

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCIA

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

Every valley
shall be FILLED,



and every mountain and hill
shall be MADE LOW.

Luke 3:5

December 9, 2018
SECOND 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.

Ministries for Today

Lector: 9:30 a.m. Lori Bernabei

Assistant: 9:30 a.m. Iann Buttermann

Altar Guild: 9:30 a.m. Judy Kobs

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Linda Dean, Ann & Paul Hashagen,
and Keith Scamehorn

December 2, 2018 Attendance: 9:30 a.m. - 162

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Second Sunday in Advent – December 9, 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**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW 254

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79 (*Sung responsively*)

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets,
you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of | all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+

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 3:1-6**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

ELW 256

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**

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.

Prepare your church to share the good news, life-giving God. Put your word within us and dwell among us. Send us out to proclaim the mercy and salvation that abides in you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Protect the creation, life-giving God. Sustain the mountains and hills. Restore the rivers, Give us wisdom and compassion to care for wilderness areas and urban ecosystems. Move us to care for your creation in all its forms and richness. Hear us, O God.,

C Your mercy is great.

A Purify the hearts of all people, life-giving God. Remove the hate that lives within us and among us. Mold us into peacemakers. Raise up leaders rooted in your love and fed by your word. Hear us, O God.

C Hear our prayer.

A Comfort all who hurt, life-giving God. Wrap them in your tender care. Remember the forgotten and send us out to share your love with them. Be with the wandering, the worried, and the woeful. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bless this congregation, life-giving God. Give strength and joy to worship leaders, musicians, and our altar guild as they prepare the way for the celebration of the Christ child's coming among us. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We remember the generations who have shown us your faithfulness, life-giving God. Shine your light on those who mourn and prepare us for that day when we will see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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

"People Look East"

BY HAL H. HOPSON

Chancel Choir

+ **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**

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:

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** *(Spoken)*

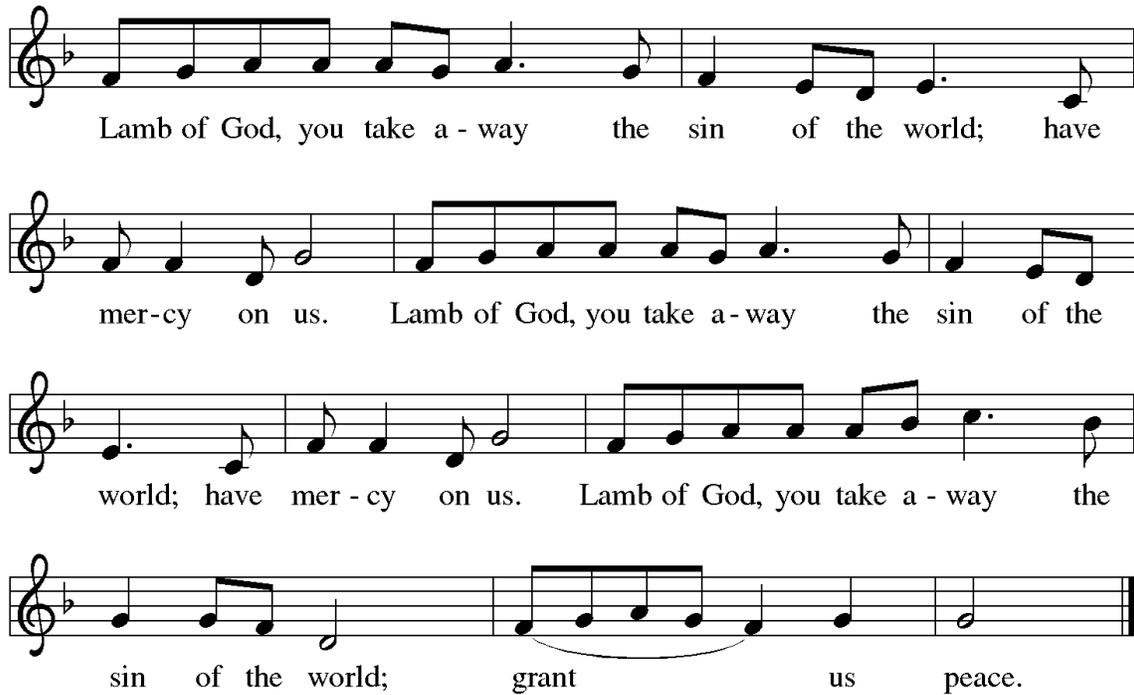
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”
“Wait for the Lord”

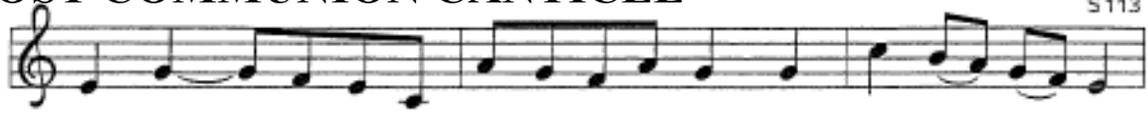
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+ COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

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

+ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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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**

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

ELW 239

+ **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 Maryann & Larry Buettner in memory of Larry's father, Norman.

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.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Annual Meeting to elect new Council members and approve the 2019 Budget is after worship service TODAY. Packets are available in the Narthex.

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.

ALTAR ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

If there is anyone who would like to serve as an altar assistant (person who leads the creed, prayers, and helps with communion), please contact Jan Wolfe (phone-239-649-7437 or email-janwolfe1@embarqmail.com) She is in need of a few more folks for this task.

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.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

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

**Second Sunday in Advent, December 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob;
Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service; Congregational meeting after worship
Monday & Wednesday, December 10 and 12, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bone Builders , Hanson
Hall**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 8:30 a.m. - Sew-Sews and Property Crew; 5:30 p.m. Council
Meeting at the Arlington**

**Third Sunday in Advent, December 16, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob and
installation of new 2019 Council; 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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