

SHEPHERD OF THE DESERT
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2, 2018

Mission:

"Created, Redeemed and Called by God, we reach out to all, by sharing our gifts and the unconditional love of Jesus."

Vision:

"To be an intergenerational congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world"

Welcome to Worship at Shepherd of the Desert

Please stand as you are able when noted.

Preludes

Lorraine Miller, Organist

Words of Welcome and Ministry Moments

Pastor Daniel Defassio

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Great and Holy One,

**C in this time of waning daylight,
we confess the shadows of sin in our lives.
We build ourselves up at the expense of others.
We rely on our own efforts to make our lives secure.
Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay.
Come to restore us in your image,
remake us into your people,
and rebuild what sin has broken,
that we and the whole creation may rejoice. Amen.**

P Fear not, people of God:
the Almighty has done great things for us.
God casts away our sin from us
and makes of us a new creation.

In † Jesus Christ, God comes to set you free.
Take heart in the tender compassion of our God.

C Amen.

P Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship. . .

⦿ Hymn

"Hark, The Glad Sound"

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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

⦿ Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

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Kyrie

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Musical Offering Chancel Choir "Prepare Ye"

Marc Robinson

1st Reading

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name - "The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

⦿ Lighting of the Advent Candle "As the Deer"

Nystrom

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.

You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;

you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Light the first candle.

Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

P We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C **Amen.**

2nd Reading

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

‡ Gospel Verse "Alleluia"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st Chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

‡ Holy Gospel

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

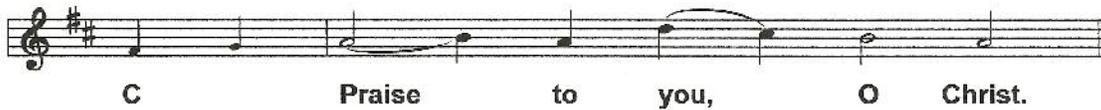
Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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

³⁴“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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta
Director for Evengelical Mission,
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⦿ Hymn of the Day "Hark, A Thrilling Voice"

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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

SUN - Affirmation of Baptism (see insert, worship continues at the Sharing of the Peace pg 10.)

⦿ **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 the Gathered Community

- A As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.
- A Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Grow our faithfulness and let your steadfast love blossom among us. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Sustain your creation, holy God. Water the parched soil. Restore depleted fields. Send farmers, forest rangers, and gardeners to care for fig trees and wheat fields, gardens and arbore-tums. Increase our love for the land. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Move us to nurture those who are bereaved and lonely. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

A Increase our joy, wondrous God. Plant thanksgiving in our hearts and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries and creation care programs (*especially*). Guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in your glory. Hold all who mourn in the comfort of your eternal light, and bring us to delight in the new life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠ Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you.

Offertory - *You may share your offerings as you come forward for Holy Communion.*
The Hunger Jar is also available.

✠ Offertory Prayer

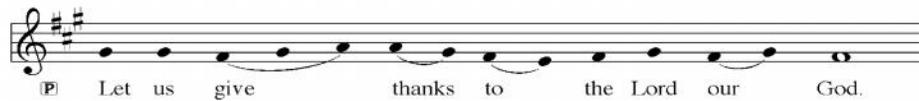
A Savior of the nations, come.

Make your home here in us.

Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.

C Amen.

✠ Great Thanksgiving



✠ Preface

It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in
all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho-ly Fa-ther, al-might-y
and ev - er - liv - ing God. You comforted your people with the promise
of the Re - deem - er, through whom you will also make all things new in
the day when he comes a - gain to judge the world in righ - teous - ness.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we
praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

‡ Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

‡ Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

‡ 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.

‡ Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

Distribution - by continuous tables. All baptized Christians who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at Christ's table at Shepherd of the Desert. Please follow the directions of the ushers as you come forward to the altar rail by the center aisle. You may kneel if you are able. Gluten Free wafer are available...let the Pastor know by raising your index finger when served. Grape juice may be substituted for wine if you let your server know by raising your index finger as you are served. Once you have been served, you then may return to your seat by the side aisles. You may also share your offerings as you come forward for Holy Communion. Railing cloths are a reminder that area is reserved for the infirm and handicap. The Hunger Jar is also available.

‡ Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in His grace.
C Amen.

‡ Post Communion Hymn "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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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

‡ Post Communion Prayer

A Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

‡ Blessing

P God most high, God with us, God poured out on us,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

‡ Dismissal

A Go in peace. Bring good news to the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Daily Scripture Readings for the Week of - December 3 - December 9

Monday, December 3, 2018:	Psalm 90	Numbers 17:1-11	2 Peter 3:1-18
Tuesday, December 4, 2018:	Psalm 90	2 Samuel 7:18-29	Revelation 22:12-16
Wednesday, December 5, 2018:	Psalm 90	Isaiah 1:24-31	Luke 11:29-32
Thursday, December 6, 2018:	Luke 1:68-79	Malachi 3:5-12	Philippians 1:12-18a
Friday, December 7, 2018:	Luke 1:68-79	Malachi 3:13-18	Philippians 1:18b-26
Saturday, December 8, 2018:	Luke 1:68-79	Malachi 4:1-6	Luke 9:1-6
Sunday, December 9, 2018:	Luke 1:68-79	Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

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