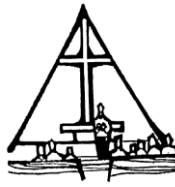


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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

*** – indicates congregation should stand as able

PRELUDE *Christmas Lullaby* Chip Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW # 240

Verses 1 – Sung by Cantor

Verses 2-4 – Sung by Congregation

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 94 (red tab)

***OPENING HYMN** *People, Look East* ELW # 248

***GREETING** p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God* p. 99

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 7:10-16 O.T. p. 636



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PSALM – Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19

*Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.
Congregation responds with the bold verses.*



Let your face shine up - on us, and we shall be saved.



- Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
- ²In 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.
- ⁴O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R**
- ⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
- ⁶You 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.
- ¹⁷Let 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 a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
- ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

SECOND LESSON Romans 1:1-7

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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*GOSPEL

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-25

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* (C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

* (C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

That Boy-Child of Mary

ELW # 293

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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***WORD OF WELCOME**

Landon, we welcome you to the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING

*Ososõ, ososõ
Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW #247

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Let the Vineyards

ELW # 184

***OFFERING PRAYER**

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Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verses 1-4*

ELW # 257

*O Little Town of Bethlehem
Your Little Ones, Dear Lord
The Bells of Christmas*

ELW # 279

ELW # 286

ELW # 298

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

Joy to the World

ELW # 267

***DISMISSAL**

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POSTLUDE

Joy to the World! with Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Lowell Mason



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!



To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, December 18.....9:30am Worship Service
10:45am United Sisters Christmas Brunch
11:30am Sunday School Christmas Pageant
3:00pm 7th Day Adventists

Wednesday, December 217:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 22.....6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventists Prayer Group

Saturday, December 24.....9:30am 7th Day Adventists
2:00pm Christmas Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
5:00pm Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
10:00pm Carol Singing
10:30pm Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Christmas December 25.....10:00am Festival Worship Service of Holy Communion

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

To God who gives me food each day and cares for me in every way; in all the things I say and do, I'll try to show my love for you. Amen.

Stewardship Verse

Matthew 6:31-34



“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For... indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.”