

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018
8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome



stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C Amen

P Let us come before God in confession.
silence for reflection and self-examination

P To you, O God,

C we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn'

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Greeting

P From the one who was and who is and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

please be seated

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A We praise you, O God,

C **for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candle 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**

The fourth candle is lit.

Hymn

'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah' vs 4 240

Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C **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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

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.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

Peace *The people greet one another saying:
"Peace be with you".*

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

'O Lord, How Shall I Meet You' vs 1 **241**

Offering Prayer

A God of abundance,

**C we bring before you the precious fruits of
your creation, and with them our very
lives. Teach us patience and hope as we
care for all those in need until the coming
of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving p. 144 & p. 132

Lord's Prayer p. 134

please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle
and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand.
Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If
you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are
invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ
is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins*

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God' p. 146

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' vs 5-8 **257**

'Savior of the Nations, Come' **263**

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Holy One,

C 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. Amen

Blessing

P May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn 'People, Look East' **248**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Please pick up your **2019 Offering envelopes today** in the narthex. Do **NOT** start using them until Jan 6th 2019 as the envelope numbers change. We must have your offering for 2018, no later than December 30, 2018 for it to be recorded for this year.

Worship Assistants: December 23

Greeters: Mason – Marty Grow
East – Mary Boldt

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion 8:30: Marty Grow

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

Ushers: Marty Grow, Laury Grow, Brian Klauer,
Kathy Lanska

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 12/16/18: 8:30 - 72 10:30 - 22

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 12/13/18 – 152

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. You are welcome here.

Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home

devotional booklets for 1st quarter 2019 are available on the table in the narthex.

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Rose Zinck and Pastor Jim Seim.

For Healing Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Kay Elliott; Bernie Hobbs; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach; Dottie Frankie; Kristi Meier; Jeannie Monfils.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, December 247:30 pm AA Meeting
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Tues, December 259:00 am Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, December 26.....6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, December 27

Friday, December 28..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, December 299:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Sunday, December 30..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
10:30 am Worship