

Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 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

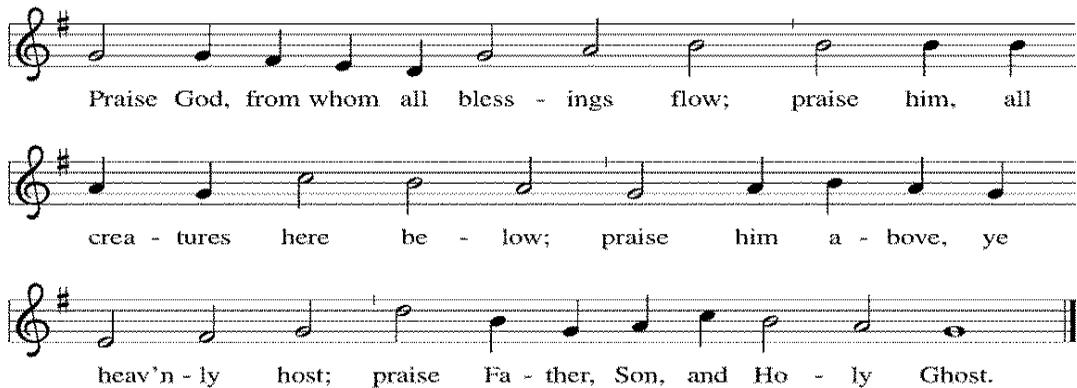
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

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 “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” ELW #251



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low-ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

APOSTOLIC GREETING

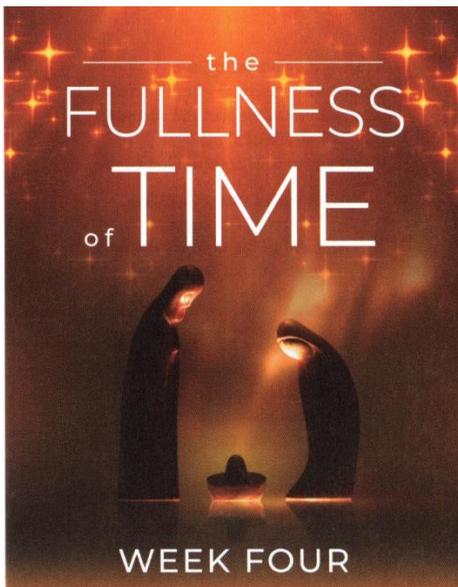
The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Advent Lighting Litany – Week Four

The Fullness of Time

TIME FOR PATIENCE



Melody.....St. Thomas

We wait for Christ to be
Our King eternally.
With saints below and saints above
We hunger for his love.

- ℓ *The days are passing by,*
- ☐ The time is drawing near,
- ℓ *For the Savior to be born.*
- ☐ Unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given.
- ℓ *From his fullness we have all received*
- ☐ Grace upon grace, in due time.

In God's good timing blest,
Dear Jesus comes to rest
On strands of straw in manger bed.
"For unto us," God said.

ADVENT LITANIES

- ℓ *Awaiting the glory yet to be,*
- ☐ We marvel at the many whom God chose to become a part of his plan and purpose.
- ℓ *With Elizabeth and Mary,*
- ☐ We spend our time praising God's name.

With voices strong and clear,
We say to far and near
All favor of the Lord is shown
Henceforth in Christ alone.

- ℓ *With Zechariah and Joseph,*
- ☐ We quietly expect the promise declared.

We praise the very Gift
Which our lives now uplift.
In ev'ry time, in ev'ry hour
We magnify Christ' pow'r.

(Light four candles on the Advent wreath.)

TIME FOR PATIENCE

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

- Sunday.....James 5:7-8
- Monday.....Psalm 40:1-3
- Tuesday.....Hebrews 11:1-3
- Wednesday.....Psalm 130:4-6
- Thursday.....Romans 13:11-12
- Friday.....Luke 2:1-20
- Saturday.....John 1:1-18

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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, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

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all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
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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
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ALABARÉ
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: MICAH 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

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 forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices
and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according
to the law), ⁹then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes
the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God’s will that we have
been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

V 4

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 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" V1-4 ELW#257



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. “Now the Heavens Start to Whisper” – Early Morning Singers
11:00– a.m. “Joy To The World, Hallelujah”– 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 and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The music consists of chords and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your".

F C F C/E Dm F/A

name; Je - sus, Lamb of God,

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music continues with chords and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "name; Je - sus, Lamb of God,". There are slurs over the vocal line in both 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 is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music concludes with chords and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "wor - thy is your name.". There is a fermata over the final note in both staves.

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

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.



- 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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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, Margot Berger and Shelly Fortin. Our Sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Beverly Brockschmidt in honor of her daughter, Catherine Rosentreter and by Mary Wagner in memory of Richard, Randy and Wesley Wagner.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

8:30 a.m. -“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”- Early Morning Singers

11:00 a.m.- “Joy To The World, Hallelujah”- 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, Nancy & Mike Kamm, Luna Jade Gonzalez, Nikki Robinette, Charlotte Clarke, Sandy Day, Arlene Mainster, Nancy O’Malley, Elisabeth Britt Busler, Steve Busler and Debi Wilson.

Attendance last Sunday

Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube: 172

General Offering: \$5,155.50

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

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

Worship

11:00 a.m.- Chancel Choir

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Greening of the Church

1:30 p.m.- Social Ministry

TUESDAY

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

6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

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

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m – SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Workday on grounds

5:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Worship

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.

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11:00 a.m. – “Joy to The World, Hallelujah” – Chancel Choir.

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Koch is currently on break and will resume studies Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Join him in-person or on Zoom. For more information, please contact pastor at gsllcpastor@outlook.com.

ADVENT WORSHIP – Join us for our final Advent worship service Wednesday, **December 22** at 6:30 p.m. on Facebook Live and You Tube.

SENIOR ANGEL TREE Today is the deadline for returning your senior gifts. Please contact Kathy Swartz for more information.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH will take place tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. If you are free and looking for something to do, please consider joining us for a fun time as we decorate the church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – Join us at 5:30 p.m. for our candlelight and communion worship service.

CHRISTMAS DAY- Service at 10:00 a.m.



*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

WORSHIP WITH US

CANDLELIGHT AND HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

5:30 PM



CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM

