

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” LBW #29

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

God of righteousness, you are ever-faithful to your promises to your people. In this season of anticipation, stir up your power and come. Strengthen our hearts and transform our lives so that we might always be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:23, 35-11:1

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Faith Seeds and Lighting of the Advent Wreath Payton Eastman

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 1:5-25

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

Sermon “Connecting the Messianic Dots” ... Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LBW #30

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 ... “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 Words of Institution

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.

The Distribution “Lamb of God” LBW pg. 92

Communion WOV #701, LBW #315, and 28

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” ... LBW #31

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
December 1, 2024
First Sunday in Advent

What Does This Mean?

1. What is your initial reaction to Gabriel's harsh criticism of Zechariah?
2. Why was that criticism warranted?
3. How did Luke try to help his readers avoid Zechariah's error?
4. What is the message of today's Gospel reading when we "connect the dots"?



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