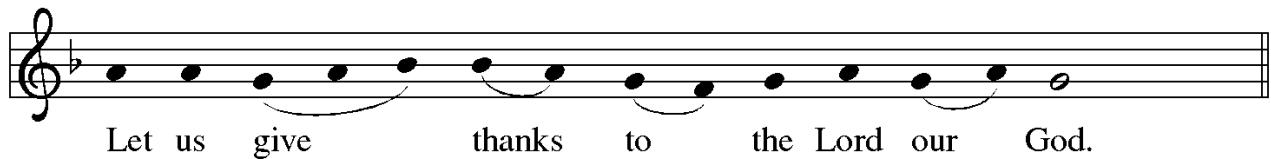
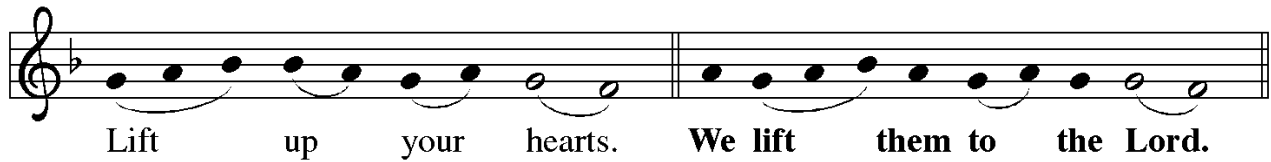
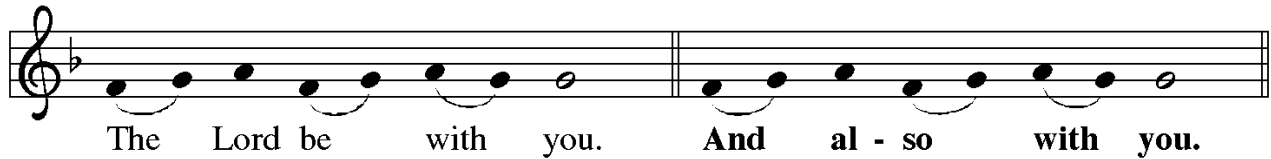
BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN

## + OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## + THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

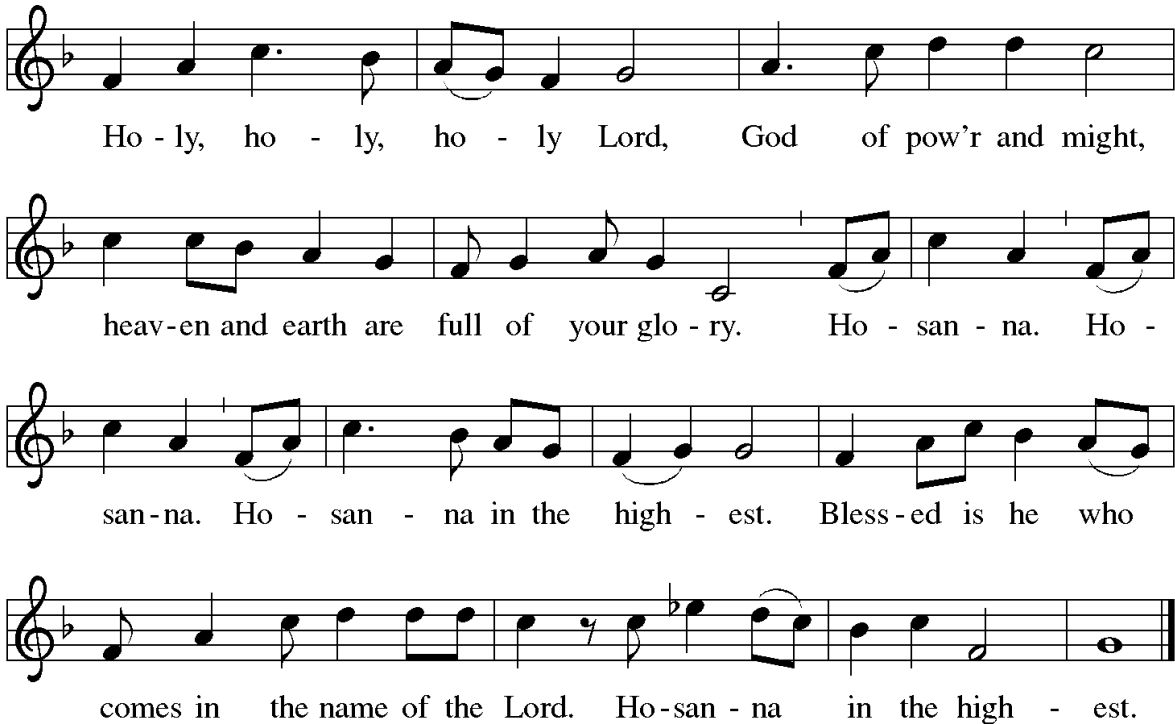


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## + PROPER PREFACE

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:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit. All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Sung and led by Rod Barikmo)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

P God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good. *(Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of bread into the wine or juice. 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.

A Please be seated.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
“Come to the Table”*

**ELW 471**

**ELW 481**

A Please stand as you are able./

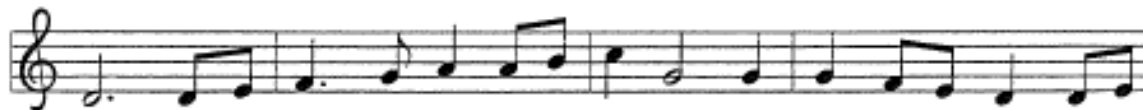
**+ COMMUNION ACCLAMATION**

**C The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. Amen.**

**+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

A Let us pray.

C **Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P May God direct your ways in peace. May God make you abound in love for one another and for all. May God strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**                      *“Let Justice Flow like Streams”*                      **ELW 717**

+ **PRAYER FOR SENDING**

C **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us such trust in your presence and power in our lives to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but knowing only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Amen.**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Chancel this morning are given by Kent & Beverly Adams in memory of their daughter, Connie Adams Boemer, and Bev's sister, Marge Hannon.

### 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.



### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On Christmas Eve there will be two opportunities to worship, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to worship with us!

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Please help us beautify our sanctuary in praise to our Savior this Christmas! Poinsettias will be placed around the altar for Christmas. You may take your poinsettia (s) home after Christmas Eve worship. Please order one or more poinsettias by completing a form in the Narthex. The cost is still \$15 per poinsettia. The deadline for ordering is MONDAY, December 17, 2018. Please place your order form in the offering plate, leave in the basket in the narthex, or deliver to the Church office.

### LUNCH BUNCH

If you enjoy sharing a meal with members of the congregation after worship on Sunday, please sign up on the sheet provided on the music stand outside the church entry doors **BEFORE** the service on Sunday morning. We meet at the Royal Palm Country Club. A menu is provided on the music stand. Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted (**NO CASH**). Please see Pastor or Carol Lyberg for further details. This is a private club, so you must sign up to attend, but all are welcome to come with the group.

### BONE BUILDERS

A new low impact flexibility and balance class for seniors is being sponsored by the Collier County Recreation Department in Hanson Hall every Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. There is no charge, and it is open to everyone in the community. Come and bring a friend. See Pastor or Carol Lyberg for more details.

### HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

If you are in need of hospital or rehab equipment, please check with the church office to see if there might be something available to meet your need. Members and friends of SOTG often turn in things like walkers, wheel chairs, or commodes when they no longer have use for them.

**THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:**

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

**Third Sunday in Advent, December 16, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob;  
Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service**

**Monday & Wednesday, December 17 and 19, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bone Builders, Hanson Hall**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 8:30 a.m. - Sew-Sews and Property Crew**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob;  
Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service**

**Ways to Be Faithful with the Lord**

- † Put God first
- † Seek and do God's will
- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Study & know God's word
- † Love & serve others
- † Tithe thankfully
- † Share the Gospel
- † Participate at church
- † Repent unfaithfulness

**Return to the Lord  
Follow Jesus**

## 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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