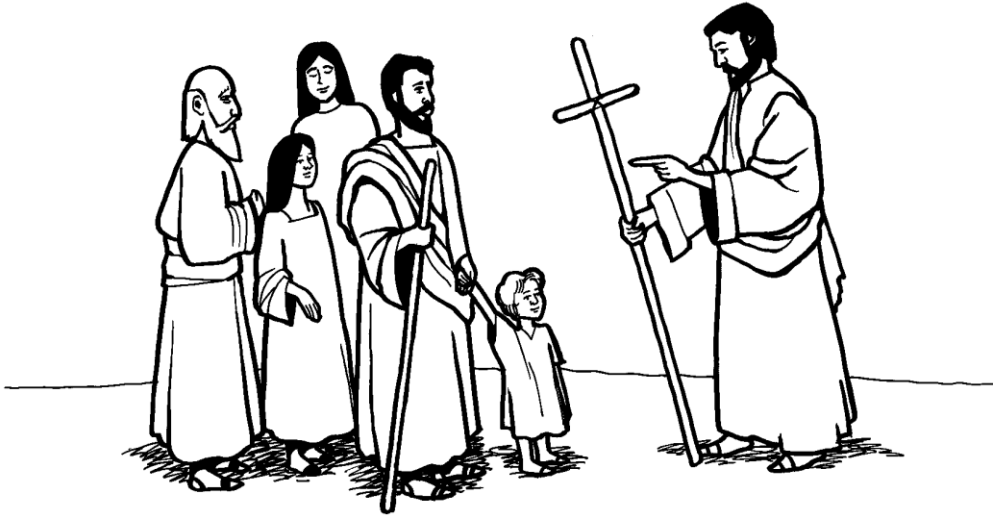


Welcome in the Name of Christ  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy  
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**WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME  
MUST DENY HIMSELF  
MK. 8:34**

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021**

**The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor**

Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons  
Renate Williams Slick, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist  
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

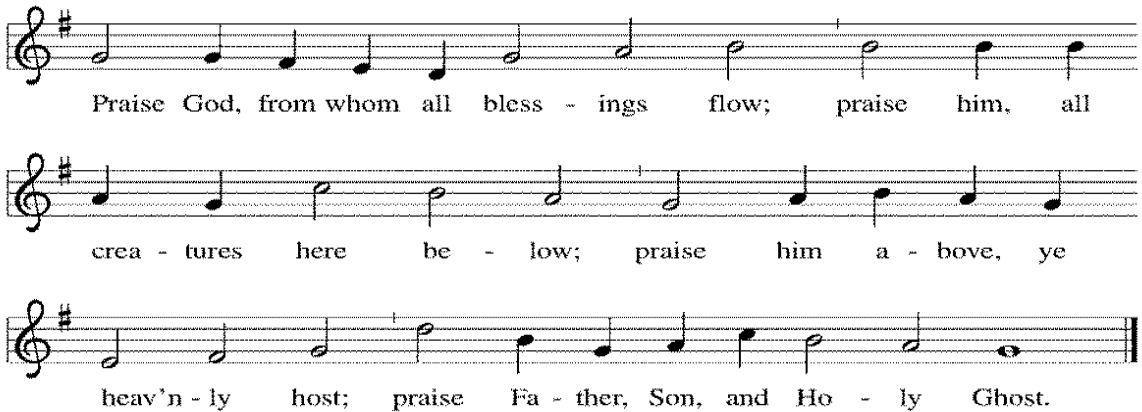
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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*All may make the sign, of the cross, the sign, marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**HYMN****“Lift High the Cross”****ELW #660**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

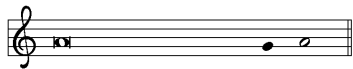
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**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



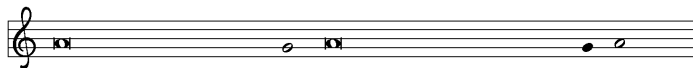
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



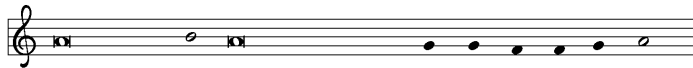
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

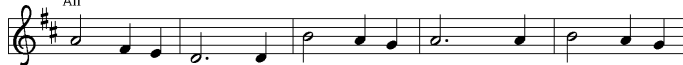
# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

### **PSALM: PSALM 116:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**  
<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me;  
the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**  
<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
<sup>6</sup>**The Lord watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.**  
<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the Lord has dealt well with you.  
<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**



<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

## **SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

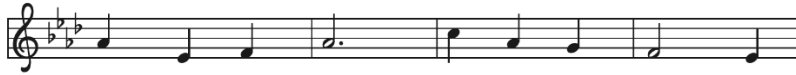
<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY “God’s Work Our Hands ” ACS #1000



1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God’s work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread’s on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God’s love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God’s love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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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 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:*

...Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers,*

**Amen.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:30 a.m. **“Day by Day”** – Early Morning Singers

11:00 a.m. – **“Gloryland Medley”** – Chancel Choir

## MEAL

### DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

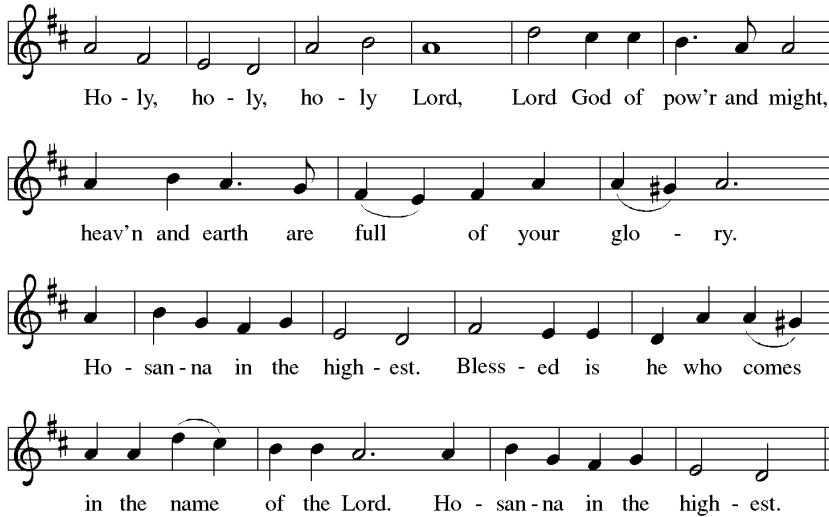
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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,  
who on this day overcame death and the grave  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS: 492, 638, 824, 759**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### SENDING

### BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



# HYMN

# “Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Deacon Rick Mainster, Deacon Bob Bonomo, Bob Fowler, and Lisbeth Goetter. Our sincere thanks to all!

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given by Diane Spengler in memory of John, Elaine and Steve Chalstrom and by Norma Engle in memory of Patricia Duff.

**MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY**

**8:30 a.m.** “Day by Day” – Early Morning Singers  
**11:00 a.m.** – “Gloryland Medley” – Chancel Choir

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Susan Fowler, Frank Wheatley, Gerri Fallanca, Gene Yoho, Todd Gaertner, Dorothy Mensing, Jeremy Page-Wood, Pr. Dennis, Linda & Michael Koch, Pam Dionne, Ilse Miles, Sheila Mandell, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carolyn Creager, Barb Johnson, Margaret Hehn, Bill Graham, Mireya Vera, Luna Bradford, Tommy & Rita Sillen, Karl Hertel, Joseph Dorwart, Alejandra Vukelich, Harper Wood, Pastor Felice Johnson, Pastor Frederick Ohseik, Pr. Bill Barrett, Heidi Rothmeyer, Steve Serafin, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Donna and Brian Brockschmidt, Cynthia Maska, Jacqui Watkins, Nancy & Mike Kamm, Luna Jade Gonzalez, and Nikki Robinette

*Attendance last Sunday*

*Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube: 145*

*General Offering: \$6, 614.50*

**THIS WEEK AT GSLC**

**SUNDAY**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**–

Worship

**8:30 a.m.** – Early Morning Singers,

**11:00 a.m.**- Chancel Choir

**MONDAY**

**10:00 a.m.**– Bible Study

**TUESDAY**

**6:30 p.m.** –Cub Scouts

**6:30 p.m.** - Bells

**WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

**10:00 a.m.**– Quilters

**6:30 p.m.** – Choir

**THURSDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

**FRIDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – Property Workday on grounds

## 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.

**COVID CHURCH PLANS UPDATE-** Due to the current rise in the number of COVID related illnesses in Citrus County *it is highly suggested by our church council* that everyone please wear a mask while in the building, especially those that are not adequately vaccinated.

**TODAY’S MUSICAL OFFERING** is “**Day by Day**” sung by the Early Morning Singers at the early service and “**Gloryland Medley**” by the chancel choir at the late service.

**BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Koch resumes tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Join him on Zoom as you continue to explore the scriptures. For more information, please contact pastor at [gslcpastor@ outlook.com](mailto:gslcpastor@outlook.com).

**W/ELCA COFFEE, TEA & COCOA** sales have been suspended to help promote safety during the spike in COVID numbers in our county. Sales will resume when we again return to our fellowship hour following services.

**QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. Please, contact Gerry Kauth at 637-2414 if you are unable to attend or for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** The Property Team is looking for helpers. If you have skills as a carpenter, plumber, electrician, or handyman, please give Harv Johnson a call at **352-270-0635**. Your help is needed even if you possess none of these skills but would be interested in helping.