



THIS EVENING!
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Sunday, December 24
7:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols
with Traditional
Candle Lighting

Thank you to Linda Wood who covered the office this past week while Frances is taking a vacation.

The Church office will be closed from Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, through New Years Day, Monday, January 1.

The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Both the Contemporary Service at 8:30 AM and the Traditional Service at 10:30 AM on Sunday, December 31 will be held as usual.

BRING THE ADVENT ANIMALS TO BABY JESUS

For this year's Advent/Christmas offering we want to bring all the animals to the manger to adore baby Jesus. Please join in the fun and give generously.

So far we have raised \$2,226 towards our goal of \$7,800 consisting of

Doves at \$10 Cats at \$25 Dogs at \$25 Donkeys at \$50

Sheep at \$100 Cows at \$250 Camels at \$500

But no Angels at \$1000. Won't someone be an Angel and donate an Angel.

Mark your contributions "ADVENT" or specify which animal you would like to sponsor.

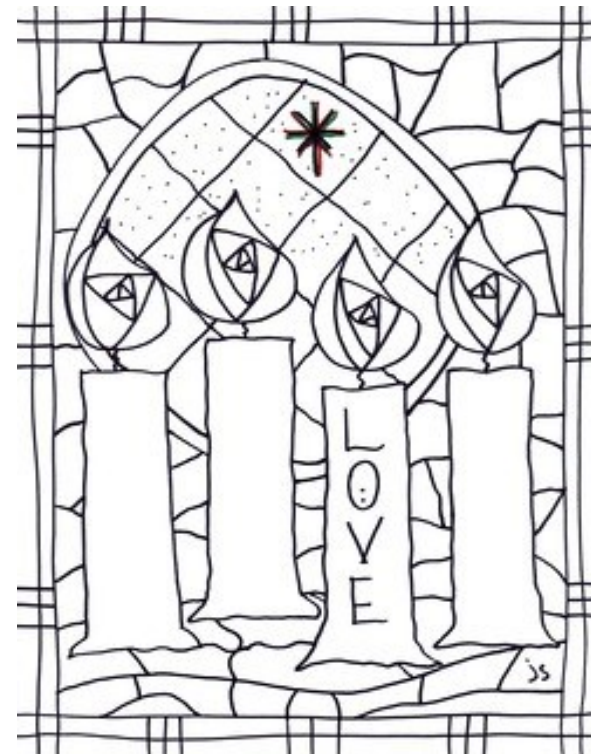


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine.
 Love was born at Christmas, stars and angels gave the sign.*
 ---Christina Rosetti

OPENING PRAISE *Today is the Savior's Day*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *Go Tell It On The Mountain
 To Bethlehem We Go
 O Come All Ye Faithful*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

SCRIPTURE
 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
 Luke 1:26-38

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

ADVENT AGENDA:
 "Welcome Love"

OFFERING *Christmas Offering*

COMMUNION *What Child Is This*

FINAL BLESSING *The Friendly Beasts*

CLOSING *Shepherd's Rock*

*Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Bass: Bob Jorstad
 Singers: Connie Clark, Pam Garza*

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep
 darkness—
 on them light has shined.
 For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and for evermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was
 sent by God to a town in Galilee called
 Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man
 whose name was Joseph, of the house
 of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
 And he came to her and said, 'Greetings,
 favored one! The Lord is with you.'

But she was much perplexed by his words
 and pondered what sort of greeting this
 might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be
 afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with
 God. And now, you will conceive in your
 womb and bear a son, and you will name
 him Jesus. He will be great and will be
 called the Son of the Most High, and the
 Lord God will give to him the throne of his
 ancestor David. He will reign over the
 house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom
 there will be no end.' Mary said to the
 angel, 'How can this be, since I am a
 virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy
 Spirit will come upon you, and the power
 of the Most High will overshadow you;
 therefore the child to be born will be holy;
 he will be called Son of God. And now, your
 relative Elizabeth in her old age has also
 conceived a son; and this is the sixth month
 for her who was said to be barren. For
 nothing will be impossible with God.' Then
 Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the
 Lord; let it be with me according to your
 word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Today's Liturgist: Mary Thronson



ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME

**the last TWO Sundays in December
 Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.**

Bring your extra Christmas goodies

HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:

**ALL CHURCH
 SUNDAY**

Hosts next Sunday,
 Dec. 31

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 SUNDAY**