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Welcome To Worship, we are glad you are here and happy to welcome you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Please fill out the connect card in the pew and place it in the offering plate ~ we would like to know you worshipped with us. Children's activity bags are available from the tree stand in the narthex. The nursery is available for parents to use, and it does have a changing table and rocker.

If you would like to explore a deepening faith relationship with Jesus Christ within the fellowship of our assembly, please speak with the Pastor.

Please check in with your favorite social media apps as you silence cell phones and electronic devices in preparation for worship.

Mission Statement

Reaching up, reaching out, and reaching in with faith and love.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Love Came Down at Christmas* Nigel Williams

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,

in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through ✝ Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

Gathering

GATHERING HYMN *Unexpected & Mysterious* ELW 258
(using tune #254)

GREETING

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

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.

The assembly is seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG *We Light the Advent Candles*

We light the Advent candles
against the winter night,
to welcome our Lord Jesus
who is the world's True Light,
to welcome our Lord Jesus
who is the world's True Light.

Four candles burning brightly
announce that Christ has come,
prepare, my heart, believe it,
and give the Christ child room,
prepare, my heart, believe it,
and give the Christ child room.

Sharing of the Word

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

May this Word of the Lord help you know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – read responsively

Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

⁴⁷ my 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:

⁴⁹ you, 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.**

⁵¹ You 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.**

⁵³ You 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,**

⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

May this Word of the Lord help you know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The first staff is in 6/8 time and features a melodic line for the cantor and a response line for the assembly. The second staff continues the melody with similar parts. The third staff concludes the piece, including a change in time signature to 3/8 and then 6/8, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Al-le-lu ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu ia, al-le-lu-ia.' on the first staff; 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' on the second staff; and 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' on the third staff.

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GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

May this Gospel of the Lord help you know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Kevin

Silence for reflection follows the message.

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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of intercession: **Amen***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

Sharing of the Meal

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS - at this time, please take a moment, if you feel called and are able, to make a financial contribution to the ministry of Zion.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, My Light

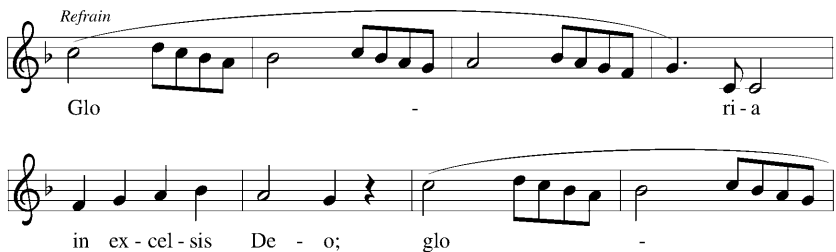
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain



Glo - ri - a

in - ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en 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.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
 our Salvation and our Hope,
 we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
 you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages
 your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the
 suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to the table by Christ's invitation. Should you prefer a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the pastor.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Interlude No. 3* Paul A. Tate

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,

for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

Sending Out

GOD MOMENTS

ZEST FOR ZION

BLESSING

The assembly stands.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Savior of the Nations, Come* ELW 263

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

On Our Way Rejoicing

Frances B. Havergal/arr. Lani Smith

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- Gina Campbell – Happy Birthday to my granddaughter, Emma, on her 5th birthday December 22.
- Laura Turko in loving memory of her son, Tommy Bakie, and her father, Allen Baldwin.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of the church especially to those serving this weekend ...

Greeter is Clint Roderick, III.

Usher

Assisting Minister is Mike Mummert.

Offering Counters for this weekend are Lori Heathcote, Kathy Glass and Linda Doyle.

