

Gathering Music

Greeting

Announcements

Song “All Earth Is Hopeful” WOV #629

Advent Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song ... “Jesus Name Above All Names”

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-17

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Faith Seeds Penny Stuber

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

The Verse “Alleluia”

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.**

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon “The Essential Joseph”..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “A Song for Joseph” (Tune: LBW#67 Away in a Manger)

**To Joseph an angel appeared in a dream
Do not be afraid for it’s not as it seems.
The child Mary carries is sent from above,
The work of God’s Spirit—a gift of God’s love.**

So Joseph, believing, took Mary, his wife.

And cared for her, loved her, the rest of his life.

**And when that day came when young Mary gave birth
He named the child Jesus, our God come to earth.**

O God of surprises, O God of great love,

**We praise you for this wondrous gift from above,
For in the child Jesus you entered our pain
That through him, our Savior, true life we would gain.**

Dear Father in heaven, oh help us, we pray,

**Like Joseph, to trust and believe what you say,
That in us, and through us, Your will may be done
So all in this world will rejoice in Your Son.**

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/Special Music “Ding Dong Merrily on High”

Ringers of Faith, Bailey Fields, Ronda Eckhart

Offertory Response “Create in Me”

**Create in me a clean heart, O God that I might serve You.
Create in me a clean heart, O God that I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me and bring me back to You. Create in
me a clean heart, O God that I might serve You.**

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

Song “Night of Silence” Insert

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:
Matthew 1:18-25

- † How has Joseph often been portrayed through the years?
- † What vital truth about Jesus did Matthew’s “Christmas” account establish?
- † Why was Joseph essential to making that case about Jesus?
- † How can Christians today learn from Joseph’s example?

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Hutchinson, Minnesota
10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service
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Fourth Sunday in Advent

