

Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



**THOSE WHO WERE READY WENT INTO
THE WEDDING FEAST WITH HIM**

MT. 25:10

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor
Reverend William Barrett, Visitation Pastor
Renate Williams Slick, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

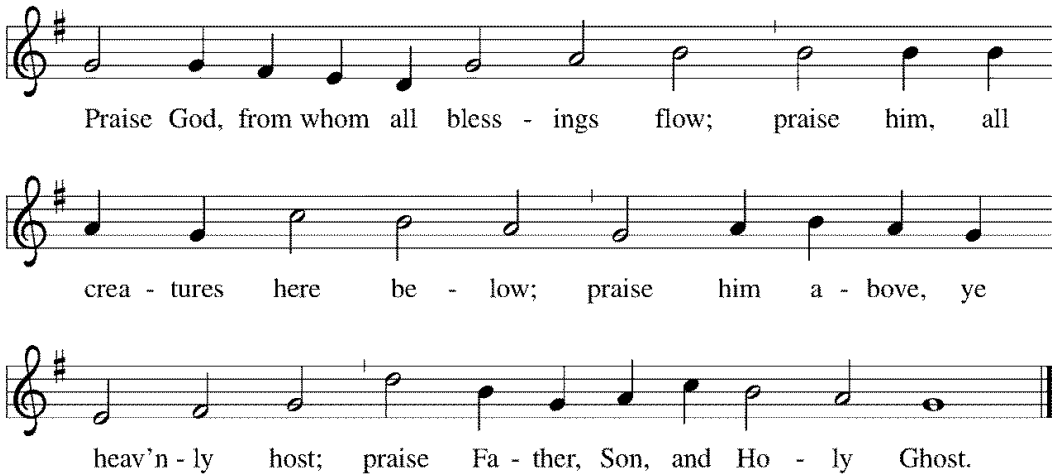
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE

The assembly stands

Doxology #884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,

and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

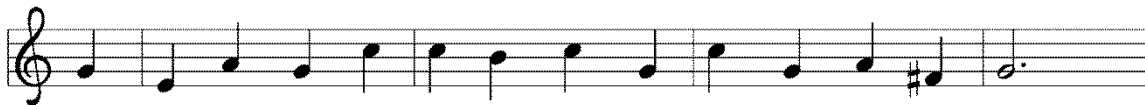
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

The assembly is seated



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

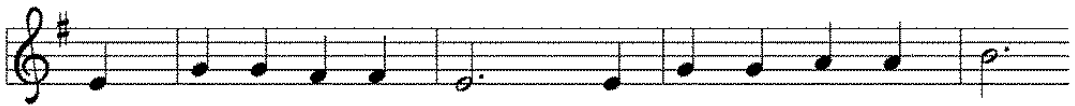
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

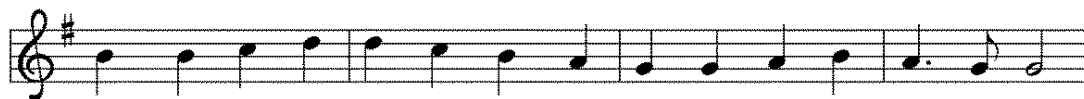
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE

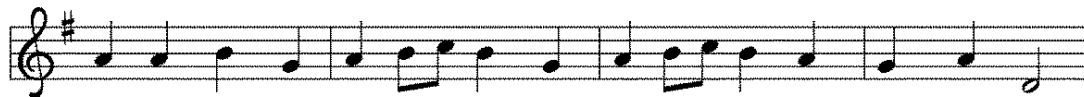
“Glory Be to God in Heaven”



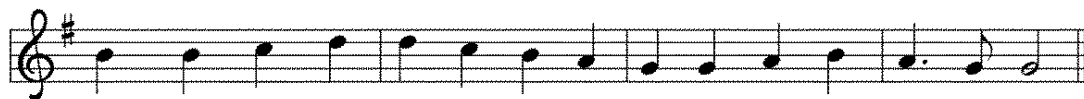
- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm: Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be
disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The assembly stands and sings to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

After the gospel is read,

The gospel of the Lord.

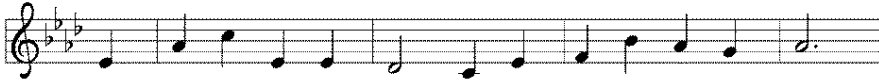
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - fle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

The assembly stands

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 power of 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

At the conclusion of the prayers,

Amen.

The assembly is seated

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O Give Thanks!”

Choir Ensemble

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling,
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ...

...Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

Let us now pray as our Lord taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

All persons (regardless of denomination) who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is Lord of all are welcome to celebrate Communion with us.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion servers will say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond: **Amen.***

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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.

Additional Communion Hymns: 773, 838, 471

Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 733

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| 1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm,
through the night,
lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home. | 2. When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand, lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home. |
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3. When the darkness appears,
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,

guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Beautiful Savior ELW 838

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my
crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming
spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit
sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on
high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

1 Let us break bread together on
our knees;
let us break bread together on
our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on
our knees;

Refrain

let us drink wine together on our
knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on
our knees;

let us praise God together on our
knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

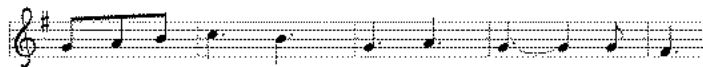
May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

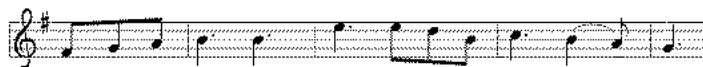
The assembly stands



1 Lift ev - ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



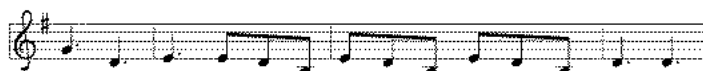
ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy night led us in - to the light,



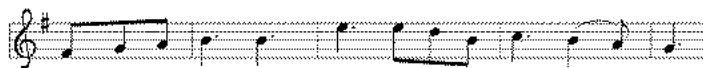
let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea,
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed he - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won,
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast,
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land,

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1936
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, 1 Rosemond Johnson, 1873–1954

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, and have fun doing it!

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting and hope you will return to worship with us again.

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING LOOP Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to “T” during worship. *Additional hearing devices are available from the Media Center.*

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS Deacon Bob Bonomo and Ann Neville. Our sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Bill and Bebe Goetter in honor of Lisbeth Goetter’s birthday.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY
“O Give Thanks!” – Choir Ensemble.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pr. Dennis, Linda and Michael Koch, Pr. Bill Barrett, Shelly Fortin, Sandy Spicuzza, Roger Johnson, Sheila Mandell, Barbara Lauer, Linda Lepore, Eloise Mongardi, Sylvia Hartsfield, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Jeanette Jimenez, Karen Benefiel, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carol Lee Johnson, Carolyn & Ray Creager, Barb Johnson, Tom & Sue Fowler, Margaret Hehn, Rowen, Denise, Steve & Kitty Barber, Louise Burgess, David Stroble, Rosalie & Edward Wierzel, Sam Stewart, Robert Blunt, Tom Farmer, Jean Thatcher, Kevin King & family.

Attendance last Sunday

Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube:
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THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. – FB Live &
YouTube Worship

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study
11:15 a.m. – Mary Martha Circle

TUESDAY

11:00a.m. – Ralph Mongardi
Memorial Service
6:00p.m. – Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS
10:00 a.m. – Pastoral Care
1:00 p.m. - Ruth Naomi Circle
6:30 p.m. – Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – SOS
3:00 p.m. – Zoom Council Meeting

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Property Workday

Zoom Coffee Hour

Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER TO ALL – As you enter the sanctuary, please lower your voices so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

OUR ANGEL TREE Christmas gift drive is now underway. Information and names will be distributed following the worship service each Sunday. Please check weekly if you would like to purchase an “angel” holiday gift and have not received a name, or contact Phyllis Powell at 352-270-4495.

BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Koch’s Bible study continues on Monday mornings. Join in the discussion via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Koch for more information or call the church office at 746-7161.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet tomorrow morning at 11:15 a.m.

RALPH MONGARDI MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 10th. Interment with military honors will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

RUTH NAOMI CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING TAKE-OUT DINNER – If you are unable to cook your own meal, sign up in the Narthex or contact Kathy Swartz (352-422-6717, kathleen6jaksac@gmail.com) or Deacon Bob Bonomo (352-220-4307), deaconbob73@gmail.com) to reserve your take-out dinner. Those wishing to donate food items or volunteer for kitchen prep and distribution should contact Kathy or Bob directly.

FATHER CHRISTMAS BALL: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will not be a Father Christmas Ball in December, 2020. Besides grants and donations, SOS is looking at new ways to raise money for the food pantry for the future. If anyone would like to make a donation in lieu of buying tickets for the Father Christmas Ball, please make checks payable to SOS, P.O. Box 640774, Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0774.