

# Welcome

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 23, 2018



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## The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tom Corbell

FIRST LESSON: Micah 5:2-5a

2 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 coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. 3 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. 4 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. 5 And he shall be their peace.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7 (Sung in unison)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;\*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,\*  
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord | God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears;\*  
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,\*  
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

## SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, 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 does away with 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

Luke 1:39-45 {46-56}

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." [46And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50And his mercy is for those who fear him from

generation to generation. 51He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; 52he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; 53he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. 54He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” 56And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.]

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON

Rev. Tom Corbell

*Please stand*

HYMN

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly  
(Sung to tune of AUSTRIA 8787D)

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THE NICENE CREED

A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers: A Lord, in your mercy. C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*Please be seated*

OFFERING

ANTHEM

See Amid the Winter's Snow - Larson

Chancel Choir

*Please stand*

OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



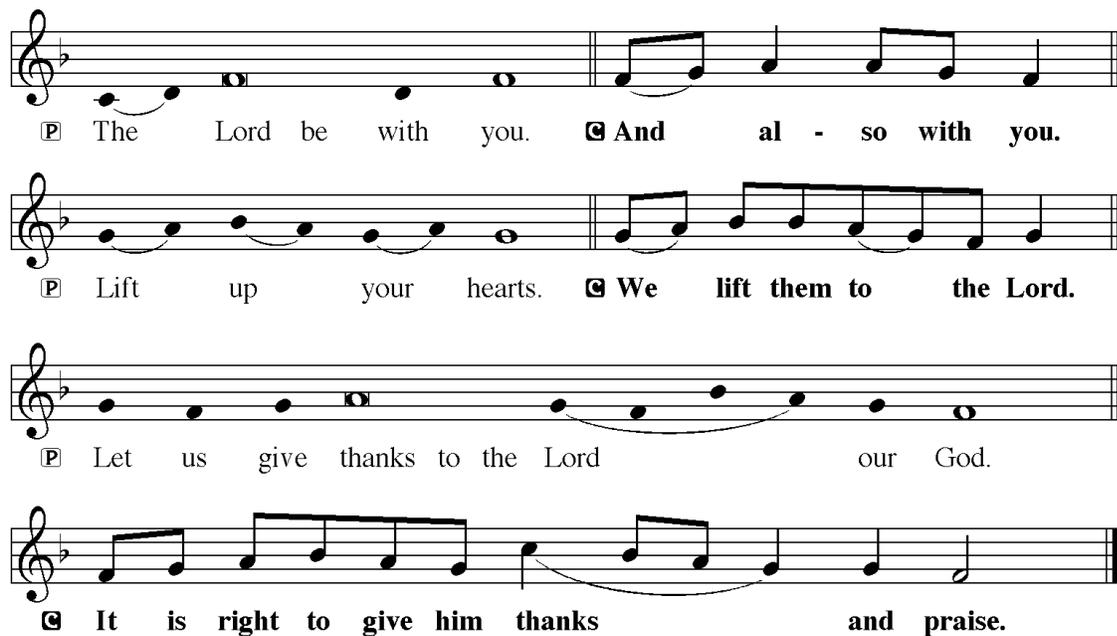
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.  
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.  
☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

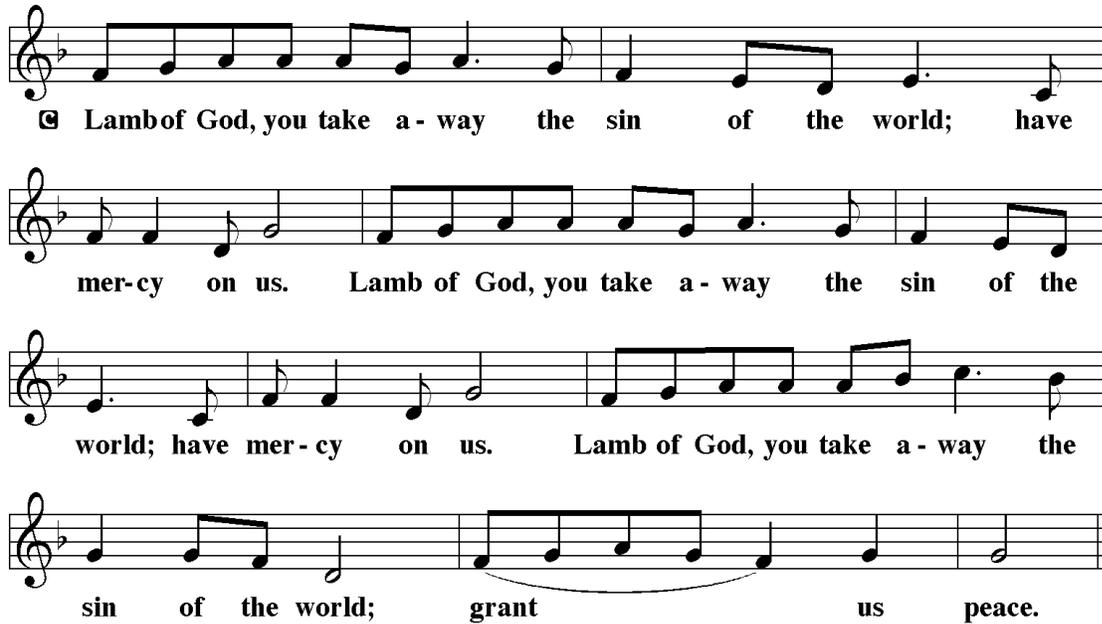
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.*

## AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LBW 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LBW 41

*Please stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

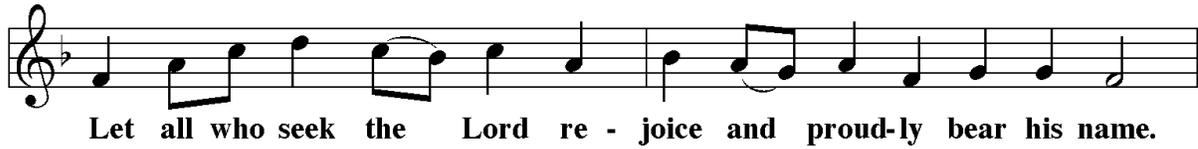
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray.

**C Pour our upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

#### HYMN

What Child Is This

LBW 40

#### SENDING

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

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**Lessons for Next Week**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Nursing Home Residents** - Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat and Wayne Miller, (Autumn Care), Bob Wilhelm & Ruth Monroe (The Meadows of Rockwell), and Ed & Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B).

**Homebound Members** - Ray Chambers, Bill and Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Ernest Sides, Billy Waller, Michael Walton, Betty Goodwin, Frances Norris, Horace Cross, and Jean Kluttz.

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery—** Bob Goodwin, Glenn Eagle, Donnie Miller, Kay Morgan, Steve Hutchens, Larry Shepherd, Jane Shuping, Harold Miller, Susan & John Knight, Jean Ray, Grace Morgan, Pat Kluttz, Effie Vellines, Karen Plyler, Tommy Kerns, and Bill Broadway.

**Continual Prayer** - Jane Stoner, (Grandmother of Noah Cauble), Marie Gorapic, (sister of Linda Spencer), Carol Cauble, (sister of Judy Walton), Marvin Nunn, Vanna Calloway, friend of Kat Clifton, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen), Austin Mowry, (friend of Karen Barringer), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Pat & J. C. Miller, Marvin Fezor, Derek Maner (friend of the Misenheimers), Ruth McSwaim, Mary Knapp, Suzanne Greene, Benny Myers (friends of Jan Huffman), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Marc & Donna Collins (friends of Sharon Leazer), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan).

## **ASSISTANTS SERVING THIS SUNDAY, December 23, 2018—4th Sunday of Advent**

Acolytes: Abbey and Morgan Deaton

Advent Wreath Lighting: The Pete Nguyen Family

Lay Reader: Steve Walton

Communion Assistants: Vivian Sprinkle and Tara Davis

Ushers: Phil Cauble (HU), Jimmy Parker, Mike Cauble, Bill Earnhardt, and Jeremy Misenheimer

Loose Offering: Lutheridge Scholarship Fund

## **ASSISTANTS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 30, 2018 - Lesson and Carols**

Acolytes: Feliasty & Dusty Morgan

Lay Reader: Steve Walton

Communion Assistants: Vivian Sprinkle and Tara Davis

Ushers: Phil Cauble (HU), Jimmy Parker, Mike Cauble, Bill Earnhardt, and Jeremy Misenheimer

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday December 23 , 2018 10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion  
Monday December 24, 2018 12—1 pm Christmas Eve Quiet Communion  
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 CHRISTMAS DAY  
Next Sunday Dec. 30, 2018 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion—Lessons & Carols

BIG CHURCH SALE—JANUARY 5, 2019—9:00 am till 11:00 am

Items no longer in use at the church will be for sale.

Check your January Messenger for more details.



**Church wide caroling with soup and sandwiches will be held on January 5th. We will meet at the church at 4:30 pm to go caroling and return for fellowship and food.**

## **UNION WOMEN SHOWING LOVE FOR CHILDREN**

Union Women will be collecting needed school items for the children of Hanford-Dole Community and Schools for our winter project. The following items are most needed: ear buds, boxes of tissues, disinfectant wipes, socks, plain sweat shirts (sizes 6 to kids XL), toboggans, dry erase markers, composition books (not wire bounded) and zip lock bags. Everyone is welcomed to help us with this project. Collection boxes will be placed in the church exit areas.

Thrivent Action Project is assisting us in this project.



