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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 23, 2018

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** or indicate such **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

THE ORDER OF MATINS

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation #95

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

+ Versicles & Responses – pg. 32 (stand)

+ The Venite – pg. 33

+ Psalmody: PSALM 89:1-7

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: **'Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations.'**"

And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those who are around Him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

+ The Catechism Review - The Apostles' Creed

What is The First Article?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

+ The Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

+ Sanctuary Choir (8:00 a.m.)

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

+ The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

+ The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 (stand)

+ Sermon Hymn – #274

"Praise We the Lord This Day"

+ Sermon: "Blessed Mother; Blessed Baby"

Luke 1:41-42

- I. Mary was blessed to be the mother of the Lord.
- II. Mary's Baby is blessed – praised by Elizabeth and all the faithful.

+ The Offerings

+ The Canticle Hymn: LSB #936 (in folder) (in place of Te Deum)

"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

+ The Prayers

- The Kyrie – pg. 39
- The Lord’s Prayer – pg. 39
- The Salutation – pg. 40
- Special Petitions
- Collect Of The Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- The Collect for Grace – pg. 40

+ The Benedicamus – pg. 40

+ The Benediction – pg. 40

+ Hymn – #62

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

+ Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

December 23: Is. 43:25–44:20; Rev. 11:1–19; **24:** Is. 44:21–45:13, 20–25; Rev. 12:1–17; **25:** Is. 49:1–18; Matt. 1:1–17; **26:** Is. 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16; Matt. 1:18–25; **27:** Is. 51:17–52:12; Matt. 2:1–12; **28:** Is. 52:13–54:10; Matt. 2:13–23; **29:** Is. 55:1–13; Luke 1:1–25.

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