

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ..... LBW #25

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie .....LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise ... “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” ... WOV #730

Prayer of the Day

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds so that we may delight in your will and follow in humble obedience until that day when your Son reappears in glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Micah 5:2-5

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... Psalm 113

L: The Word of the Lord.

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Faith Seeds and Lighting of the Advent Wreath ... Niki Pokornowski

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 1:39-56

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

Sermon ..... “God Looks Down on You!” .....Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord” (Tune LBW #52) LBW #180

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 ..... “Little Drummer Boy” ..... Ringers of Faith with Justin Beck

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: LBW #51 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 .... “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” ..... LBW #42

# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
December 15, 2024  
Third Sunday in Advent

## What Does This Mean?

1. In worldly terms, what is especially surprising about God choosing Mary to bear Jesus?
2. What chief reason did Mary give for why her “soul magnifies the Lord”?
3. Why does God do the various works Mary named in the Magnificat?
4. Why is it good news that God looks down on you?

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