

LOVE ADVENT



hope ~ love ~ joy ~ peace

4th Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021
10:30am Parish Hall

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Welcome to All!

*Mission: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

Worship Protocol

Please stay home if you are sick.
Face masks are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to avoid COVID spread.
We have masks if you need one.
You are encouraged to converse with each other **OUTSIDE**.
Ushers will direct you to your seat.
Worshippers in the same household may sit together.
Communion elements are prepackaged.
After the benediction, please follow instructions for dismissal.

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HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. Currently, we are offering pre-packaged communion supplies. Please pick these up as you walk in.

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

Please silence cell phones

Gathering Song

Light One Candle

Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He Comes!

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy,
Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Bethl'em's baby boy.

Light one candle for love,
One bright candle for love,
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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 in the presence of
God and of one another.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

Light four candles.

Light One Candle

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Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He is coming, tell the glad tidings.

Let your lights be shining

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Prayer of the Day

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

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

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."]

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn, so from
east to west shall my name be blest. Could
the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me, and your
mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be. Your very name
puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to
flight, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away
all tears, for the dawn draws near,

and the world is about to turn.

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor
shall weep no more, for the food they can
never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry
mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away
all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy
must deliver us from the conqueror's
crushing grasp. This saving word that our
forebears heard is the promise which holds us
bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed
by God, who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away
all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

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 the People

Hear us O God,
Your mercy is great.

Offering

Offering Song

What Can't Wait

Love can't wait; she beckons brightly, saving, sealing us to grace.
God disperses ev'ry mercy to redeem the human race.
Love requires imagination, truth and courage, risk and trust.
Love renews the whole creation; grows the grains up from the dust.

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Offering Prayer

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

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.*

Communion

Communion Song

My soul proclaims your greatness, O
God, and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your
servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.

Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,
Strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one,
humbling the proud of heart.

You have cast the mighty down from
their thrones,
And up lifted the humble of heart.
You have filled the hungry with
wondrous things,

Magnificat

And left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful
One,
strong is your justice, strong your love.
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham,
kindness forever more.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O
God,
and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your
servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.

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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.

Amen.

Closing Song

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ our Saviour
was born upon this day
To save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray

O, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O, tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father
this blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born

the Son of God by name

O, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O, tidings of comfort and joy

O, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign

O, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light

Glorious now, behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Hallelujah! Hallelujah,
Worshipping God most high

O, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright

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Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing
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Good News

Dismissal

For those that are able we will be doing this dismissal at the Food Pantry for the Christmas distribution and blessing of the food.

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

We Are Grateful to These Volunteers:

Assisting Minister –Devorah Jakubowsky
Greeters – Clifford & Joann Damstorm
Altar Guild – Doug & Randa Nowotny
Chapel Greeter – Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing

Next Week's Volunteers:

Assisting Minister – Charla Dubes
Greeters – Clifford & Joann Damstorm
Altar Guild - Doug & Randa Nowotny
Chapel Greeter - Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing

Sotaria Praise Band

A/V Techs - Martin Jakubowsky, Clint Fletcher, Dave Gifford

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FREE Prayer Shawls: Do you know someone who is sick or hospitalized or grieving the loss of a loved one? Maybe you know someone celebrating new life or graduation or marriage? Whatever the reason, please consider giving them a free hand-knitted or crocheted prayer shawl as a tangible expression of care and support. You may select from the shawls located in the craft room. A gift bag, card and tissue paper are provided for your convenience. Thank you for your consideration!

Adopt an ILDS classroom: We are so thankful for our ILC Day School Teachers! Let's show them our love through the holidays by adopting a classroom. Stop by the Parish Hall Christmas Tree (to the left) and pick a classroom ornament containing their need list items. Last day to drop gifts off is January 4th. This can be done anonymously or not, just be sure to include the ornament so we know which class to give the items to. Give the gift of education and learning fun to the children at the Day School!!!

Upcoming Services

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| Blue Christmas | December 21, 2021, at 7pm Sanctuary. This will be a prayer and healing service for those grieving/suffering during the holidays. |
| Christmas Eve | 4:30pm & 7pm in the Sanctuary |
| Christmas Day | 10 am in the Sanctuary |