

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Chad Larson

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Praise Team

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¹ O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

² For You alone are worthy For You alone are worthy
For You alone are worthy Christ the Lord

³ We'll give You all the glory We'll give You all the glory
We'll give You all the glory Christ the Lord

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Pastor Karna Moskalik

All: 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.

Hymn

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Pastor Karna Moskalik

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⁴ Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!

Musical Offering

“Soon and Very Soon”

Couple’s Choir

Text & Music Andraé Crouch

Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

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.

Message

“Advent-ually: Joseph’s Wait”

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Offering

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Apostles’ Creed

Andy Peterson

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Words of Institution

Pastor Amy Oslund

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Sending Song

“Peace Came to Earth”

Pastor Keith Lentz

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

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¹ Peace came to earth at last that chosen night
when angels clove the sky with song and light
and God embodied love and sheathed his might--
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!
Who could but sing: Immanuel!

⁴ How else could I have known you, O my God!
How else could I have loved you, O my God!
How else could I embrace you, O my God!
Who could but pray: Immanuel!
Who could but praise Immanuel!

Blessing

May the Lord, mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes to see God’s face and God’s grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**