

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”..... LBW #42

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise ...“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” .. WOV #632

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, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

L: The Word of the Lord.

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Faith Seeds Pastor Paul Knudson

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”

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

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

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

Sermon ... “Here Am I...Let It Be with Me According to Your Word” ...

Pastor Paul Knudson

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

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 “Mary and Joseph” Austin Willhite

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Vom Himmel Hoch

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 “Let All Together Praise Our God” LBW #47

What Does This Mean?

1. What profit may there be to own up to our own hesitancy to hear God's anointing of and call upon us to be his witnesses?
2. Could we ever hide behind that "I am too old" or "I am too young" when God makes promises to us and he declares the future he has for us?
3. How may his Word to Mary speak to us as Faith Lutheran Church?

Announcements

- * Christmas Eve Worship Services today at 2, 4 (Foundation and Sanctuary), 6, and 11 p.m. with Holy Communion
- * Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion tomorrow at 10 a.m. and Church offices will be closed.
- * Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Dave Lennon in memory of his wife, Karen.
- * Flowers: Given by Roberta Yukel in memory of her husband, Dale.
- * Thank you to everyone who is helping with this mornings services!
- * Augustana District Church to prayer for: Zion Lutheran in Buffalo Lake, MN
- * December 31 Service: First Word at 8 a.m. and Combined Sanctuary and Foundation service at 10:10 a.m. (no Digging Deeper or Sunday School)
- ◆ Contributions for 2023 tax giving statements must be received at the church by 12 noon on Sunday, December 31.

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Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

