

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

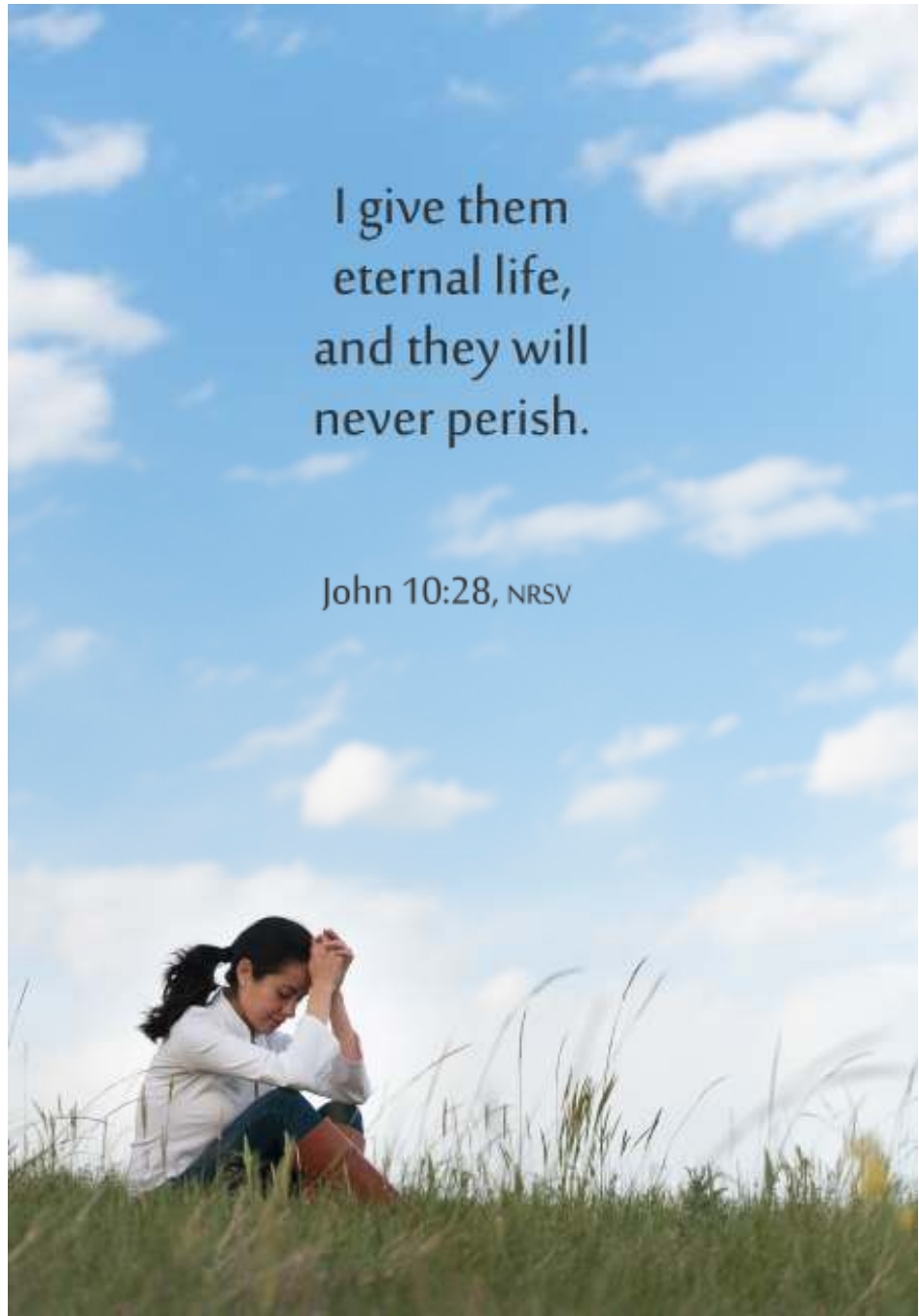
A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
WORSHIP**



I give them
eternal life,
and they will
never perish.

John 10:28, NRSV

**MAY 12, 2019
FOURTH 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 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO TAKE A CARNATION AND A CARD
AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION OF YOU!**

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A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers

Third Sunday of Easter – May 5, 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 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 our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ELW 855

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.**

+ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Let Us Join



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 : Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23 *(Spoken responsively)*

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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: John 10:22-30
C Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bob Hoffman

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 508

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

+ **NICENE CREED**

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen, and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

A Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Anoint us and make us overflow with goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for gentle rains that nourish green pastures and rejuvenate rivers and streams. Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, typhoons, storms, and mudslides. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace. Disrupt and deter the work of terrorists, religious and political extremists, and all who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Raise up faithful women as witnesses to your strength and compassion. Bless mothers and all who offer mothering care. Protect victims of sexism, abuse, and gender-based violence. Restore dignity to those marginalized because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. Hear us, O God. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bring relief to bodies weary with pain or sickness. Bless doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home health care providers, therapists, social workers, and all caregivers who demonstrate your love in acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need. 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 Salvation belongs to you, O God. You promise to wipe away every tear. Give us the assurance that all who live and die in you will rest forever beside the river of life. Hear us, O God

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen 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 HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

ELW 379

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. 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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+ 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.

P 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** *(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 Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast.

(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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638

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

S 113

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 **Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. 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.

C **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 The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C Amen

+ **SENDING HYMN** *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* **ELW 789**

+ **PRAYER FOR SENDING**

P Let us pray.

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 You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Chancel this morning are given by Leila Sellman in loving memory of Merle.

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.



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.

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 osteoporosis prevention and balance issues. All are welcome to attend. For more info contact Pastor or Carol Lyberg.

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.

HELP WANTED

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

Property Crew - 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.

Financial Committee Chair and Treasurer - 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.

Endowment Committee - The Endowment Committee is looking for additional members. The Endowment Committee looks after the funds donated for legacy giving and seeks to make this investment opportunity available to those in the church. For more information, please contact "Pete" Peterson (239-732-6993) or Bonny Dery (239-455-2645).

This week at Shepherd of the Glades:

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

**Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 2019, 9:30 Worship with Pastor Bob; 9:30 am.
Sunday School**

**Monday and Wednesday, May 6 & 8, 2019, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bone Builders, Hanson
Hall. All are welcome**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 8:30 a.m. Sew-Sews and Landscaping Crew; 5:30 p.m.
Council meeting**

**Sunday, May 19, 2019, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob; 9:30 a.m. Sunday
School**

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**

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