

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Pre-Service Music / Welcome

Opening Hymn **“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”** **LSB 342**

Invocation, Confession, Absolution **LSB 184-185**

Introit

1 Samuel 2:1b, 3, 6n-7; Antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47

P: My soul magnifies the Lord,

C: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: My mouth derides my enemies,

C: because I rejoice in your salvation.

P: There is none holy like the Lord;

C: there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

P: The barren has borne seven,

C: but she who has many children is forlorn.

P: The Lord kills and brings to life;

C: he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

P: The Lord makes poor and makes rich;

C: he brings low and he exalts.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie (*sung*) **LSB 186**

Salutation and Collect of the Day (*LSB 189*)

P:♪ The Lord be with you.

C:♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray... Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Micah 5:2-5a*

R: The Old Testament reading for the Fourth Sunday in Advent is from Micah, chapter five.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old,

from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

R: The Epistle reading is from Hebrews, chapter ten.

When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

When 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), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

(LSB 190)



Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Creed (8:15) **Nicene Creed;** (11) **Apostles’ Creed** [LSB inside back cover]

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “*My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*” **LSB 934**

Sermon “*A Beautiful Birth Announcement*” **Luke 1:39-56**

Offertory (*sung*) **LSB 192-193**

Offering (*Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.*)

Special Music: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks,” arr. by Robert J. Powell

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament – 8:15 am

(Guests and Visitors please refer to our guideline in preparation for Holy Communion printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

Communion Liturgy

LSB 194ff

Distribution Hymns

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LSB 361

“My Soul Rejoices”

LSB 933

Post-Communion Liturgy

LSB 199ff

Announcements

Closing Hymn “God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

Service Without Holy Communion – 11 am

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LSB 361

The Lord’s Prayer, Collect, Benediction

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LSB 392

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