

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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December 6, 2015 - 10:30 AM – Christmas Ingathering

ELW Communion Setting 2 –Advent II

Prelude

Welcome

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads!
The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

* Gathering Song *“Hark the Glad Sound”* **ELW #239**

* Greeting ELW page 120

* Kyrie Hymn **ELW #151**

Prayer of the Day (*lay worship assistant*) TR

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – Blessing

Congregation Sings *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (v. 2) **ELW #257**

First Reading **Malachi 3:1-4** TR

Psalm Hymn (Luke 1:68-79) *“Blessed Be the God”* **ELW #250**

Second Reading **Philippians 1:3-11** TR

* Gospel Acclamation (*sung*) *“Alleluia”* (*sung*) ELW page 124

* Gospel **Luke 3:1-6** TR

Children’s Sermon

Sermon – *“Challenge of Advent Preparation in 2015 – CHANGE!”*

* Hymn of the Day *“On Jordan’s Banks”* (vs 1-3) **ELW #249**

* Nicene Creed ELW page 126

* Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer ends with these words:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

* Peace ELW page 128

Offering

Choir *“Prepare Ye the Way”* Hal Hopson

* Offertory Song *“Light One Candle”* (v. 1-2) **ELW #240**

* Offering Prayer (*lay worship assistant*)

* The Great Thanksgiving (*sung*) ELW page 129

* Preface for Advent (*sung by Pastor*)

* *“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”* (*sung*) ELW page 130

* Eucharistic Prayer III (*read responsively*) ELW page 132

* The Lord’s Prayer ELW page 134

* *“Lamb of God”* (*sung*) ELW page 135

Invitation to Communion: *“God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.”*

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (*please follow the ushers*)

Hymn during Distribution *“All Earth is Hopeful”* **ELW #266**

* Communion Table Blessing (*lay worship assistant*)

Mission Announcements

* Blessing (*said by Pastor*)

* Sending Song *“People, Look East”* **ELW #248**

Dismissal P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

(indicates to please stand if you are able; ELW is the red ‘Evangelical Lutheran Worship’ in the pew rack. TR is Today’s Readings insert in Bulletin.*

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

If you would like more information about this community of faith, please speak to Pastor Deal.

Serving in our worship this morning:

Acolyte/Youth Communion Assistant Samantha Mueller
 Council Communion Assistants Ken Anderson, Val McGinn
 Lay Worship Assistant. Scott Gaun
 Greeter Val McGinn
 Head Usher Cheryl Mesko
 Altar Guild & Communion Bread Beth Snyder, Barb Naska
 Counters Ken Anderson, Val McGinn
 Organist/Choir Director Carolyn Williams
 Parish Secretary Ann Wong
 Custodians Dianna Streletz and Norma Fox
 Attendance for 11/29 – Worship: 57. Christian Ed: 29.

Calendar

Care-A-Lot Preschool meets Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

TODAY, Sunday, December 6– Christmas Ingathering of Gifts

9:00 AM Spark Sunday School/Youth Christmas Prep, Adult Bible Study
 10:30 AM Communion- Gifts organized and delivered after worship

Tuesday, December 8– at 6:30 PM – Church Council/Supper

Wednesday, December 9– 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 12 6:30 PM Palisades Youth caroling to the community

NEXT Sunday, December 13 – Advent III

9:00 AM Christian Ed
 10:30 AM Communion
 11:30 AM – 2016 Budget Meeting
 Noon – Annual Christmas Covered Dish in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by WELCA

Saturday, December 19 – 9 AM - Altar Guild and other volunteers prepare Sanctuary for Christmas services

Sunday, December 20 – Sunday School Christmas Program at 10:30 AM followed by Christmas Caroling to the Homebound

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve – 5 PM Service for Families with Young Children; 7:30 PM Candlelight Communion



Christmas Flowers

It is time to order Poinsettias and Cyclamen to decorate our chancel for Christmas. Orders will be taken until December 13. Please remember to include your phone number. You can sign up for flowers in church, or you can order by mail. Make checks payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham. To order by mail, fill out the chart below. Place your payment in an envelope—clearly marked Christmas Flowers -- and put it into the offering plate or mail to: Victoria Phillipps, 100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville, PA 18077. Any questions, please contact Victoria at 610-346-1996.

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| Name & Phone #: | | | | | |
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