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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Luke 1:41-42

*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.*

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FM 88.9

Thank you for joining our service today.

*This worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.
You may stand during worship with asterisk (*) in this bulletin*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: In our waking and in our sleeping, **C Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

L: In our business and in our stillness, **C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

L: Stir our hearts in your love, **C: Come, Lord, Jesus, Come!**

***Gathering Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ELW #279
Verses 1 & 4**

***Greeting** page 138

***Kyrie** page 138-9

***Canticle of Praise “Glory to God”** page 139-40

***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.

Bell Choir “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children’s Message

We’ll learn about the Love candle!

**Advent Candle Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW#257
Verse 7**

1st Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

***Gospel Acclamation** page 142

***Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45**

The Holy gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

P: the gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn of the Day "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ELW# 254

Apostles' Creed *you will find the Apostles' Creed on page 105.*

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

Leader will lead the prayer.

Congregation may respond each petition with the following word:

L: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Mueller, Curt, Sharon, Denny Bergmann, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Jim DeMontigny, Kay, Sue, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jonathan, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Kay, Roger, Tina, Dan, Bryan, Shane, Joe, Dan Kempel and God's parents. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for family and friends of Ron Cross.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed.....and join their unending hymn.

Holy Holy Holy

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Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

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Communion

P: The body of Christ given for you. *(eat the body of Christ)*

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(drink the blood of Christ)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

P: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

***Sending Hymn "All Earth is Hopeful"**

ELW #266

Postlude

Karen Niemeier

Luke 1:46b-48

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

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for you, Lord,

have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

Attendance December 5th

In-person— 25 Online – 36

On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.