

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Confession and Forgiveness

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

All: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

"Light of the World"

Praise Team

Cathy Pino

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¹You are the light of the world You are the light of the world
So shine shine shine where you are You are the light of the world

²You are the city on a hill You are the city on a hill
So shine shine shine where you are You are the city on a hill

³You are a candle in the dark You are a candle in the dark
So shine shine shine where you are You are a candle in the dark

⁴You are a star in the night You are a star in the night
So shine shine shine where you are You are a star in the night

Ending

So shine shine shine where you are You are the light of the world

Lighting the Advent Wreath

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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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⁴Light 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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

JuBellate

VENI EMMANUEL

Mode I, 15th c. French

Arr. Brian Childers

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Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Amy Oslund

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

Pastor Amy Oslund

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

Rachel Sass

L: Lord in your mercy,

All: here our prayer.

Words of Institution

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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

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Pastor Keith Lentz

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

¹ Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

² Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

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.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

All: **Thanks be to God.**