



Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010

8:45am and 11:00am



"Seeing Shepherds" Daniel Bonnell, c.1955

We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.

For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located under each chair.

◆ **Prelude**

◆ **Gathering Song** *Prepare the Royal Highway* 264

◆ **Welcome and Announcements**

◆ **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who does great things in every generation, who lifts up the lowly, who keeps promises forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come to the river of life, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Righteous and merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have strayed from your ways and walked our own paths. We fall asleep to the needs around us, yet our anxieties jar us awake. We are bound up in systems of unrighteousness and injustice. Restore your people, O God; renew your creation; and have mercy on us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: Listen to what God is saying, speaking peace to those who turn their hearts: The night is far gone, the day is near. All who have a fearful heart, be strong, do not be afraid! God comes in Jesus Christ and forgives your sin. The Spirit of holiness fill you with wisdom and might, that you may delight in God's ways. **Amen.**

◆ ***Special Music and Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

Thou Shalt Know Him

Peace Choir

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, Nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown, But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

◆ ***Prayer***

◆ ***Story Time***

MaryLynn Mennicke

◆ ***Special Music*** *O Come, Little Children* *Peace Choir*

O come, little children, O come gather round the crib, in a stable at Bethlehem found, And see what our God now from heavenly height has sent us this joyful and and high holy night.

O see, in the manger, in darkness of night, See here by the brightness of heavenly light, All swaddled in simplest of clothing, the Child far brighter than angels, so pure and so mild.

The infant is lying on straw and on hay while shepherds surround him and silently pray. See, Mary and Joseph regard him with joy while angels above praise the heavenly boy.

O come little children O come to the stall and kneel like the shepherds to pray one and all. And raise little voices with angels to sing, Exalting the Babe, the celestial King.

Oh what can we give you O Infant divine? When heavenly blessings are already thine? When riches of earth are as nothing to thee? When titles and honors can no comfort be?

The humblest of hearts are the best we can give. So take this our off'ring as long as we live. And make them as holy and pure as thine own. Forever attending thy heavenly throne.

◆ **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:8-18

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

◆ **Drama**

Bob Roeglin, Justin Myhre, and Evan Hansen

◆ **Message** *"The Journey to Christmas: The Shepherds"*

Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ **Song**

Savior of the Nations, Come

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Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's son, make here your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Angels appeared in the night to the shepherds, full of fright.
But good news they sang so true: A Savior is born for you.
From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory
to the Spirit be, Now and through eternity.

◆ *Apostles' Creed*

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.

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

In the Bleak Midwinter *Megan Jacobson*

◆ *Offering Response* *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* 286

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us all your grace accord; true faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.

◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: God of abundance,

C: we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

◆ *Prayer Song* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

◆ *Prayers of the Church*

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Barbara Lockwood, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Roger Rowlette, Bob Meyer **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Karen Fredricks, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Scott Hyde, Ruth*

Lahti Those Who Grieve: The Ditlevson family on the death of Kevin's mother Delores Ditlevson **Military:** Joshua Lee, Matt Janssen, Matt Bartels

◆ ***Holy Communion***

Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.

Words of Institution

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.

◆ ***Distribution Music***

Of the Father's Love Begotten Megan Jacobson

◆ ***Communion Blessing and Prayer***

P: Let us pray:

In this meal of goodness and mercy, O God, our mouths have been filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. Now send us to gather the harvest of righteousness, that all those who sow in tears may come again to you in joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ ***God's Blessing to Us***

P: The holy Three, holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace. **Amen.**

◆ ***Song***

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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The altar flowers this morning are given by the Carlson family in celebration of Ruth Carlson's birthday.

Worship Assistants

8:45am

Ushers: Ken and Ann Ashton-Piper
Greeters: John and Verla Bayard
Communion Assistants: George and Nancy Schaaf
Acolytes: The Borggreve Family

11:00am

Ushers: Jeff and Erika Jarnes
Greeters: Richard and Pat Laybourn
Communion Assistant: Paul and Bridget Goodwin
Acolytes: The Fong Family

Hosts: Susie Reinighaus and Julia Macejkovic
Music: Jon and Anita Young
Narrators: Mara Smith and Connor Myhre

Christmas and Advent Schedule

DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve

3:30pm Worship Service
5:00pm Worship Service –*Holy Communion*

DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 Worship Service –*Holy Communion*

DECEMBER 26 – First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 Worship Service –*Carol Sing*

JANUARY 2 – Second Sunday of Christmas

9:30 Worship Service –*Holy Communion and Carol Sing*



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