St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE Noel Henri Mulet
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Lo, How A Rose Johannes Brahms
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Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. Mark Hayes
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

HYMN Once in Royal David’s City
Text: Text: Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895)
Tune: IRBY

9:00 All sing
10:30 Stanza 1 Gavin Grundahl and Andrew Niemi, soloists

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

All sing:
He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: When we cry “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” we cry out to God for hope in a hurting world.
All: Come, Lord Jesus, and heal our hurts.

Leader: When we cry for a Messiah we are crying for justice and peace in a world that is faced with injustice and strife.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and heal our communities, our nation, your world.

Leader: When our voices fall silent because our sighs are too deep for words to express... hear us.

(Silence is kept)

Leader: The Holy Spirit of God speaks on our behalf.
All: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring light to our darkness.

Leader: We pause during Advent to see all the places we need the baby of the manger, the joy of the angels, and the faithfulness of the shepherds.
All: Come, now, long expected Jesus.

HYMN Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Tune: HYFRYDOL, Roland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. From The English Hymnal, 1906
Hymnary.org

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.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

HYMN He Came Down
Text: Cameroon song
Tune: HE CAME DOWN. Cameroon melody, arr. John L. Bell, 1986, arr. Iona Community

He came down that we may have hope.
He came down that we may have hope,
He came down that we may have hope,
Hallelujah forevermore.
He came down that we may have joy.
He came down that we may have joy,
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace.
He came down that we may have peace.
He came down that we may have peace.
Hallelujah forevermore.

PRAYER
LESSON Luke 1:46b-55
Leader: Mary said,
   “My soul magnifies the Lord,
   my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
All:  for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
   From this day all generations will call me blessed:
Leader: You, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
   and holy is your name.
All:  for you have mercy on those who fear you,
   from generation to generation.
Leader: You have shown strength with his arm;
   he has scattered the proud in their conceit,
All:  for casting down the powerful from their thrones,
   and lifting up the lowly.
Leader: You have filled the hungry with good things,
   and sent the rich away empty.
All:  for you have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
   to remember the promise of mercy,
Leader: the promise made to our ancestors,
   to Abraham and his children forever.”

ANTHEM The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy  arr. Mack Wilberg
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(9:00) St. Andrew’s Choir; (10:30) Combined Choirs

10:30 BAPTISM
Griffin Daniel Rasmussen
Son of Elise and Justin Rasmussen

APOSTLES’ CREED
   I believe in God, the Father almighty,
   creator of heaven and earth.
   I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
      He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
      and born of the virgin Mary.
      He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
      He descended into hell.
      On the third day he rose again.
      He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
      He will come again 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
HYMN Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming  
Text:  16th Century German, tr. Theodore Baker  
Tune: EST IST EIN ROSE

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to men a Savior  
When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter:  
All (sung): “Glory to you, O Lord.”

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45  
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
All (sung): “Praise to you, O Christ.”

SERMON Pastor Sarah Breckenridge

ANTHEM While by My Sheep (How Great Our Joy)  
arr. Michael Burkhardt  
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Handbells
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION
In the night in which he was betrayed,
    our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
    broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
        Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
        Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
    and gave it for all to drink, saying:
        This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
            shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
        Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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
    The body of Christ, given for you. Amen
    The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen

HYMN Lamb of God  Ronald A. Nelson
© Augsburg Publishing House, 1978
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
    grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC
9:00 Wonderful Peace  Gustaf Nordquist/arr. Davison
© Word Music
St. Andrew’s Choir

Peace, peace, wonderful peace, peace to the world is given.
Hushed are the angels so still is the night;
Then in the East shone a heavenly light.
Join in the chorus his praises sing!
Glory to God, to the newly born King.
Peace, peace, wonderful peace, peace to the world is given.
Peace, peace, bearer of peace.
All of good will receive Him.
Holiest of nights, O most wond’rous of days;
Shepherds and kings lift their voices in praise.
Join in the chorus his praises sing!
Glory to God, to the newly born King.
Peace, peace, wonderful peace, peace to the world is given.

10:30 Still, Still, Still  arr. Mark Hayes
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Piano Duet

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit’s power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
All: Amen

BENEDICTION
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All (sung): Amen

HYMN  Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!
POSTLUDE *Noel Etranger*  Louis Claude Daquin  
© 1948 Mercury Music Corporation

**TODAY**  
Gavin Grundahl and Andrew Niemi, soloists  
Choristers; Miriam Sikora, director  
Celebration Singers; Julie Conzemius, director  
Middle School Choir; Jennifer Starr, director  
High School Singers; Andrew Haase, director  
St. Andrew’s Choir; Jan Gilbertson, music director  
Bill Chouinard, organist; Kristin Chouinard, pianist  
Pastor Sarah Breckenridge and Pastor Brian Norsman

**Christmas Worship 2021**  
*In-person and online*

**Lessons & Carols – Thursday, December 23, 7 pm*, Sanctuary**

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 – In-person Worship**

*Contemporary Worship*, Great Hall – 1*, 3* and 5* pm  
*Traditional Worship*, Sanctuary – 2, 4*, 7*, 9* and 11* pm

**Christmas Day, Saturday December 25 – In-person Worship**

*Traditional Worship*, Sanctuary – 11 am**

**Online rebroadcast of Christmas Eve 4 pm Traditional service**

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