

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)



Offertory Hymn

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW #239

Offertory Prayer

L: Eternal God
C: you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution
+Lord’s Prayer
+Distribution Hymn
+Blessing

The First Noel

ELW #300

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn

What Child Is This

ELW #296

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 18, 2022; 9:30 am Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer of Confession

(all) Holy Lord, in this time of Advent, we confess we often are distracted by the season’s busyness, by the stress of commitment, and even by putting our own traditions ahead of the true meaning of Christmas. Forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing You in our midst, for all the times we have doubted Your presence, and for all the times we have failed to hold the holidays as holy days. Pour peace into our lives and let us be bearers of Your peace to others. Remind us that this is a season of waiting and preparation for the greatest Gift of all. In the holy Name of our Savior, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Troy, April, Grace and Sarah Prohl

Light the Candle (words below)

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| 1) Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the hope that’s ours today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light. | 2) Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the peace that’s ours today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
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 hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

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¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia Verse

Love Has Come

ELW #292 (vs. 1)

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

“God With Us”

A Sunday School Christmas Program

Please see Christmas Program insert.

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