

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” 54 LBW

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness pg. 77 LBW

Kyrie pg. 78 LBW

Hymn of Praise “Joy to the World” 39 LBW

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that we, too, may witness to Christ’s coming and so prepare his way; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

Faith Seeds Pastor Scott Grorud
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation “Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn” 43 LBW

The Announcement of the Gospel “**Glory to You, O Lord**”

Gospel Luke 1:57-80

Response after the Gospel “**Praise to You, O Christ**”

Sermon “A Song for Advent” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” 36 LBW

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the Church

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Go Tell It on the Mountain” 70 LBW

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, MN

8:00 a.m. First Word

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:
Luke 1:57-80

- † Why does the difference between Advent and Christmas matter—or not?
- † What is unusual about the song Zechariah sang after John’s birth?
- † What additional challenges to Zechariah’s words did Luke face and do we face?
- † Why is it vital for us to remain in Advent, even after Christmas?

