



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 6, 2015

Advent: Word Made Flesh

PRELUDE

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. For those who prefer to receive grape juice or gluten free wafers, simply indicate that to the server. We would like everyone to register their communion participation on the Welcome cards in the pew.

GATHERING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257 V. 1

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257 V. 6, 7

ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We begin in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us come before God in confession.

L: Almighty God,

C: We confess that we have failed to see how we are your beloved child, made in your image. We have held onto anger, resentment, and fear, allowing destructive forces to win us over. We have failed to see those around us as your beloved children, ignoring, excluding, judging, and condemning them. Remind us that as you once came to us in Jesus, you live among us still. Open our hearts to your presence around and within us all.

L: God's abundant mercy was poured out for all of us, offering us freedom, forgiveness, and new life. As God once came to us in Jesus, the Word made Flesh, hear the Word of Truth now. You are loved and forgiven, called and sent into a hurting world. We can be God's Word of love to one another. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world. Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG FOR THE WORD

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. A large slur covers the first six notes of each staff. The lyrics are: "Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o;" on the first staff and "glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o." on the second staff. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with the number 7.

THE STORY FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 40:1-11

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

ELW 256

OPEN SPACE: WORD MADE FLESH

(During Open Space we encourage you to explore how God shows up on your life, Word made Flesh. Choose an activity of your choice to experience God's mercy through those around you.)

Option One: Prayer Box. *On the slip of paper in the bulletin, write about a time when you felt God strongly present in your life. What happened? We invite you to put that slip of paper in the prayer box in the front of the Sanctuary.*

Option Two: Light a Candle. *You can come forward to light a candle on behalf of someone you want to pray for, or are worried about. In this way you are being Christ-like, Word made Flesh, to them, caring for their needs.*

Option Three: Prayer Center with Laying on of Hands. *In the back of the church you can have a leader lay their hands on your head or shoulder to pray for you or a loved one. You can request a prayer or simply receive a blessing as a way to experience Christ's love through the laying on of Hands.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(We share God's desire for peace in our hearts with each other, once again being Christ-like to one another.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *What Child Is This* ELW 296 V. 3
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

GREAT THANKSGIVING *ELW p. 152*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....and join their unending hymn:

SONG OF THE ANGELS

ELW 283 V. 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ELW p. 154*

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *ELW p. 154*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

ELW 239

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW 242

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*The ALTAR FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCAST are sponsored today
to the glory of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ,
and in memory of our father,
Harlan Diehl, who entered eternal life 20 years ago.
Kathleen, Roberta, LuAnn, Jon, and Nancy*

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES:

- December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 6:30pm at Our Savior's
- A family meal is served starting at 5:30pm those nights. Free will offering.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES:

- 1:30pm at the Hillsboro Nursing Home
- 3:30pm at Our Savior's
- 5:30pm at Our Savior's

NOTE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 there will be only one worship service at 9:30am
with Coffee/Fellowship to follow!

**Write about a time when you felt God strongly present in your life.
What happened?**

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Logan Buzick, Brady Stallman, Ron Rude

God's Healing Presence for...

Tiffany Olsen (sister to Erin Thompson) Kari Ferguson Pam Koering

Harvey Evenson Carl Anderson Ole Olson Richard Prestegord

Audrey Waters Arnie Gilbertson Becky Foss Lynn Larson Corrine Kunze

Michael Ludwig Ruth McSparron Tim Miller Mary Christianson

(If you would like your name put on or taken off this list please contact Pastor Joe or Pastor Siri.)

Safety for those serving in the Military... especially those serving in combat areas:

Our Sympathy to... Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

ORGANIST: Karen Alfson

LECTORS: (8:30) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Ella Forseth

GREETERS: (8:30) Annette Stigen (10:30) Glenn & Nancy Brustad

USHERS: (8:30) Jimmie Olson, Barb and Glen Hultin

(10:30) Doug Melby, Bob and Jill Hebl

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Dylan Bye, Kollin Eberhardt

(10:30) Greggy Garza, Cody Huot

ATTENDANCE: November 29, 2015: 8:30am – 88; 10:30am - 130

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: November 29, 2015: \$5,490.00; November to date:

\$28,803.05; 2015 Income through October 31: \$232,328.18; Expenses through October 31: \$239,229.38.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available for anyone to use each Sunday. They are located on the podium where the guest book is sitting in the narthex. Please feel free to try one out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

VOLUNTEERS: If you or your family is interested in being Greeters or Ushers for the 3:30pm or 5:30pm Christmas Eve services, please sign-up in the church office or on the posted sign-up sheet in the courtyard.

TRAILL COUNTY COMMUNITY GIVING PROJECTS: ANGEL TREE PROJECT: This project serves needy children, families, elderly, and disabled individuals through-out Traill County. Angel Giving Trees are set up in various locations in Mayville and at the **Goose River Bank in Hillsboro**. Gift Drop-off dates are Dec. 9-11 from 8am-4pm. Donations can be made payable and sent to: Traill County Community Giving Projects, c/o MSU Child Development Programs, 330 3rd St NE, Mayville, ND 58257. Questions: contact TC Social Services at 701-636-5220 or MSU Child Development Programs at 701-788-4868.

The **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on January 31, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. There will be a potluck meal following the 10:30 a.m. service. Annual Reports are due from all committees by Sunday, January 3, 2016.

WEEKLY YOGA with PASTOR SIRI – SUNDAYS at 7:00 PM

Note: There will be only one Sunday yoga class in December – on December 6th - and then one on Monday, December 14 at 8:15pm.

Preschool-2nd Grade Christmas Program

The 3 year olds through 2nd graders will present their Christmas Program next Sunday, **December 13th** at the 10:30am worship service.

Grades 3-6 Sunday School Christmas Play

The 3-6th grades Sunday school Christmas Play will be Sunday, **December 20th** at the 10:30am worship service. Please mark your calendars for these rehearsal dates:

- **Wednesday, December 9th from 7-7:45pm**
- **Sunday, December 13th, from 11:45-1:00** (*Lunch provided*)
- **Wednesday, December 16th from 7-7:45pm**
- **Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 19th from 10-11am**

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A POTLUCK MEAL AFTER THE CHRISTMAS PLAY ON DECEMBER 20TH IN HONOR OF PASTOR SIRI!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 6

- 8:30am Worship Service w/communion
- 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service w/communion
- 11:45am **Council Meeting**
- 1pm & 5pm Choir parts practice
- 7:00pm Yoga

Monday, December 7

- 9:00am WOW Bible Study
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts meet
- 7:00pm Bell Choir practice

Tuesday, December 8

- 7:00am Breakfast Bible Study (Bakery)
- 6:30pm Girl Scouts meet

Wednesday, December 9

- 7:00am Men's Fellowship (Bakery)
- 5:30pm Family Meal
- 6:30pm Advent Service
- 7:00pm Sunday school parts practice
- 7:15pm Choir practice
- 7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 10

- 9:30am WELCA Exec meet
- 10:30am WELCA/Circle Meeting/Potluck
- 2:00pm Nursing Home Service

Sunday, December 13

- 8:30am Worship Service w/communion
- 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30am Fair Trade Shop
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am (Preschool - 2nd gr) **Sunday School program**
- 11:45am Sunday school parts practice
- 7:00pm **Community Choir Christmas Concert**

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