

## Offertory Prayer

L: God of our waiting and watching,  
C: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us  
as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.  
Amen.

## Holy Communion

+Words of Institution  
+Lord's Prayer  
+Distribution Hymn                      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*                      ELW#272  
+Blessing

## Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn                      *On Christmas Night*                      ELW #274 (vs. 1,2 & 4)

**Sending:**                      P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
   C: Thanks be to God!

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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!*

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021; 9:30 am                      Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Prelude

**Welcome/Announcements**                      *(Please sign the fellowship pads as they are passed)*

## Advent 4 Call to Worship

P: We are waiting on you, God. We are still waiting.

**C: The darkness is deeper, but look! The star is beginning to shine.**

**The everlasting light is creeping closer.**

**Hope is in the air. Peace is promised. Joy is on the tips of our tongues.**

P: Love is coming. Love divine, all loves excelling.

**C: We are waiting on love. And Love is waiting on us.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scott, PJ, Corbin, and Cooper Hansel

*Light the Candle* (words below)

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| 1) Light the candle as a symbol<br>Of the Light that leads the way;<br>For each candle is a symbol<br>Of the hope that's ours today.<br>As we strike the match and light the wick,<br>Come, Spirit, shine bright.<br>Grant that all may see from the darkness<br>Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light. | 2) Light the candle as a symbol<br>Of the Light that leads the way;<br>For each candle is a symbol<br>Of the peace that's ours today.<br>As we strike the match and light the wick,<br>Come, Spirit, shine bright.<br>Grant that all may see from the darkness<br>Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light. |
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**Bridge:** Emmanuel, Son of the Father,  
Come to us now, Savior and Lord.

## Prayer of the Day (All)

**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. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

Tricia Steen

<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>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. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;  
<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

## Alleluia Verse

*Love Has Come*

ELW #292 (vs. 2)

## Gospel

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

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*(Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.)*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[ <sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ]

*(Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.)*

## ***"Light Shines in the Darkness"***

*A Sunday School Christmas Program*

*Please see Christmas Program insert.*

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## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

*(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*

