

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 20, 2020

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

Joy to the World! A Piano Christmas Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Aspen McKee

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
open our eyes to see your presence
in the lowly ones of this earth.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may sing of your advent among us
in the Word made flesh.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**



Light all four candles.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY for the 4th Sunday of ADVENT

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and
might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we
may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading: Pastor Melanie

Piano Celebration:

"Joy to the World"

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"



Reading: Pastor Melanie

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him
rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan,
"See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."

³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind;
for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell
my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house
to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people
of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a
tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel,
did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I
commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built
me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David:
Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the
sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever
you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make
for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will
appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live
in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them
no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people
Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD
declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your
kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be
established forever.

Piano Celebration:

"Masters in the Hall"

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



Reading: Pastor Melanie

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reading: Pastor Melanie

Piano Celebration:

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

"Away in the Manger"



Reading: Pastor Melanie

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor
on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Reading: Pastor Melanie

Piano Celebration:

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"



GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of power and might, fulfill your promise and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, all generations call you blessed. In this holy season we pray for our neighbors of other denominations and faiths Inspire the faith of their people. Cultivate understanding among us and strengthen us in love and service to our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor reads more prayers with congregational response of .. **Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Piano Celebration:

“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow”

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

BLESSING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "Joy to the World" **ELW 267 sing v. 1 Pg 4**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ
be with you always.

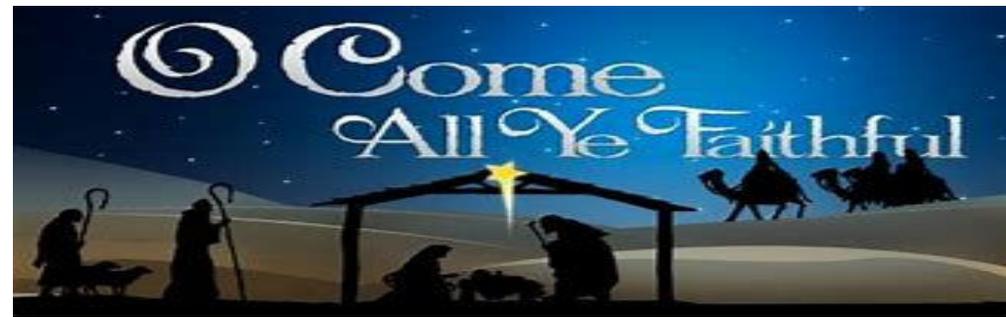
And also with you.

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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SUNDAY'S: Advent Worship Today: "Piano Christmas Celebration"

WEDNESDAY'S: Advent Soup Supper at Home

Have a bowl of soup and tune in to Good Shepherd's Facebook Live page or our website for Advent Devotions. Our Confirmation students will offer prayers, readings, etc, with music recorded by FLBC Community Outreach Staff. They will be posted at 6:30 pm each week.

December 23: Celebrating Christmas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

"Christmas Essentials: A brief service of Carols, the Crèche & Candles"

TENTATIVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES:

4:00 PM, 5:15 PM or 6:30 PM

Limit of 50 people per service, pre-registration required.

Each service will be @ 30 mins. with one verse of the Carols, the Christmas Story, Communion with Empty Hands and Candle Lighting.

Mandatory mask wearing & other safety protocols will be followed.

The 4:00pm service is filling up, please signup or call to reserve seats for the other service times. Thank you.

All above services will be available to view online.

Also online only will be a sermon and the Flathead Flute Choir concert.

Offering envelopes for 2021 have arrived! They will be available for pick up on each Sunday in December in the Narthex. If you are not able to be at Sunday services in December, feel free to stop by the church or give Lynette Rundell a call at 883-1763. We encourage you to pick them up or call due to the cost of mailing. As a reminder it is necessary to be assigned an envelope number each year in order to receive your year end accounting of your contributions. ****Note:** In the packet, the initial giving envelope is a donation to help offset the cost of the envelope printing.

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
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 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

IN OUR PRAYERS



Loss & Grief: Family & friends of Pat Jenness
 (Kathi Jacobson's mother)

This Week's Health: Scott Jamison (Bob's Jamison's brother),

Ongoing Health: Coralee Petersen (*James McKee's mother*), Blanche Rohrenbach, Harriet McClung, Kent Rohrenbach, Ruthie Hank (*Blanche's daughter*) and all of their family members, Kenny Bies (*Maryann & Chris Balstad's son-in-law*), Janis Jette, LuAnna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Bill Burnett (*Marsha Humbach's friend*), Lowell Bosshardt (*Jack Cummings friend*), Billie Mercer, Charles Clausen (*Barb & Tim's friend*), Dillon (*Ferol & Dave Bjur's grandson*), Steve Woitke, Deanna Bridle (*5mo. old parents are friends of Tony Peterson*), Dale and Patty Sonsteli (*Arlene Erickson's cousins*), Hal Butts (*Mary Jo & Rick Johnson's friend*), Jan Wicklund, Craig Erickson, Marge Hanson, Debbie Lundquist, Jerry Vogan (*Vickie Salway's brother*), Scott Trospen, Rob Knutson (*Al & Norma's nephew*), Betsy Holte, Kari Jo Comstock (*Rick & Mary Jo's daughter*), Mike Knutson, Jeff & Shirley Jacobson, Marjorie Burkitt, Al & Norma Knutson.

Everyone effected by the Covid-19 Virus.



In lieu of purchasing Poinsettias in memory & honor of our loved ones this year, we will be writing their names to remember for the Sunday Dec. 27th bulletin and making donations to our local charity mission outreach commitment. A list of the local charities is on the cloud board in the Narthex. We will pick one to send the donations to.

Please send names and donations before Dec 22nd to be added to the bulletin. Thank you.

DEC 21st—DEC 27th, 2020

MONDAY: Quilters—on break until after the New Year

TUESDAY: Country Store 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Will be Closed 12/24/2020—02/01/2021

WEDNESDAY: Advent "Soup" Services 6:30 p.m.—**online only**
Confirmation—on break until after the New Year

THURSDAY: Candlelight Services 4:00pm, 5:15pm & 6:30pm

FRIDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY: In Church Worship Service & Facebook: 10:00 a.m.