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SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH



# **MARCH 31, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY**

### 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: 8:30 a.m. Bonny Dery

10:30 a.m. Chuck Keller

Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Jeanne Jones

10:30 a.m. Penny Morken

Altar Guild: Vicki Dunlop and Judy Kobs

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Guy & Pat Cooper, Doris Marderness,

and Gary Salisbury

10:30 a.m. Chuck Keller, Nadine Kelly, Doug Walck, and Jen White

### SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers FourthSunday in Lent – March 31, 2019 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 10

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In** 

### **PRELUDE**

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.
- C Amen.
- P In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

  Silence is kept for reflection.
- P God at the margins,
- We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.
- P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life.
- C Amen.

### **GATHERING SONG**

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

**ELW 666** 

### **GREETING**

- P The God of healing, hope, and wholeness be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- P The Son of righteousness fill you with hope and peace.
- C May it be the same for our neighbors and friends.
- P The Spirit of holiness and resurrection stir within you.
- C May the wind that brought forth creation from chaos continue to do so.

### Kyrie



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### + PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32 (8:30 a.m. -Sung responsively; 10:30 a.m.—Spoken responsively)

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- ered away,

because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go; I will guide you | with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked;

but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Bob Hoffman

### + LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



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## The Holy Gospel according to: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable:

11b"There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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### SERMON Pastor Bob Hoffman

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

**ELW 640** 

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words 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;

On the third day he rose again;

he descended to the dead.

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.

### **PRAYERS**

- A Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. God of abundant grace, guide your church to look upon people as you look upon them, with compassion and as deserving of mercy. Shape us to be worthy ambassadors of Christ. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Bestow dignity on migrant and seasonal farm and factory workers. When the time comes for them to leave jobs, provide new ways for them to make a livelihood. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Inspire musicians and poets to point to your unfathomable beauty and creativity. Enhance our vision of your holiness through their works. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place. Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- A Erase the pain of trauma and the shame and stigma of social contempt. Change the hearts of those who bully or mistreat others, and heal broken relationships. 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 Invite your whole company of saints into eternal, joyful feasting. When we question your abundant mercy, soften our hearts to receive the gifts of faith and love. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our 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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (8:30 a.m.) "The Lord Is in This Place" BY CALDWELL AND FISCHER

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** (10:30 a.m.) "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461

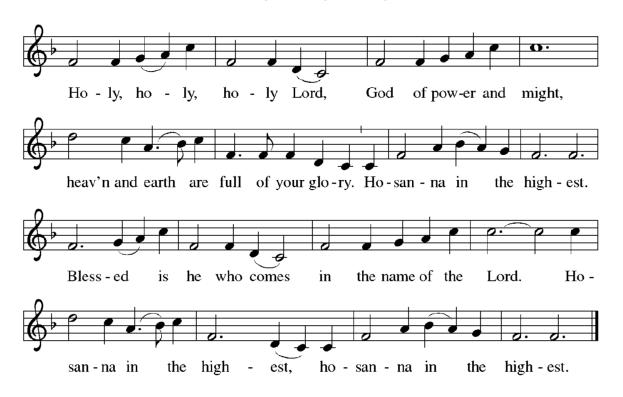
- + OFFERTORY PRAYER
- A Let us pray.
- C Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ our host and our guest. Amen.
- + THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
- 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



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### + THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
- C Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
- 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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.
- C Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

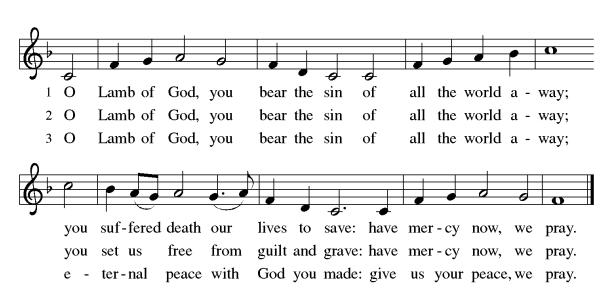
- + THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:30 a.m. Sung; 10:30 a.m. Spoken)
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, 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 Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home. (Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of bread into the wine or juice. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)

A Please be seated.

### O Lamb of God



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### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

ELW 592 ELW 608

Please stand as you are able.

- + COMMUNION ACCLAMATION
- P Let us pray.
- C The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. Amen

### + POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



- A Let us pray.
- C Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### PRAYER OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

- P Every year our congregation welcomes those who return to Southwest Florida to escape the rigors of Winter in the North. At this time of year, we bid farewell to those who are returning North. (*Please stand if you anticipate the beginning of your journey North during the next week.*) The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Listen to the words of Exodus 23:20: The Lord said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Let us pray.
- May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall and in the crossing of the sea, guide our feet as we go. May God, who is with us when we sit and when we stand, encompass us with love and lead us by the hand. May God, who knows our path and the places where we rest, be with us in our waiting, be our good news for sharing and lead us in the way that is everlasting. Amen. [adapted from A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals]

### + THE BLESSING

- P God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, + bless you and bring you to life everlasting.
- C Amen
- + SENDING HYMN "God, When Human Bonds Are Broken" ELW 603

### + PRAYER FOR SENDING

- P Let us pray.
- 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. Remember the poor.
- C Thanks be to God!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the chancel today are given by Deb, Steve, and Lizzy, dedicated to Bill & Joan Emery. "We love and miss you . . . Looking forward to seeing you soon."

### **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.

### **LENT CONTINUES**

This Wednesday, April 3, Lenten services continue. Service will be at 5:30 p.m. with Soup Supper immediately following in Hanson Hall. This week's soup is brought to you by the Call Committee and Pastor's Bible Study Group.

### **PASTOR'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY**

There is no Bible Study this next week. The next one will be Wednesday, April 17th, focusing on "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Has Thou Offended?"

### **INTERESTED IN MAKING SOTG YOUR CHURCH HOME?**

If you are interested in joining with Shepherd of the Glades as either a full time or associate member, please let Pastor Bob know. The next New Member Sunday will be April 7, 2019.

### FOR OUR YOUNGEST WORSHIPPERS

If you are worshipping with a child, there are activity bags for children to use during service which are located near the front door on the table. Please feel free to make use of them.

### **EASTER IS DRAWING NEAR**

Easter is less than a month away. Please remember that the deadline for submitting orders for Easter lilies is Friday, April 12. Order forms are available in the Narthex. Also, please add to your calendar, Maundy Thursday service on April 18 and Good Friday on April 19, both at 5:30 p.m. There will be a prayer vigil on Good Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex next week. Easter Sunday there will be two joyous celebrations, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

### **DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR 2019**

The new 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.

### **BONE BUILDERS**

Bone Builders meets every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in Hanson Hall. The class is provided by Collier County year round and is free. It consists mainly of low impact chair exercises for oseoperosis prevention and balance issues. All are welcome to attend. For more info contact Pastor or Carol Lyberg.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

In preparation for our annual Resurrection Celebration Egg Hunt on Easter morning, the Children's Ministry team is seeking "egg donations". You can grab an empty egg from the basket in the narthex, add a dollar or whatever spare change you might have and return it. All monies collected will be used to purchase an array of items for the egg hunt treat bags. If anyone is willing to help with our Resurrection Celebration Egg Hunt or if you have any questions, please see Bonny Dery, Nadine Kelly or Lori Bernabei.

### **HELP WANTED**

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, we have two groups who could use some extra help:

<u>Property Crew</u> - On Tuesday mornings, members of the Property Crew do general maintenance and yardwork, helping to keep SOTG looking good and in good repair. If you have questions, please call Doug Walck, Tom Dunlop, or Ron Modjeska.

<u>Financial Committee Chair and Treasurer</u> - Tony Zeman has been our Treasurer since January, 2015. He is looking to retire from this position by December, 2019. He has reorganized all the budget line items, so that we are in good financial order. The Treasurer's responsibility is to review the monthly financial reports and report to Council and develop the annual budget, getting input from the various ministries of the church. For more information, please contact Larry Buettner, Council President or Tony Zeman.

### PALM SUNDAY PASSION PLAY

This year Maryann Buettner is co-ordinating an enactment of the passion from the Gospel of Luke at both services on Palm/Passion Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Maryann at (239) 989-1728.

### THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31, 2019, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Monday & Wednesday, April 1 and 3, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bone Builders, Hanson Hall . All are welcome.

Tuesday, April 2 2019, 8:30 a.m. Sew-Sews and Property Crew

Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Lenten Wednesday Worship with Soup Supper following, provided by Call Committee and Pastor's Bible Study.

Thursday, April 4, 2019, 5:30 p.m. New Member Orientation in Hanson Hall

### 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
- **4** 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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