

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ December 23, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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LUYH = "Lift Up Your Hearts" Red Hymnal · PFAS = "Psalms for All Seasons" Blue Hymnal

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **LUYH #475:1,3,4 "When the King Shall Come Again"**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship and Salutation

Pastor: But 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.

People: Therefore 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.

Pastor: And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

People: And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Micah 5

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **LUYH #157:1-3 "Meekness and Majesty"**

Lighting the Advent Candles

Hymn of Response: **"Dawning Light Of Our Salvation"** (vs. 1: soloist; vs. 2 & 3: All)

Kimbrough

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession: **LUYH #640**

Hymn of Penitence: **LUYH #65:2 "LORD, You Have Lavished on Your Land"**

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Hymn of Dedication: **LUYH #65:3,4 "LORD, You Have Lavished on Your Land"**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Luke 1:39-55 (New Testament p. 69)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *SINGING MARY'S SONG*

*Hymn of Response: **Sing! A New Creation #102:1-3 "Song of Mary / My Soul Proclaims with Wonder"**

WE INSTALL ELDERS AND DEACONS AND COMMISSION PASTORAL ASSISTANTS

Reading the Form for Installation

*Hymn of Dedication: **LUYH #67:1-3 "Blessed Be the God of Israel"**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Offerings: (1) Church General Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Invocation:

Pastor: Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am – it is written about me in the scroll – I have come to do your will, my God.'"

People: First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" – though they were offered in accordance with the law.

Pastor: Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

People: And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10

*Hymn of Dedication: **LUYH #82:1-3 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

Worship Leader: Dr. Jason Lief • Organist: Rachel Louwerse •
Candle Lighter: Vern Sybesma • Reader: Phil Van Maanen •
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EVENING WORSHIP ~ December 23, 2018 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "Lo, How A Rose"

"Once in Royal David's City"

"Angels We Have Heard"

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Manz
Young
Wood
Held

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **LUYH #89:1,2,4 "On Christmas Night"**

*Call to Worship and Salutation

Pastor: The Lord's grace is sure.

God has looked with favor upon his people and had redeemed them.

People: God has raised up a mighty savior from the house of David.

Pastor: God spoke through the prophets of old so that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

People: God has shown mercy and has remembered his promises.

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **LUYH #93:1-3 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 80:1-7

Singing the Psalm: **PFAS #80C:1,3 "O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock"**

Vocal Response: "It's Christmas"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-12 (New Testament p. 282)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *OUR GRACIOUS IDENTITY*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: **LUYH #687:1,3,4 "Father, Long Before Creation"**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Still, Still, Still"

Offering: Mississippi Christian Family Services

*Statement of Faith: **Our World Belongs To God, paragraph 58** (*What We Believe* p. 100)

*Hymn of Dedication: **LUYH #90:1-4 "How Great Our Joy"**

Manz

RECEIVING GOD'S BLESSING

*Benediction

*Doxology: **LUYH #478:5 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"**

*Postlude: "Come, Ye Shepherds"

Worship Leader: Rev. Carl Klompier • Organist: Ellen Klompier •
Reader: Kevin Timmer • Prayer Leaders: Dean & Darlene Reichert •
Vocalists: Kevin, Katy, and Sarah Timmer, Jason, Alyssa, Dylan, Hailey, and Kyler Koelewyn •
Accompanist: Tami Koelewyn •
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