

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



Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 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

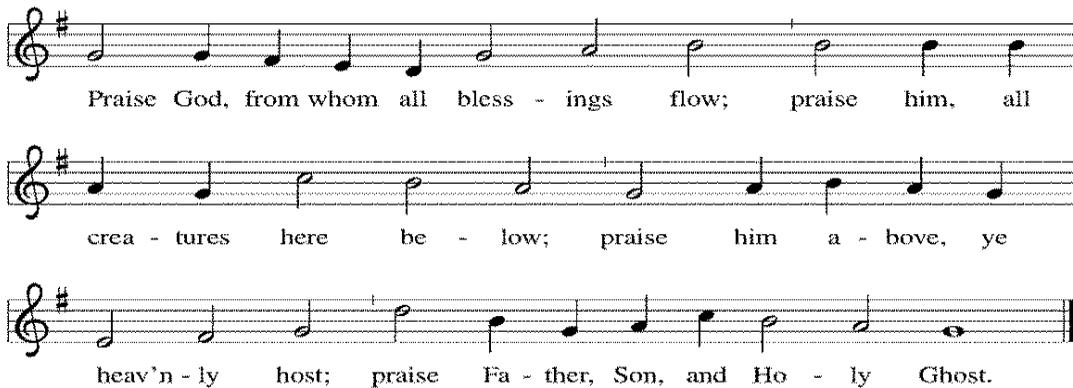
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

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

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

ELW #239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

APOSTOLIC GREETING

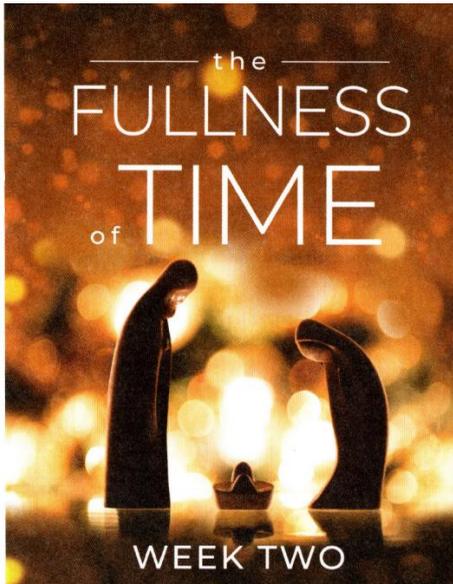
The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Advent Lighting Litany – Week Two

The Fullness of Time

TIME FOR SERVICE



Melody.....St. Thomas

The coming of the Lord
 Greets us with love outpoured.
 And we return the favor kind
 With deeds God's Word defined.

- ℓ *At long last, our Lord has come.*
- ☑ And we receive him with relief into this world and into our hearts and lives.
- ℓ *These tiny hands and little feet in the manger in Bethlehem will move to heal and bless and to travel to the places he is needed.*
- ☑ And through him we live and move and have our being today.

Christ Jesus came to be
 Our Servant faithfully.
 And we must now in service bring
 All glory to our King.

ADVENT LITANIES

- ℓ *Jesus came in his time quiet and lowly, as a helpless baby.*
- ☑ We come in our time to serve others in humbleness and gentleness.
- ℓ *With words of comfort and authority, our Lord spoke of the time yet to come when we would be with him forever.*
- ☑ We speak to one another in these days of the future promise of heaven that our Lord has promised to us.

In manger bed so small,
 Christ Jesus gives his call
 To spread the Good News everywhere
 In words and ways of care.

- ℓ *Jesus said he came to earth not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life for us.*
- ☑ We are servants of the King.

The gifts our Savior gave
 To seek and serve and save.
 Now let us in our acts of love
 Proclaim our Lord above.

(Light two candles on the Advent wreath.)

TIME FOR SERVICE

(Daily Bible readings for the second week in Advent.)

Sunday.....	Mark 10:42-45
Monday.....	Luke 19:1-11
Tuesday.....	Mark 1:40-42
Wednesday.....	Matthew 8:5-13
Thursday.....	Philippians 2:4-11
Friday.....	2 Corinthians 4:5-6
Saturday.....	1 Peter 4:10-11

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

Refrain



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.

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ALABARÉ
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

PSALM: LUKE 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our
enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**
⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**
⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

V 2

G C Am⁷ 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 Am⁷ 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 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” ELW#249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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. “Creators of The Stars of Night” – Lynn Bechdolt

11:00 a.m. “Angel Tidings”– 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.

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

F C F C/E Dm F/A

name; Je - sus, Lamb of God,

B \flat F/C C B \flat /F F B \flat /C C

wor - thy is your name.

Text and music: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all"
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COMMUNION HYMNS: 244, 256, 254

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

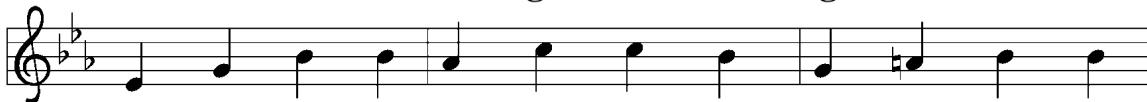
BLESSING

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

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

ELW #246



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
 down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 and with words of love draw near.
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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. - “Creator of The Stars of Night”– Soloist, Lynn Bechdolt
11:00 a.m.– “Angel Tidings”– Chancel Choir

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Stephanie Adams, 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: 172

General Offering: \$4, 121.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

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

Worship

8:30 a.m. – Solo, Lynn Bechdolt

11:00 a.m.– Chancel Choir

MONDAY

10:00 a.m.– Bible Study

TUESDAY

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship & Music

6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts

6:30 p.m. – Bells

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

6:30 p.m. – Advent Worship online
on Facebook Live and
You Tube only.

6:30 p.m. – Choir

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

3:00 p.m. – Council via Zoom

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. 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.

TODAY’S MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30 a.m. “Creator of The Stars of Night” – Solo, Lynn Bechdolt.

11:00 a.m. – “Angel Tidings” – Chancel Choir.

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.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **MUSICAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING** - We hope all will plan to be with us **next Sunday, December 12th** for a special Christmas Concert featuring the choir ensemble, bell/chime choir, brass ensemble, Linda Koch on keyboard and drum, John Gifford on guitar, Linda Koch, and Lynn Bechdolt vocal duet.
- **RENATE’S PIANO STUDENTS** will be in recital **next Sunday, December 12th** at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to come out to enjoy and encourage her students.

THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL will meet via Zoom, Thursday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Dan Cashman at 419-4356 if you are unable to attend.

THE CHILDREN’S 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.

SENIOR ANGEL TREE table is also set up in the Narthex. Please visit the table before or after worship and take a tag with items needed by seniors at Life Care Center in Lecanto.

POINSETTIA FLOWERS –A few envelopes remain to purchase plants to help decorate the altar for the Christmas season. 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.

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.



*Second Sunday
of Advent*