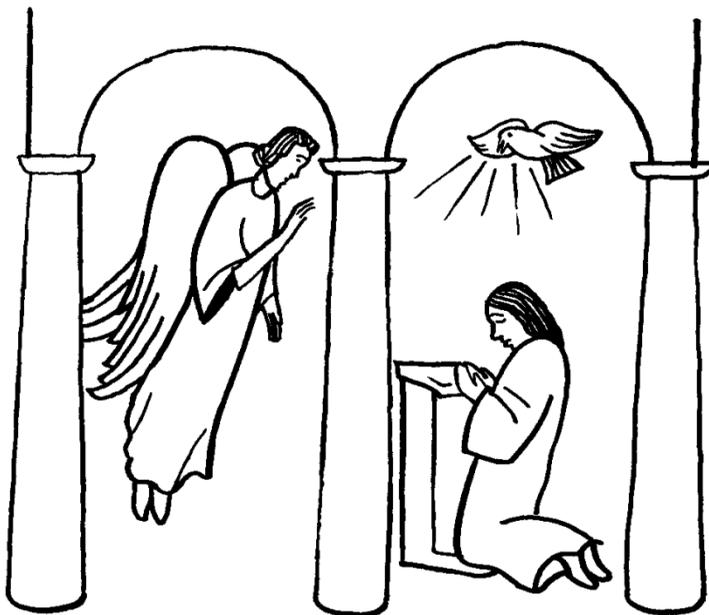


Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



REJOICE,
O HIGHLY FAVORED DAUGHTER

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 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)

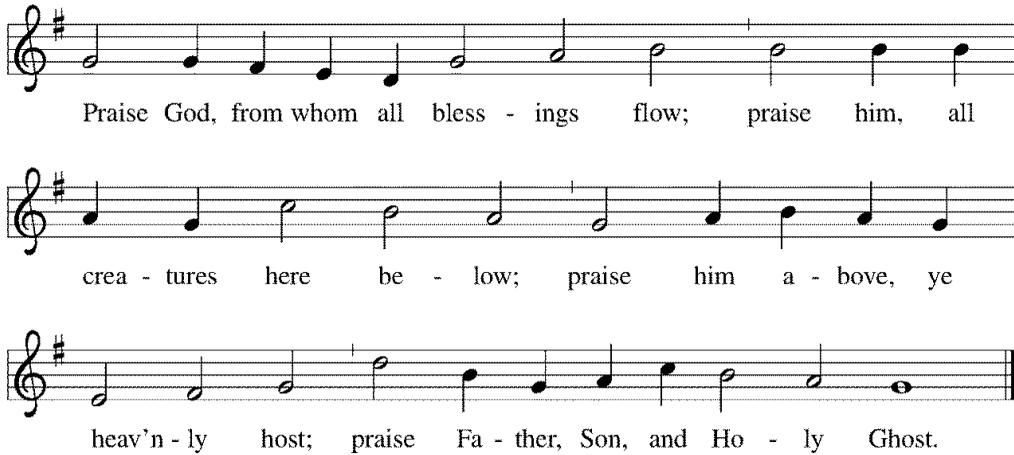
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” – Bells Duet
by Darlene Hedin and Michele Schortemeyer

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 HUNDREDDTH, 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.

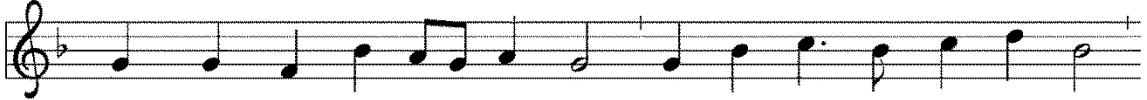
Silence is kept for reflection

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.

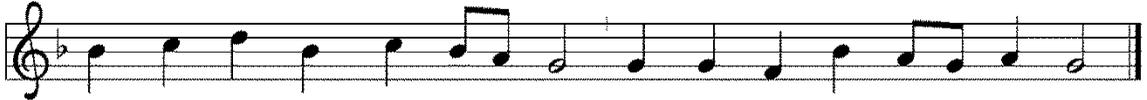
People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,
✠ comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.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

HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come” ELW 263



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

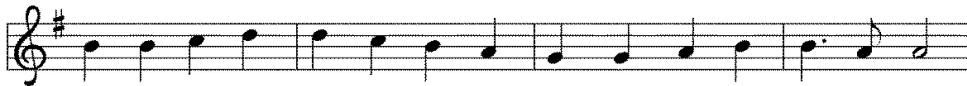
Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

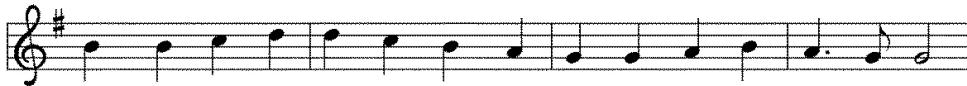
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

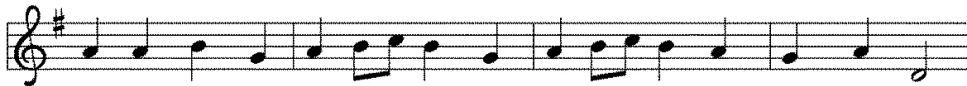
HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory Be to God in Heaven”



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 Four [insert]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.”

³Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me

and holy is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made to our forbears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Epistle Reading: Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING “What Child is This?” Bell Duet by
Darlene Hedin and Michele Schortemeyer

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.

MEAL

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.

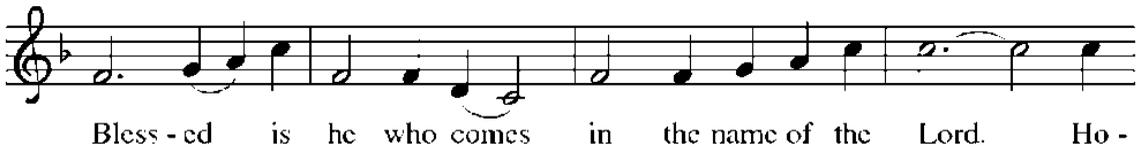
PREFACE

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy , mighty, and merciful Lord...
...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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

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.

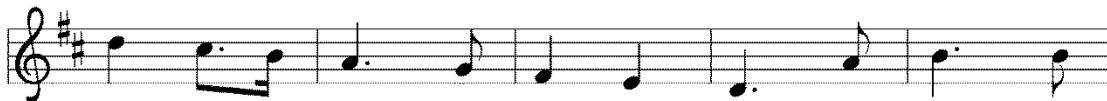
SENDING

BLESSING

HYMN

“Joy to the World”

ELW 267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Fredric & Beverly Brockschmidt in honor of their daughter, Catherine Rosentreter’s birthday, and by Norma Engle in memory of Bud Engle, her husband.

MUSICAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING TODAY
“What Child Is This?”
Bells Duet by Darlene Hedin & Michele

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS
Pr. Dennis, Linda and Michael Koch, Rose Drennen, Pam Dionne, Joann Frost, Pr. Bill Barrett, Shelly Fortin, Sandy Spicuzza, Sheila Mandell, Barbara Lauer, Eloise Mongardi, Sylvia Hartsfield, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Jeanette Jimenez, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carolyn & Ray Creager, Barb Johnson, Tom & Sue Fowler, Margaret Hehn, Paul Beefink, Anne Egan, Veronica Yonker and Ray.

Attendance last Sunday
Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube: 126
General Offering: \$5, 949.04

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

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

MONDAY
10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship (Outdoor)

FRIDAY
OFFICE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY



Zoom Coffee Hour
Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
www.zoom.com
Click “Join a Meeting”
Meeting ID: **717 6318 3316**
Passcode: **GSLC**

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. All articles/information for publication in the upcoming newsletter ***must*** be received by noon tomorrow. Please submit your article/information to gschurch@live.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – Our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service this year will be (weather permitting) an outdoor service which will take place in our parking lot at 6:00 p.m. We have an FM transmitter that will allow us to transmit our worship service over the radio to those who have gathered in the parking lot. It will be broadcast on your dial at 103.9 FM. If you would like, you may bring folding chairs and sit next to your car. We will be singing the hymn “*Silent Night*” by candlelight in the darkness of the parking lot. Because we will not be able to use regular wax candles, we have a supply of battery-operated candles that we will be using.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP – Join us for a special Christmas morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live and YouTube.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD COLLECTION – Food items collected for the SOS Food Pantry will be accepted Monday, December 28 and Tuesday, December 29 from 9:00a.m. to Noon. Contact Vera K. Swade for more information at 352-637-5308, or via email at vswade5016@aol.com.

