

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor

Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons

Renate Williams, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist

Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

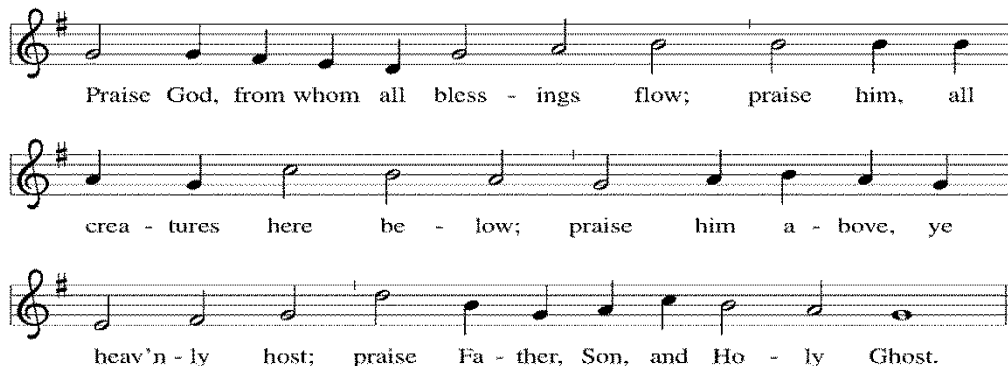
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

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

ELW 251

"MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESSES"



- 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

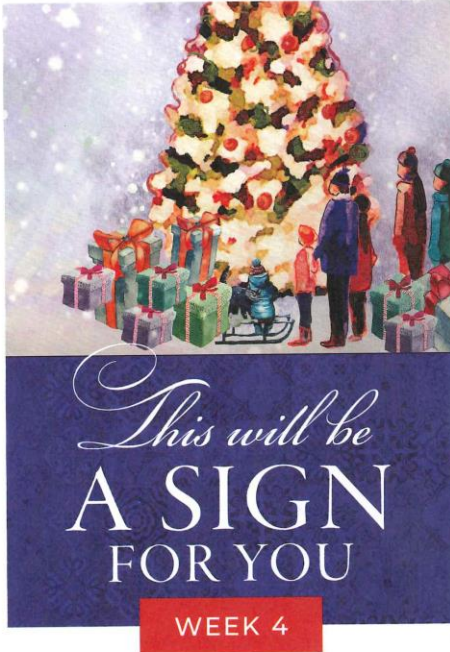
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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Advent Litany Insert – Week Four

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

THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU



Melody Puer Nobis

The time has come to welcome him,
Who shines a light on all things dim,
Who brightens ev'ry dark within
To free the world from death and sin.

- ℒ *In Christ our faith is confirmed.*
- ☑ *In Christ who is born, we shall be saved.*
- ℒ *In swaddling clothes and lying in a manger,*
- ☑ *Baby Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophet's words.*
- ℒ *Unto us a life of promise has begun.*
- ☑ *Unto us a life with God will be restored.*

He is the way, the truth, the life,
He is our helper in all strife.
He makes us children of our God.
He goes with us, each road we trod.

- ℒ *The angels sang glory to God in the highest.*
- ☑ *We see the glory in God's Son.*
- ℒ *The shepherds ran to Bethlehem to find Jesus.*
- ☑ *We find Jesus in our very hearts.*

In Bethlehem on that cold night,
A star shone bright with heav'ns light.
The sky declared the news we know:
That Jesus came to earth below.

- ℒ *Mary and Joseph held Jesus in their arms.*
- ☑ *We hold Jesus in our thoughts and prayers.*

We marvel that the Lord is here.
He comes to bring the world good cheer.
Our Savior, Christ, at last arrives.
Our faith in him forever thrives.

(Light four candles on the Advent wreath.)

SIGN OF CONFIRMATION

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

Sunday.....	John 14:1-7
Monday.....	Galatians 4:4-6
Tuesday.....	1 John 3:1-3
Wednesday.....	Acts 17:28-31
Thursday.....	Luke 2:1-4
Friday.....	Luke 2:5-6
Saturday.....	Luke 2:7-20

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-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.

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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

PSALM: PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and
Manasseh,**

stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,**

how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;

give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his

name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 246 (Vs 1)



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 - spect - 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

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Messiah Come" – Faith Skelonis [8:30]

"Look Who Just Checked In" – Chancel Choir [11:00]

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:

ELW 239 Hark, the Glad Sound

TFF 43 Come By Here

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.

HYMN

ELW #263

“Savior of the Nations, Come”



- 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

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
Lectors: Margot Berger and Ginny Gopadze

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Thelma Ewell in honor of her birthday and by Norma Engle in memory of Bud Engle.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

8:30 – Faith Skelonis, violin
11:00 - Chancel Choir

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Karen Benefiel, 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 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 198, Facebook Live: 25, You Tube: 17
Total: 240
General Offering: 4,105.00

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

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast at

Mama’s

Kuntry Kafe

6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

10:00 a.m. – Quilters

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 MUSICAL OFFERING "Messiah Come" – Faith Skelonis, violin [8:30]

"Look Who Just Checked In" – Chancel Choir [11:00]

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will take place today, December 18th between services since Christmas is next Sunday. Please see Kathy Metz for more information.

A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE – This afternoon, at the home of Pastor Dennis and Linda from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. 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.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH – Today, 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. Today is the last day to order. Call Jane Isenstead at 513-4205 for more information.

