

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



**Depart from me accursed,
into the everlasting fire.
MT.25:41**

**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

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

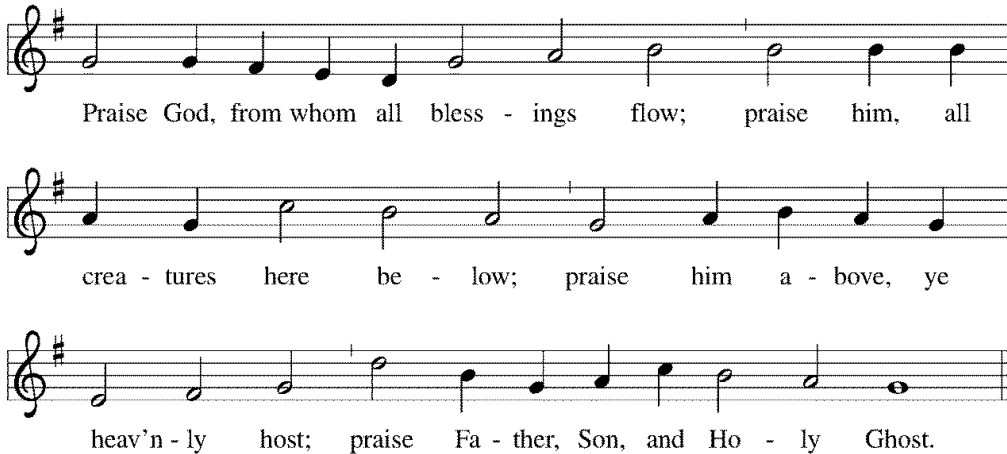
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

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 God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection

Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.
**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed
the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.**
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ.
Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,
✠ comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The assembly is seated

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh; in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one;
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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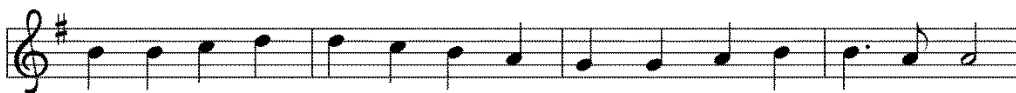
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

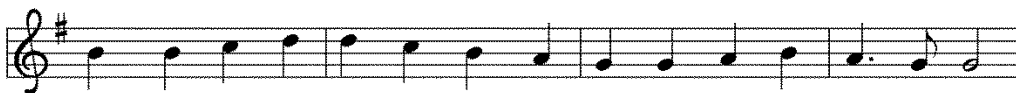
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

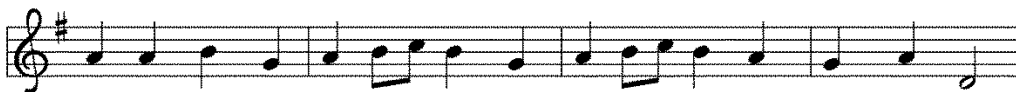
“Glory Be to God in Heaven”



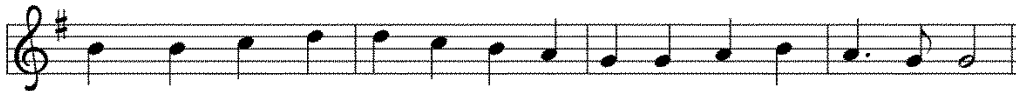
- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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!

Lighting Advent Candle

“And The Word Was God” – Week One [insert]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

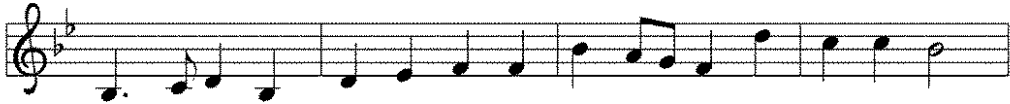
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our

Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is

near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

After the gospel is read,
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

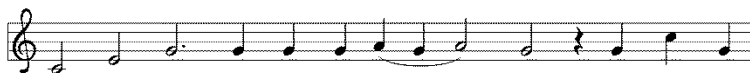
The assembly is seated

SERMON

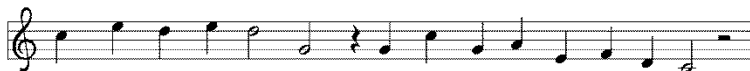
HYMN

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

ELW 436



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



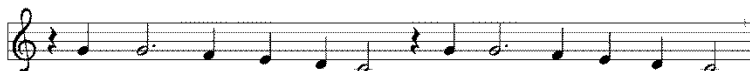
on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



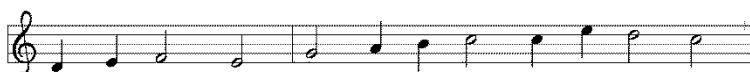
Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: “Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be-yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride-groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!”
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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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

BLESSING OF QUILTS

LEADER: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts — a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the Quilts we have made, to you.

PEOPLE: *We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece we have created an expression of love.*

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

LEADER: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

Litany written by Shirley Splittgerber of Omaha, Nebraska, for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization's LWR Workday

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING “Advent Promise” 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.

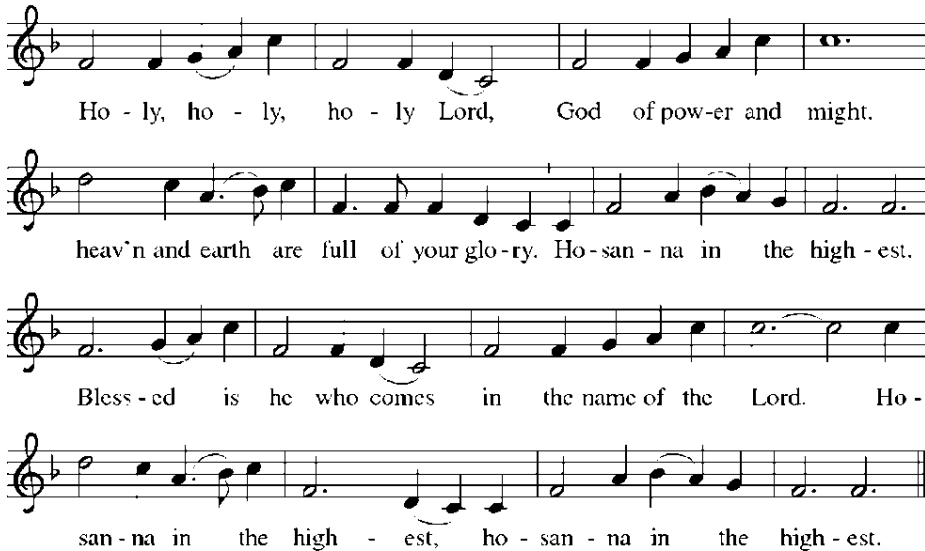
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... 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

Holy One, the beginning and the end ...

... Power of the Most High, one God, 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: 773, 471, 693

Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 773

1 Precious Lord, taker 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, \\\nhold my hand, lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord,

lead me home.

3 When the darkness appear,
and the night draws near,
when my life is almost 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

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

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

Refrain

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;
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

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious and abundant God,
you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us
and open our hearts to the world's needs,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

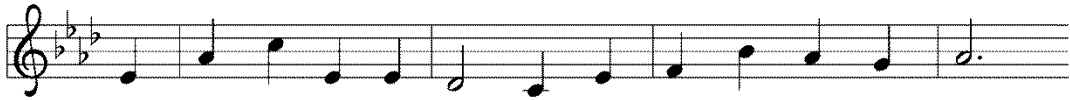
Amen.

SENDING

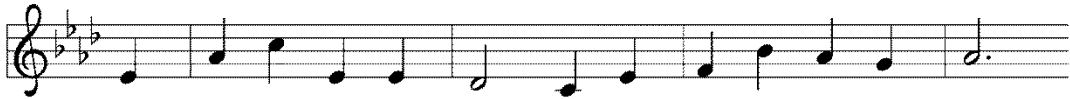
BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
✠ now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly stands



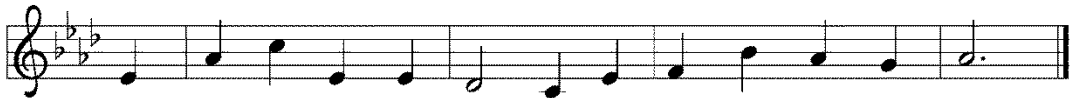
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



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 - tle; 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

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and 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 to the glory of God.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY
“Advent Promise” – Choir Ensemble

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS
Pr. Dennis, Linda and Michael Koch, Joann Frost, Pr. Bill Barrett, Shelly Fortin, Sandy Spicuzza, Roger Johnson, Sheila Mandell, Barbara Lauer, Linda, Jon & baby Gia 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: 117
General Offering: \$3, 854.50

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. – In-Person, FB Live & YouTube Worship

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

6:00 p.m. – Advent Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube

6:30 p.m. – Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Property Workday

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Adopt-A Highway Road Clean-up

Zoom Coffee Hour

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

www.zoom.com

Click “Join a Meeting”

Meeting ID: 74595951668

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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.

ADVENT CALENDARS are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take only **one per household**.

SENIOR LIFECARE ANGEL TREE benefiting residents at Life Care Center is set up in the Narthex. Sign a gift tag out on the clipboard. Deadline for return is Dec 15th. If you cannot make it to church to choose a gift tag please contact Kathy Swartz @ 422-6717 or Bill Mehnert @ 513-4624 for assistance. *Will the people who took gift tags # 3 and 23 please call the office and identify themselves, thank you.

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY: W/ELCA will collect a special offering today and next Sunday, December 6 to support the work of the women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA.) Please make checks payable to WELCA.

ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD COLLECTION - 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. Your food items will be collected after Christmas and given to the SOS Food Pantry. Contact Vera K. Swade for more information at 352-637-5308, or via email at vswade5016@aol.com.

ADVENT WORSHIP – Join us online on Facebook Live and YouTube for worship each Wednesday of Advent, December 2, 9 & 16 at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY – Adopt-a-Highway Road Clean-up will take place on Saturday, December 5. Meet at the CVS at the Terra Vista Entrance at 8 am and pick up trash along a 1.15 mile section of Norvell Bryant Highway. Please see or email Linda Koch LCK1164@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this fun project. Final instructions and details will be emailed to you a few days before the clean-up. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE FOR CHILDREN - Stop by our table in the west parking lot to choose a name for your “angel” gift. Contact Amy Gilbert for more information (352) 564-0397.