

# Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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December 18, 2016 - 10:30 AM – Fourth Sunday of Advent

*“From Heaven Above”* - Led by Sunday School

Hymns from Red ELW Hymnal

Prelude

Welcome and Introduction to the Service

\* Processional Hymn *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (vs 1-3) **ELW#283**

\* Invocation - Pastor Deal

\* Call to Worship

P Come, let us celebrate God’s gifts in this joyous season.

**C Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.**

P Come, let us worship the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

**C O come, let us adore him!**

P Come, let us humble ourselves before the Lord, recognizing that we live in the darkness of our own sin, undeserving of his gifts.

**C Lord, have mercy on us.**

P Come and rejoice. The true light, which gives light to everyone, has come into the world.

**C From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace already given.**

P Come, let us adore him,

**C Christ the Lord, our good and perfect gift sent from above.**

\* Prayer of the Day (Pastor)

\* Christmas Hymn *“Good Christian Friends”* **ELW #287**

(Children sing 1st verse, congregation joins on 2<sup>nd</sup> verse. Please be seated after the hymn.)

Meditation (Pastor)

*“Gift of Light”* (Children and Youth)

\* Christmas Hymn *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* **ELW #279**

(Children sing 1st verse, congregation then sings 3<sup>rd</sup> verse.)

*“Gift of Joy”* (Children and Youth)

Song by Children *“Away in a Manger”* **ELW #277**

Reading by Children and Youth

Song by Children *“From Heaven Above”* (by Martin Luther)

Reading by Children and Youth

Christmas Hymn *“Joy to the World”* **ELW #267**

(Children sing 1st verse, congregation joins on verses 2-4.)

*“Gift of Peace”* (Children and Youth)

Christmas Hymn *“Silent Night”* **ELW #281**

(Children sing 1st verse, congregation joins on verses 2-3.)

*“Gift of Forgiveness”* (Children and Youth)

Song *“From Heaven Above”* (Congregation joins, words below)

This is the Christ, our God Most High,  
who hears your sad and bitter cry;

He will himself your Savior be from all your sins to set you free.

Reading by Children and Youth

Song by Children *“O Come, Little Children”*

*“Gift of Life”* (Children and Youth)

Song *“From Heaven Above”* (Congregation joins, words below)

He will on you the gifts bestow, Prepared by God for all below, That  
in his kingdom, bright and fair, You may with us his glory share.

Recitation by Children

Song by Children *“O Come, Little Children”*

*“Gift of Jesus”* (Children and Youth)

Song *“From Heaven Above”* (Congregation joins, words below)

These are the signs that you shall mark:  
the swaddling clothes and manger dark.

There you will find the infant laid  
by whom the heav’ns and earth were made.

Reading and Recitation by Children and Youth

Song *“From Heaven Above”* (Congregation joins, words below)

How glad we’ll be to find it so! Then with the shepherds let us go  
To see what God for us has done in sending us his own dear Son.  
My heart for very joy must leap; my lips no more can silence keep.

I, too, must sing with joyful tongue that sweetest ancient  
cradlesong:

Glory to God in highest heav'n, who unto us his Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

Offering - Special Music

\* Closing Prayer (Pastor)

\* Benediction (Pastor)

Recitation by Children and Youth

\* **Closing Hymn** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" **ELW #270**

Postlude

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**Leading and Serving in our worship this morning:**

Carolyn Williams, Lynn Gaun, Sunday School Parents, Sunday School  
Team Members, Children and Youth

Acolyte & Communion Assistant . . . . . Nicholas Phillipps

Greeters . . . . . Jayne and Jim Miller

Head Usher . . . . . Cheryl Mesko

Counters . . . . . Barb Naska, Ken Anderson

Organist/ Choir Director . . . . . Carolyn Williams

Parish Secretary . . . . . Ann Wong

Custodian . . . . . Dianna Streletz

Attendance on December 11, 2016 - Christian Ed:27, Worship: 57.

**CALENDAR**

*Care-A-Lot meets Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 AM – 12:30 PM*

**TODAY, Sunday, December 18** -Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Christian Ed

10:30 AM "From Heaven Above" Sunday School Christmas  
Program

Noon Lunch at the Dungan's and caroling to the  
homebound

**Saturday, December 24** -Christmas Eve - 5 PM "The ABC's of  
Christmas" Children's Service, 7:30 PM Candlelight Communion

**Sunday, December 25** - Christmas Day - 10:30 AM Communion

**Sunday, January 1, 2017** - New Year's Day

NO Sunday School

10:30 AM

"The Name of Jesus," special Communion  
Service to begin the New Year.

**PRAYER**

*Please lift up in prayer the following ...*