

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



**MASTER, YOU GAVE ME FIVE TALENTS.
SEE, I HAVE MADE FIVE MORE**

MT. 25:20

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020

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

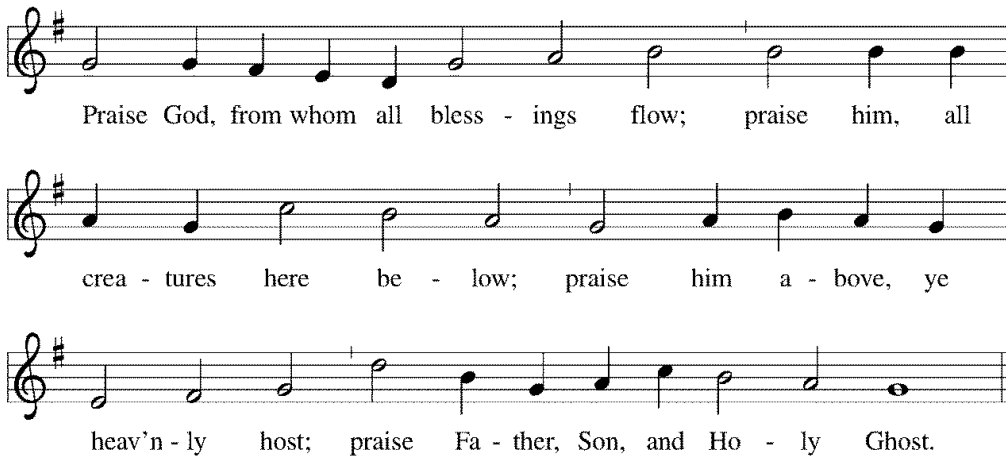
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

WELCOME PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“O Zion, Haste”

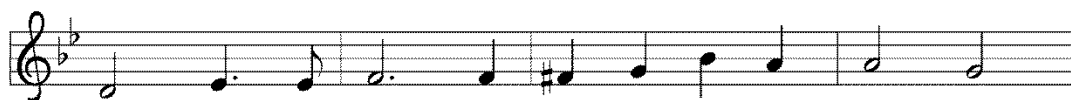
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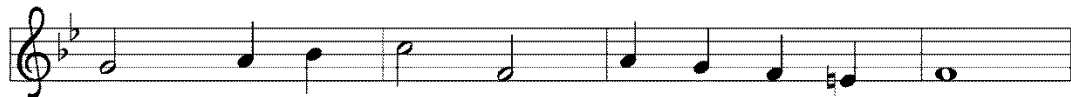
1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



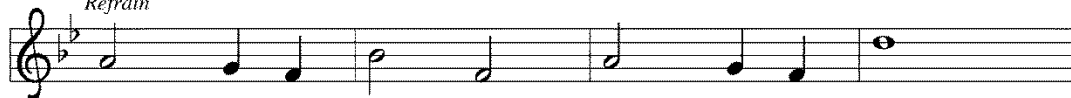
to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923

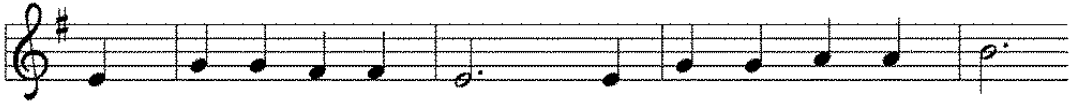
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

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.

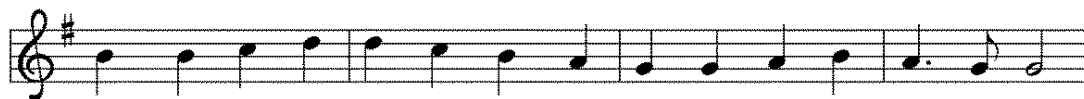
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE

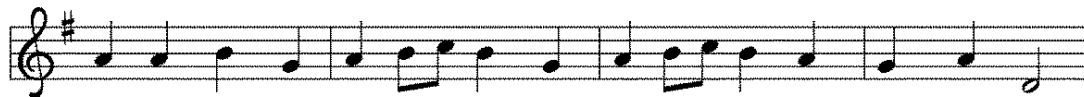
“Glory Be to God in Heaven”



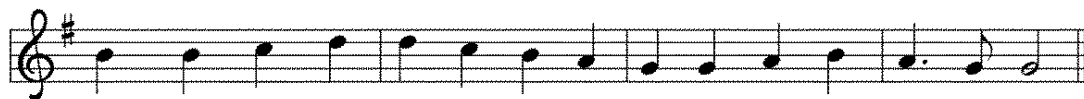
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.” ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
³You turn us back to the dust and say, “Turn back, O children of earth.”
⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?

Who rightly fears your indignation?]

¹²So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

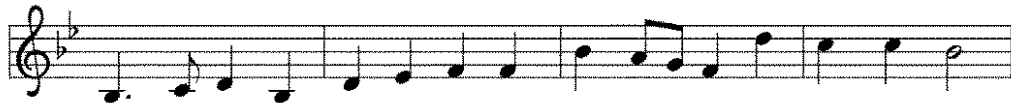
¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The assembly stands and sings to greet the gospel.

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.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with

the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

After the gospel is read,

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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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 “For The Beauty Of The Earth ” Bell Choir

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...

... 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.

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: 693, 471, 773

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ELW 693

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple,
come,
raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may
be.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels,
come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

- 1 Let us break bread together on
our knees;
let us break bread together on
our knees.
- 2 Let us drink wine together on
our knees;
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 spiritu

Refrain

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 733

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.

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

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

The assembly stands

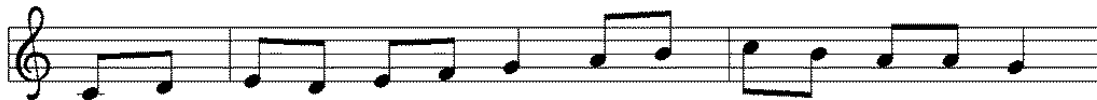
HYMN

"Thine the Amen"

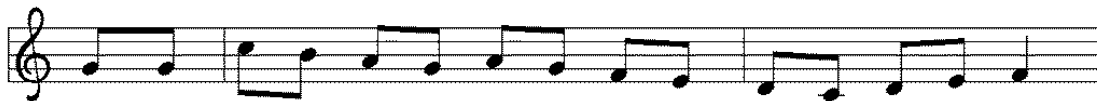
ELW 826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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 Faye Lowe in memory Frank & Elizabeth Lowe and Lucille Lowe.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY
“For The Beauty Of The Earth” – Bell Choir

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: 140
General Offering: \$7,901.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

TUESDAY

6:00p.m. – Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS
6:30 p.m. – Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – SOS

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is today. Please submit all articles/information for publication in the upcoming edition of The Shepherd's Voice to gschurch@live.com no later than noon tomorrow.

THE SENIOR LIFE CARE ANGEL TREE will be set up in the Narthex for the next several weeks. Please take a gift wish, purchase the item listed, and bring a smile to a senior's heart at Christmastime. Return the item in a **HOLIDAY GIFT BAG** (not wrapped) with the wish tag attached. If you are unable to select a wish tag in person or have any questions please contact Kathy Swartz @ 422-6717 or Bill Mehnert @ 513-4624.

ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD COLLECTION – All GSLC members and friends are invited to participate in the Advent Food Collection project sponsored by Social Ministry to benefit the SOS Food Pantry. Look for the flyer in the Narthex with a list of suggested food items to be placed in a “family box” at home each day of Advent. Details regarding the drop off date/time are being finalized and will be provided as soon as a decision is made. Please contact Vera K. Swade for more information at 352-637-5308, or via email at vswade5016@aol.com.

THANKSGIVING TAKE-OUT DINNER –The deadline to sign up for a dinner is next Sunday, November 22. Meals will be available for pick-up Thanksgiving day between 11:00–11:30 a.m. Please contact Kathy Swartz at 352-422-6717, at kathleen6jacsac@gmail.com or Deacon Bob Bonomo (352-220-4307), deaconbob73@gmail.com) for more information.

FATHER CHRISTMAS BALL - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Father Christmas Ball has been cancelled. If anyone would like to make a donation in lieu of buying tickets this year, please make checks payable to SOS, P.O. Box 640774, Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0774. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ANGEL TREE FOR CHILDREN is still underway. Stop by our table in the west parking lot to choose a name for your “angel” gift. Contact Phyllis Powell for more information (352) 270-4495.