

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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December 24, 2017- 10:30 AM- Fourth Sunday of Advent
Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Prelude

Welcome

* Gathering Song . . . "Hark, the Glad Sound" . . . **ELW #239**

* Dialogue

L: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

L: I will hear what the Lord God has to say -

C: A voice that speaks for peace.

L: Peace for all faithful people

C: And those who turn to him in their hearts.

L: God's help is near for those who fear him,

C: That his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

* Opening Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

ALL: Gracious God, through the ages you have sent your promise to your people in many ways, through many voices. But in these last days, your Son has come to bring it among us in person. Through your Spirit, prepare our hearts to recognize him in his many forms, and to receive him as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Congregation may be seated.



Serving in our worship this morning:

Council Communion Assistants . . . Ken Anderson, Scott Gaun
Acolyte & Youth Communion Assistant Conner Aquino
Greeter Sara Aquino
Head Usher Cheryl Mesko
Altar Guild & Communion Bread: V. McGinn, B. Naska, M. Harwick
Counters Ken Anderson, Scott Gaun
Organist/Choir Director Carolyn Williams
Parish Secretary Ann Wong
Custodian Dianna Streletz

The Food Basket on the altar this morning is given in honor of Gerry Seipt's 90th birthday by her family.

Last Sunday's altar Food Basket (12/17) was given in memory of Myron (Pappy) Kressman by his grandsons, Landon, Clayton, Jacob, Joshua, and Jeremy.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service tonight at
7:30 PM!

The Church Office will be closed from December 24 through
January 2.

NEXT Sunday -December 31 - First Sunday of Christmas, New
Year's Eve - NO Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 AM.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Antiphon *(said by leader)*

Hymn Stanza: "O Come, O Wisdom" **ELW #257** stanza 2

Lesson: Isaiah 40:3-5

Carol: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" **ELW #256**

Antiphon *(said by leader)*

Hymn Stanza: "O Come, O Lord of Might" **ELW #257** stanza 3

Lesson: Exodus 6:2-7a

Carol: "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" **ELW #254**

Antiphon *(said by leader)*

Hymn Stanza: "O Come, O Branch of Jesse" **ELW #257** stanza 4

Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Carol: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" **ELW #272**

Antiphon *(said by leader)*

Hymn Stanza: "O Come, O Key of David" **ELW #257** stanza 5

Lesson: Isaiah 42:5-9

Carol: "He Came Down" **ELW #253**

Antiphon *(said by leader)*

Hymn Stanza: "O Come, O Dayspring" **ELW #257** stanza 6

Lesson: Luke 1:68-79

Carol: "Blessed Be the God" **ELW #250**

Antiphon *(said by leader)*

Hymn Stanza: "O Come, O King of Nations" **ELW #257** stanza 7

Lesson: Isaiah 34:4-7a

Carol: "Savior of the Nations" (verses 1-4) **ELW #263**

Antiphon *(said by leader)*

Hymn Stanza: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **ELW #257** st. 1

Lesson: Isaiah 7:14

Carol: "Awake! Awake..." **ELW #242**

* Sharing of the Peace



* Responsive Prayer

L: Our world stumbles blindly toward chaos -

C: Come, source of wisdom, and reveal yourself to us.

L: What we imagine to be strength is really weakness -

C: Come, mighty lord, and fill us with your true strength.

L: We long for a standard to look up to -

C: Come, root of Jesse, claim us as your own.

L: We languish in prisons of mind and spirit -

C: Come, key of David and set us free.

L: The darkness grows thick around us -

C: Come, light of light and dawn upon us.

L: We are scattered, lacking a sure leader -

C: Come, prince of peace, and lead us.

L: We need to know that God is with us -

C: Come, Emmanuel, and dwell in our hearts. Amen.

Offering

Special Music

* Communion *(led by Pastor)*

* Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Bread and Fruit of the Vine *(please follow ushers)*

Post-Communion Table Blessing *(Pastor)*

Brief Announcements

*Blessing and Dismissal

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: In our Savior Christ, God is with us. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Sending Song . . . "People, Look East" . . . **ELW #248**

Postlude