

3 Advent

Joy



December 13, 2020

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord our God, you break into our world with a message of joy. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light for those who live in darkness. Establish your peace throughout the earth. Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of us all. Amen.

P: As we light the Advent candle of JOY, we come to celebrate Christ's birth. To celebrate Christmas is to have joy as we remember that we prepare for something great about to happen. May we become a people of joy in the midst of our world.

Call to Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

(Silence for reflection)

Prayer of Confession

P: Loving and Forgiving God,

C: We confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God’s endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free— free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God’s love, comforted by Christ’s peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: 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

C: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Handbell Duet

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD

has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and
our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they
said among the nations, "The LORD has
done great things for them."

Responsive hum

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Responsive hum

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their
sheaves.

Responsive hum

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy
mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

“Do Not Be Afraid”
A Virtual Christmas Program

- 1: When the World feels Scary
- 2: Mary, The Favored One
- 3: Mary visits Elisabeth
- 4: Joseph Has a Dream
- 5: Tough Questions
- 6: Caesar Augustus
- 7: Mary and Joseph Arrive in Bethlehem
- 8: Wait A Minute...
- 9: The Shepherds Hear the Good News
- 10: The Magi and King Herod
- 11: This is Just the Beginning
- 12: Mary Gets the Last Word

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God,

C: you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

If you will be taking Holy Communion today, please place your bread/crackers and juice in front of you. They will be blessed during the Words of Institution.

P: When we worship in our sanctuary, we gather around the altar/table to receive Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine. In this meal our faith is nourished, our sins are forgiven, and we are called to be witnesses to the Gospel. Today we gather in Jesus' name, in our homes, knowing that the church is anywhere people gather in the name of Jesus. Today we receive the Lord's Supper, united with one another and those who believe in every time and place.

Words of Institution

“Remember Me”

On the night You were betrayed, You took the bread;
After giving thanks, You broke it and said,

Refrain:

“This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me;
This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me.”

On the night You were betrayed, You held the cup:
After giving thanks, You lifted it up.

Refrain:

“This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me;
This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me.”

So, we thank You for the wine and for bread;
For we see the life You gave the blood You shed.

Refrain:

“And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood;
And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood.”

The Lord’s Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Children's Program Cast

- Scene 1: Teske Family
- Scene 2: *Mary* - Kate Schmidt, *Angel* - Britta Schmidt
- Scene 3: *Mary* - Eliana Cariveau, *Elisabeth* - Addely Cariveau
- Scene 4: *Joseph* - Chase Lee, *Angel* - Weston Lee
- Scene 5: Teske Family
- Scene 6: *Caesar* - Noah Bredeson, *Announcer* - Kaden Leighty
- Scene 7: *Joseph* - Kru Medina, *Donkey* - Kane Medina, *Mary* - Lyla Krenz, *Donkey* - Isabel Krenz
- Scene 8: Teske Family
- Scene 9: *Shepherds* - Jackson Sharits, Charlie Sharits, and Gavin Baker
Angels - Kathryn Riebe, Mckenzie Lilleodden, Brittney Lilleodden, Savanna Hedlund, and Keira Sullivan
Sheep - Greta Baker, Helena Severson, Kaytlin Lilleodden, Kaeley Suess
Star - Helena Severson
- Scene 10: *King Herod* - Bodie Cariveau, *Star* - Helena Severson, *Magi* – Madison Rieke, Kora Rieke, and RemiLee Rieke
- Scene 11: Teske Family
- Scene 12: Natalie Severson, Savanna Hedlund, Kane Medina, Kru Medina, and Kate Schmidt

Beginning and Ending: Allie Schneider and Gracie Baker

Happy Birthday Jesus: Preschoolers

Music:

Solos: Kate Schmidt, Kiera Sullivan, Kathryn Riebe, Natalie Severson, and Savanna Hedlund

Piano: Greta Berger and Landon Teske



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Facebook Online Service:

Sunday at 8:30AM

New Ulm Community Access TV

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Monday at 7:00PM and Thursday at 5:00PM

“In Deepest Night”

“In Deepest Night,” a service of lament, healing, and hope will be **online only on December 16, at 7:00 PM**. While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Especially this year, many are feeling the grief of missing out on important milestones and events due to the coronavirus. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified at this time of year. There is so much we are missing and grieving, and this service will give us a chance to name those things, pray, and hear words of hope and healing from God.