Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- Let us confess our sin to God: O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with your people from age to age,
- We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway. We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, serving ourselves with pleasures.
- P O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- We know you are a God who delights in goodness. Grant that we too might delight in goodness. We know you are a God who rejoices in peace and justice. Grant that we might be at peace with ourselves and each other.
- P O Lord, great God, grant that our hearts might be filled with a love of justice, with peace beyond understanding, with patience, with joy.
- These prayers we present to you, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more. Amen.
- P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103:
 - "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles."



Psalm Psalm 80:1–7

- P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
- You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- P Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!
- Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- P You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- 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.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

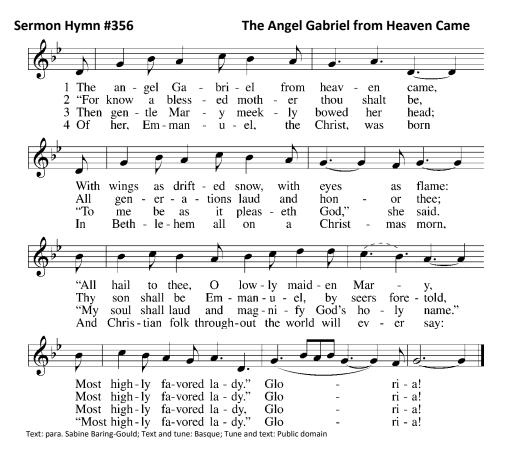
² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Luke 1:39–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayer

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 4 of the world to come. Amen.

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

Distribution Hymn #342

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



- E den proph-e sied Where tame live with the wild: What hope! An
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
- 3 As of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je sus, come, Mes si ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by lit tle child! a Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign. His death a dy - ing world Would ral-ly to the cross. an-gel's flam-ing sword—Come, o-pen heav-en's door. Lead past the

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Distribution Hymn

In Christ Alone

song:

babe!



- 1. In Christ a lone my hope is found: In Christ - lone, flesh,
- who took on
- 3. There in the ground His bo - dv lay,
- light, my strength, my He is my full-ness of God in help -
- slain. light of the world by dark - ness
- No guilt life, fear in death is the pow'r of Christ in me. in no



This cor - ner stone. this so - lid ground, firm through the fiere - est drought and storm. scorned by the ones He came This gift of love and right- eous - ness, save. Then burst-ing day, up from the grave He rose forth glo-rious gain! From life's first tī - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des ny. cry



What heights of love. what depths of peace, when fears are stilled. when striv-ings cease! Till that Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis fied: on cross as And as He stands in vic - to rv. sin's curse has lost its grip on me: hand; hell. no scheme of man, pluck me from His No pow'r of can e - ver



My com - for my all all ter. for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid for His and He mine am home He re turns or calls me

in the love of Christ here stand. here in the death of Christ live. bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ. in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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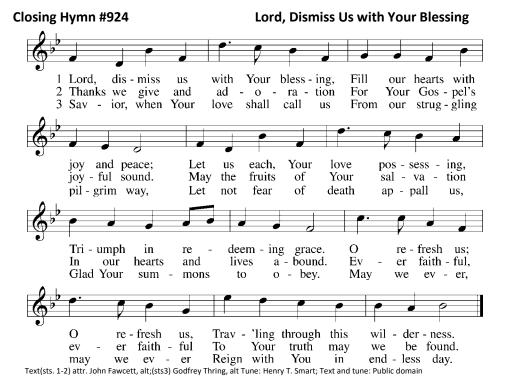


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Nunc Dimittis

- **P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- For my eyes have seen Your salvation, Which You have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel. 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.



Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

Announcements

Today

- No Bible Study
- Family Fellowship Breakfast 8:45 AM 10:15 AM
- Youth Confirmation 12:00 PM 12:45 PM
- Christmas Caroling 3:00 PM
- Sunday Evening Prayer 5:30 PM

Tuesday

- Men's Bible Study 6:30 7:30 AM
- Youth Group 6:30 8:00 PM

Wednesday

No Zoom Bible Study

Friday

Christmas Eve Worship Service 11:30 PM

Saturday

- Christmas Worship Service 9:00 AM
- No Women of Faith Bible Study

2022 Giving envelopes are ready for pick up in the narthex. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

St. James Music and Life Ministries are sponsoring **Christmas Caroling today at 3 p.m.** Meet at the church. We will be going to Meridian Village and also a few houses. We have a small gift package for each of the members we will be visiting. If you would like to help assemble the gift packages, please arrive at 2:30. All ages encouraged to attend!.

Children's Christmas Presentation The preschool thru 4th Grade will be dressing in nativity costumes and singing "Away in a Manager" today at the 10:30 AM service. Please meet downstairs at 10:15 AM to put on costumes before the service.

Family Fellowship Breakfast. St. James Fellowship Team will be hosting a family breakfast downstairs in fellowship hall today after the early worship service to 10:15 AM. Everyone is invited to join us for a wonderful breakfast and fellowship opportunity

Trivia Night January 21st: The youth groups of St. James and Good Shepherd will be hosting a trivia night to raise funds for youth attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Texas. Registration forms are available in the church office and online at https://saintjamesglencarbon.org/trivia-night/.

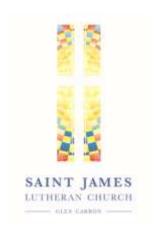
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