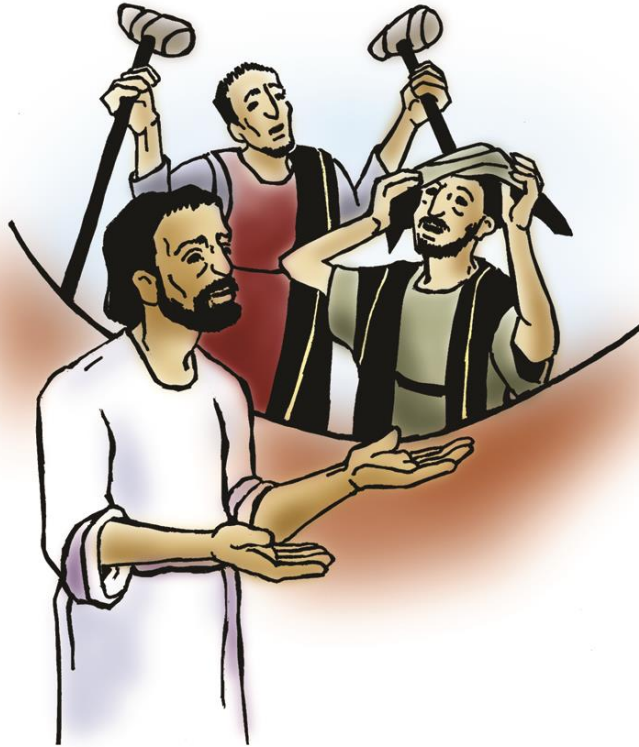


Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor

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

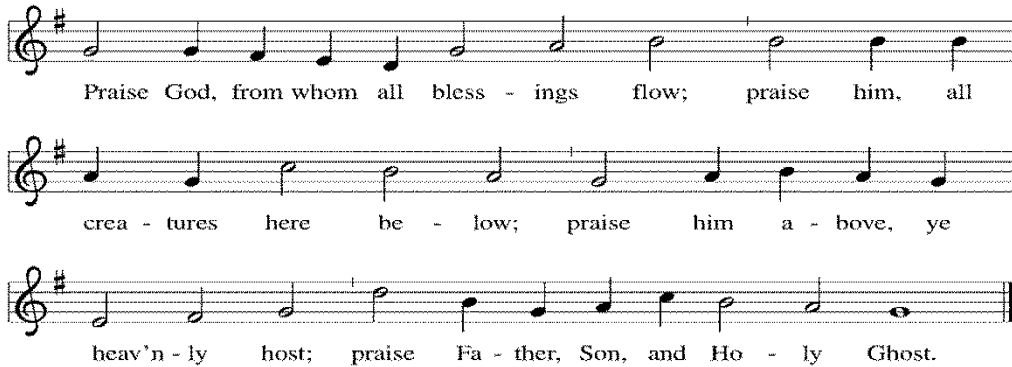
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

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 Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,

and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch,

a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✝ Christ,

and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

"Prepare the Royal Highway" ELW #264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain

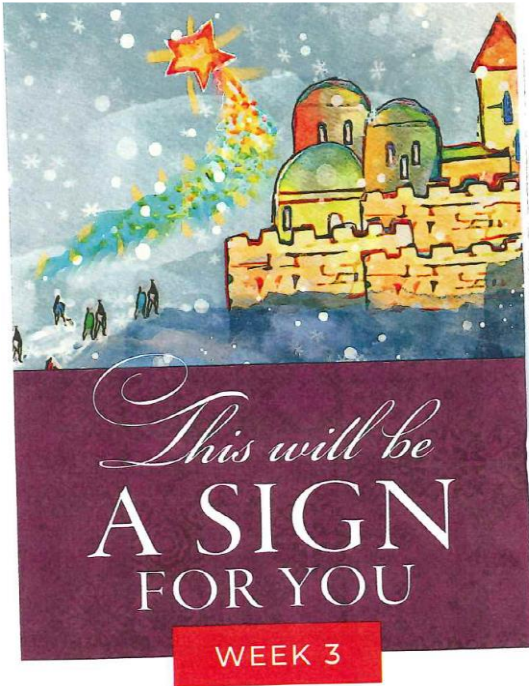
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Advent Litany Insert – Week Three

To the tune of “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist Cry”

THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU



- ℒ *We are designed by God to serve as reflections of the great gratitude we have for Jesus.*
- ☩ Let our lives be filled with thanksgiving.
- ℒ *The journey Jesus took from cradle to cross for us inspires us to express our excitement.*
- ☩ Let the sinless life of Christ and his sacrifice for our sins lift our spirits up to him.

At birth Christ laid in manger bed.
By Spirit of our God he led
A perfect life that we might be
Forgiven for eternity.

- ℒ *Each moment of our lives is a gift to be enjoyed because it has come to us through Christ.*
- ☩ Let us receive his goodness with gladness.

In Christ we are made new each morn
For our salvation he was born.
In heaven we will shout “Amen.”
There will be no more sorrow then.

(Light three candles on the Advent wreath.)

SIGN OF CELEBRATION

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

- Sunday Nehemiah 8:9-12
- Monday 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
- Tuesday Hebrews 13:1-8
- Wednesday 1 Corinthians 2:9-13
- Thursday Philippians 2:5-11
- Friday Ezekiel 37:24-28
- Saturday Colossians 1:15-20

Melody.....Puer Nobis

The joy of Jesus is our song.
We praise and love him all along
In word and deed and thought and way
He is our constant ev'ry day.

- ℒ *Mary sang to God for the precious gift of Jesus as a sign to celebrate him.*
- ☩ We open our mouth to rejoice in him.
- ℒ *From generation to generation, the praise continues for the Lord.*
- ☩ Let every tongue bless his name.
- ℒ *The whole earth is filled with God’s glory.*
- ☩ Holy is the Lord.

Almighty is the Lord, God’s Son,
Who over death has vict’ry won.
With happy hearts and voices clear
We celebrate that Christ is here.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 257

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Vss1 & 4)



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-joyce! Re-joyce!
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.

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL OFFERING

“CHRISTMAS IS COMING”

READING: ISAIAH 11:1-5

“Christmas Is Coming” - Chancel Choir and Bell Choir

“Messiah Come” – Faith Skelonis - violin

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

“Look Who Just Checked in” – Chancel Choir

“Gesù Bambino” – Wendy Wolber, flute

“Jingle Bells” – Children’s Bells

READING: Luke 2:1-7 (Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem)

“Calypso Carol” - Chancel Choir

“Christmas Reflections” – Bell Choir

READING: LUKE 2:8-18 (the shepherds and angels)

“Do You Hear What I Hear?” - John Gifford

“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child- Chancel Choir

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” – Sally Hennessey and Renate Williams

“Away in the Manger/Angels We Have Heard on High” – Brass

READING: Titus 2:11-14

“Season of Peace” – Chancel Choir

CLOSING – ROMANS 15:5-7

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

THE CHOIR

SOPRANO

Sue Buldiger
Cathy Forrest
Ginny Gopadze
Darlene Hedin
Dianne Johnson
Linda Koch
Ann Serafin
Martie Zarcharczyk

ALTO

Lynn Bechdolt
Cindy Gaertner
Lisbeth Goetter
Dianne Kohm
Ann Neville
Diane Spengler
Susie Steinour
Wendy Wolber

TENOR

Carol Lee Johnson
Diane Meltesen
Sue Okimoto

BASS

Bob Fowler
Jane Isenstead
Kent Meltesen
Thomas Okimoto
Dell Peterson

BELL/CHIME CHOIR

Holly Anderson	Linda Koch
Dorothea Atallah	Faith Skelonis
Nina Giglio	Sandy Spencer
Dianne Johnson	Cori Welbes
Dianne Kohm	Wendy Wolber

BRASS

Roger Johnson
Art Kraft
Rick Mainster

FLUTE

Wendy Wolber

VIOLIN

Faith Skelonis

GUITAR/VOCAL

John Gifford

MEDIA CENTER AUDIO/VISUAL ENGINEERING

Joe Adams
John Gifford
Fran Stetson

The assembly stands

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:*

...God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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 *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

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, who has come to save you.

"Lamb Of God: Your Only Son" (Vs 2)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

TFF 43 Come By Here

ELW 239 Hark, the Glad Sound

ELW 253 He Came Down

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be
fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.



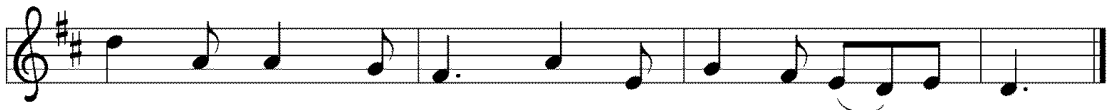
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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DISMISSAL

Christ is near! Go in peace, serve the Lord. And have fun doing it!

Thanks be to God.

*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

Deacons: Robert Bonomo, Rick Mainster

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Ann Serafin in memory of her mom, Isobel Bell.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

“Christmas Is Coming”

8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir Musical Offering

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Janet Burfeindt, Lynn Bechdolt, Karis Geisteld, Bruce & Lyndsey Wilson, June Dreger-Parsons, Sean Skelonis, Nancy Gomes, Denise Costa, Carol Seefeld, Sue Buldiger, Bob Moll, Michael Koch, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Dave Boerger, Mireya Vera, Rita Skillen, Karl Hertel, Heidi Rothmeyer, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Donna Brockschmidt, Nancy Kamm, Nancy O’Malley, Josie Ferrell, Judy Harper, Sarah and Harry Robertson, Tim Nine, Shona Donegan, Donna & Craig Simpson, Paul Bradford, Antoinette Magri, Daryl Hickman, Dell Peterson, Christopher Hulbert, Donna Schwarz, Elaine Campoli, Eloise Fidell, Jean Burns, Muriel Bochnak, Bill Scott, Kathy Bernard, Anthony Corsino, Sandy Lapointe, Lori Pollard, Daniel, Ally Coraggio, Erin LaRoque, Madison Wolfe Anastasia Peterson.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

In-Person 143, Facebook Live & You Tube: 36 Total: 179

General Offering: \$7,345.00

**THIS WEEK AT GSLC
SUNDAY**

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

Worship

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.–

Chancel Choir Christmas
Musical Offering

MONDAY

10:00 a.m.– Bible Study

1:30 p.m.– Fellowship

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

5:30 p.m. – Advent Dinner
and Worship

7:00 p.m. – Choir

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m – SOS

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 CHRISTMAS MUSICAL OFFERING – "Christmas Is Coming" presented by the chancel choir, bell/chime choir, brass ensemble, guitar, violin, flute.

RENATE'S PIANO STUDENTS will be in recital this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Koch continues tomorrow morning. Join him in-person at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact pastor at gslcpastor@outlook.com.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will meet tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Betty Sanger for more information at 527-1630.

ADVENT DINNER AND WORSHIP – This year's mid-week Advent time together will include dinner, readings, devotions and an activity. Please join us Wednesday, December 14th. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex. The activity each week will be the creation of Jesse Tree ornaments.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will take place next Sunday, December 18th between service due to Christmas falling on the 4th Sunday.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the following upcoming events/services:

- **A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** – Sunday, December 18th at the home of Pastor Dennis and Linda from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- **GREENING OF THE CHURCH** – Sunday, December 18th following the second service. Volunteers needed.
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE** – Candlelight and Holy Communion Service at 5:30PM
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY** – Single Worship Service at 10:00AM

POINSETTIA FLOWERS –A few envelopes remain to purchase plants to help decorate the altar for the Christmas season. The cost is \$11.00 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 18th. Call Jane Isenstead at 513-4205 for more information.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH takes place Sunday, December 18th following the second service. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office for more information at 746-7161.

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.

PASTOR DENNIS AND LINDA invite you to a Christmas Open House at their home on Sunday, December 18 from 2 pm - 5 pm. All are invited to drop in for some goodies and fellowship. The Kochs are providing all the food and beverages, so please do not bring anything. Your presence will be a present! The address is 224 W. Romany Loop in the Laurel Ridge plan off of Forest Ridge Boulevard in Beverly Hills.

