

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



**There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars.**  
LK.21:25

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 28, 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

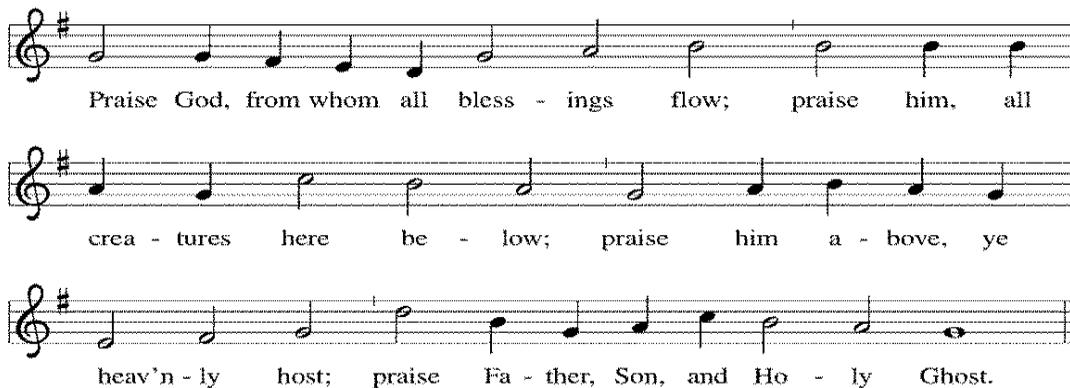
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

## 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 HUNDREDETH, 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,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,  
**in the presence of one another,**  
**we confess our sin before you.**  
**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**  
**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**  
**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**  
**We fear those different from ourselves.**  
**We forget that we are your children**  
**and turn away from your love.**  
**Forgive us, Blessed One,**  
**and assure us again of your saving grace.**  
**Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
✝ your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN

## “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW #244



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, 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'ring 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

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

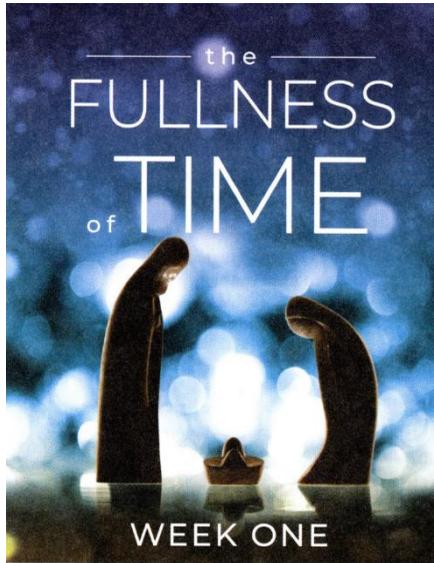
The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Advent Lighting Litany – Week One**

### **The Fullness of Time**

# TIME FOR FREEDOM



Melody ..... St. Thomas

The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.

- ℓ *For centuries, God's people waited for a Savior to make his presence known.*
- ☩ *But years passed without a sign.*
- ℓ *But in the fullness of time,*
- ☩ *Christ Jesus arrived on this earth.*
- ℓ *From heaven he came to be with us.*
- ☩ *He came just when we needed him most.*

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set his servants free.

ADVENT LITANIES

- ℓ *We who once were bound by sin for thousands of years, since the Fall in Eden*
- ☩ *Have now been set free from our bondage to sin by the birth of Christ.*
- ℓ *Now is the time to be unshackled by guilt and shame, greed and anger*
- ☩ *And be free to live in forgiveness and joy, peace and love.*

O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless hearts despise  
The peace he comes to bring.

- ℓ *We are free to be the people God created us to be and to use our time to his glory.*
- ☩ *We celebrate the days we have been given through Jesus and look toward the days to come in heaven with him.*

As judge of clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And his true members all unite  
With him in heav'n to reign.

*(Light one candle on the Advent wreath.)*

## TIME FOR FREEDOM

*(Daily Bible readings for the first week in Advent.)*

Sunday .....	Galatians 5:13-14
Monday .....	1 Peter 2:15-17
Tuesday .....	Galatians 4:3-5
Wednesday .....	Psalms 90:12
Thursday .....	Psalms 31:23-24
Friday .....	Romans 8:1-4
Saturday .....	Psalms 107:13-15

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HYMN OF PRAISE    Alabaré a mi Señor    V1, 3    WOV #791

*Refrain*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system is the refrain, which is repeated three times. The second system continues the refrain. The third system continues the refrain. The fourth system contains three verses of text. The fifth system continues the text from the fourth system.

A - la - ba - ré    a - la - ba - ré    a - la - ba -  
ré a mi Se - ñor.    A - la - ba - ré    a - la - ba -  
ré    a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.  
1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed, and  
2 Wor - thy is Christ . . . the Lamb who was slain, whose  
3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God, and  
all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.  
join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.

Thou - sands were pray - ing, ten thou - sands re - joic - ing, and  
 Pow - er and rich - es, and wis - dom and strength . . . and  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might . . . to

*Refrain*

all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
 hon - or and all bless - ing shall be his.  
 God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

Text: Manuel José Alonso and José Pagán; English text composite  
 Music: Manuel José Alonso, José Pagán  
 Spanish text and music © 1979 Manuel José Alonso, José Pagán, and Ediciones Musical PAX, admin. OCP Publications

ALABARÉ  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

### **PSALM: PSALM 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

V 1

G C Am<sup>7</sup> D C/G G

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;  
3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;  
4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;

G C Am<sup>7</sup> D C/G G

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia.  
he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia.  
I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

# HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

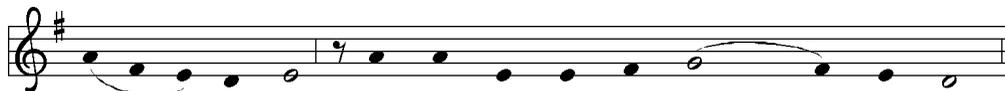
This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**



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,



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.

*The assembly stands*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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. “Gabriel’s Message”** – John Gifford, Soloist

**11:00– a.m. “Sing Noel”**– 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.

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

*Santo, santo, santo*



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te\_a - do - ra.*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to\_e - res Se - ñor.*  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy One, the beginning and the end...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We look with hope for his coming.

***Response:*** Come, Lord Jesus.

.... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

***Response:*** Come, Holy Spirit.

...one God, 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to Christ's banquet.

Feast on God's gift of grace.

# LAMB OF GOD

F C/E Dm F/A B $\flat$  F/C C

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a series of chords: F, C/E, Dm, F/A, Bb, F/C, and C. The bottom staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment for the chords. The lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your' are written below the staves.

F C F C/E Dm F/A

name; Je - sus, Lamb of God,

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff continues the melody with chords F, C, F, C/E, Dm, and F/A. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'name; Je - sus, Lamb of God,' are written below the staves.

B $\flat$  F/C C B $\flat$ /F F (.) B $\flat$ /C C

wor - thy is your name.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff concludes the melody with chords Bb, F/C, C, Bb/F, F (with a fermata), and Bb/C. The bottom staff concludes the accompaniment. The lyrics 'wor - thy is your name.' are written below the staves.

Text and music: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all"  
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COMMUNION HYMNS: 493, 423, 487, 685

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Blessed Jesus,  
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables  
and to share your gifts  
until that day when all feast together  
at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

## HYMN

## “Fling Wide the Door”

ELW #259



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weisdel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
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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 rejoice in the presence of each worshiper.  
Please visit 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, Deacon Rick Mainster, Joann Frost and Ginny Gopadze. Our Sincere thanks to all!

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY**

**8:30 a.m.** - “**Gabriel’s Message**”– Soloist, John Gifford

**11:00 a.m.**– “**Sing Noel**”– Chancel Choir

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kent Meltesen, Pat Bentley, Harv Johnson, Carolyn Wall, Bob Moll, Sauny Williams, Tom Fowler, Caiden Fowler, Frank Wheatley, Gerri Fallanca, Dorothy Mensing, Jeremy Page-Wood, Michael Koch, Ilse Miles, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Margaret Hehn, Bill Graham, Mireya Vera, Luna Bradford, Tommy & Rita Sillen, Karl Hertel, Joseph Dorwart, Alejandra Vukelich, Harper Wood, Heidi Rothmeyer, Steve Serafin, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Donna Brockschmidt, Billie Jean Chester, Jacqui Watkins, Nancy & Mike Kamm, Luna Jade Gonzalez, Nikki Robinette, Charlotte Clarke, Sandy Day, Arlene Mainster and Debi Wilson.

***Attendance last Sunday***

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

***General Offering: \$4,475.00***

**THIS WEEK AT GSLC  
SUNDAY**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Worship

**8:30 a.m.** – Solo, John Gifford

**11:00 a.m.**–Chancel Choir

**MONDAY**

**10:00 a.m.**– Bible Study

**TUESDAY**

**7:30 a.m.** – **Breakfast at Mama’s Kuntry Kafe**

**6:30 p.m.** – Cub Scouts

**6:30 p.m.** – Bells

**WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

**10:00 a.m.**– Quilters

**1:00 p.m.** – Newcomers Club

**6:30 p.m.** – Choir

**THURSDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

**9:30 a.m.** – Executive Council

**12:00 p.m.** – Pizza

**FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick-Up Day

**2:00 p.m.** WELCA ADVENT program and Cookie Exchange

## 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.

**TODAY’S MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30 a.m. “Gabriel’s Message”** – Solo, John Gifford.

**11:00 a.m. – “Sing Noel”** – Chancel Choir.

**BREAKFAST AT MAMA’S KUNTRY KAFE** in Inverness. Meet us Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and every Tuesday thereafter until further notice, at 7:30 a.m. for good food and fellowship. All are welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Koch continues tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Join him in-person or on Zoom as you focus on Advent. For more information, please contact pastor at [gslcpastor@outlook.com](mailto:gslcpastor@outlook.com).

**THE QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Gerry Kauth at 637-2412- for more information.

**PIZZA LUNCH** at 12:00p.m., December 4<sup>th</sup>, at Angelotti’s Pizza in Inverness. All are welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship the first Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Have some fun.

**THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** will meet Thursday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Dan Cashman at 419-4356 if you are unable to attend.

**W/ELCA ADVENT PROGRAM AND COOKIE EXCHANGE IS Saturday, December 4**

**THE ANGEL TREE** table is set up in the Narthex. Please visit before or after service to choose your angel(s) and receive the information that goes with it. For more information, contact Amy Gilbert 564-0387.

**LIFECARE SENIOR ANGEL TREE** is also available in the Narthex. Please stop by the table to pick up a tag and purchase a gift from the suggested list in the frame next to the tree. Contact Kathy Swartz or Bill Mehnert for more information.

**POINSETTIA FLOWERS** –50 poinsettia plants have been ordered this year to decorate the altar. The cost is \$10.75 per plant. If you would like to help decorate the altar, please take one envelope for each plant you wish to purchase and turn it in to the church office before December 15. Call Jane Isenstead at 513-4205 for more information.

**THANKOFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table in the narthex for you to express your gratitude by donating to the work of the Women of the ELCA. (Checks payable to WELCA.) Thank offering will be collected Sunday, November 28.

**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICK-UP** on Saturday, December 4 from 8:00 am until approximately 10:00 am. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 am and split into groups to pick up trash along Norvell Bryant Highway. Email Linda Koch at [LCK1164@gmail.com](mailto:LCK1164@gmail.com) or text her at 386-589-4727 if you would like to participate or if you have any questions. A special treat and some fun are in store during this pick-up to celebrate the end of our 2nd year keeping our roadways free of trash!

**ADVENT WORSHIP** Join us online on Facebook Live and You Tube for worship each Wednesday of Advent, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADVENT CALENDARS AND DEVOTIONALS** are available on the table in the Narthex. Please visit the table before or after worship and pick up a copy for your use during the Advent season.

