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The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve Morning Worship: A Service of Carols

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Ring of the Bell
Welcome

Carol: #393, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Response Reading (Psalm 27:1; Psalm 118:1-4, 14, 24, 26, 28-29)

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: His steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: Let the house of Aaron say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: Let those who fear the LORD say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: The LORD is my strength and my song;

C: He has become my salvation.

P: This the day that the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!

C: We bless You from the house of the Lord.

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

C: You are my God; I will extol You.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: for His steadfast love endures forever! Amen!

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Carol: #364, "Away in a Manger"

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Homiletical Reflection #1

Carol: #361, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Homiletical Reflection #2

Carol: #376, "Once in David's Royal City"

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Homiletical Reflection #3

The Apostles' Creed back cover of hymnal

Carol: #374, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Offering

Carol: #387, "Joy to the World"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Carol: #380, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

SNOW SHOVELING

A schedule for winter snow shoveling has been posted on the bulletin board. We need volunteers to help clear sidewalks and driveways around the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

LIFE QUOTE

December 24 "So celebrate that divine-human Gift who has so changed your life by His Spirit. Praise Him for His gracious forgiveness and righteousness. Praise Him as the One who will one day transform the mortal into immortality. Indeed, He who was once a baby has changed and is changing lives and will one day change His whole creation." *Rev. David Fuerstenau, Holy Truth Lutheran Church, Ketchikan, Alaska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*