



**"I am the
Lord's Servant"**

Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Advent

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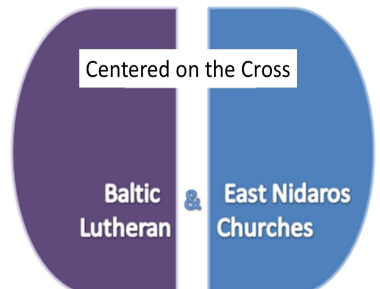
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Worship Plan for Sunday, December 24, 2023

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LBW Setting Two without Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN *The Bells of Christmas* (LBW 62)

GREETING (LBW p. 78)

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)

Glory to God in the highest

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Luke 1:47-55

⁴⁷ My soul magnifies the Lord; and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ **for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ **for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
⁵¹ **He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ **he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.**

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ **according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE (PEACE) AND CHILDREN'S SERMON

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel LBW 34 vs. 1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was

Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."
²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON According to Your Word

HYMN OF THE DAY *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)

APOSTLE'S CREED (LBW p. 85)

OFFERING HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound!* (LBW 35)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 97)

BLESSING (LBW p. 97)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* WOV 752

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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Harry Laue—Bud Skancke

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community

Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community

Keith Fawcett—Kyla Fawcett's (Nesheim) father-in-law

Anita (Ana) Reategui—Friend of Jeff and Joan Boldt

Carolyn Koopman—Aunt of Kim Questad

James Langloss—Kim Questad's Uncle

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Carol, Billy, Nicole, Chad, Dane, Noah, Brian & Lisa—Family of Eric & Lindsey Comes

Becky Berg—Sister-in-law of Dick Berg



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Baltic

Bonnie & Orill Johnson—from Family

Jarvis Brende—from Family

Jim Park & Dorothy McFarland—from Todd & Tammy Park

Kenny & Shirley Gunderson—from children and grandchildren

Don & Dolores Kangley and George Nohava—from Myron & Diana Nohava

Blake Olsen - from Trista Bohlen

Arnold & Annette Qualseth, Gloria Christensen & Eugene Carnicle—from David Qualseth family in celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Wendell & Evelyn Questad & Don & Donna Koopman—from Pastor and Kim Questad.

East Nidaros

Earl & Ella Riswold—from Rosalie, Ryne, Shalece, Dylan & Chantel

Ordell Krogstad - from Family

Richard Baker—from Zach Hefty & Faith Miller

Loyle & Selma Larson—from Deb Larson

Bob & Marcella Hembd—from Tom & Becky Siemonsma

Gerard & Anastasia Siemonsma, Gerald, Chad & Paula—from Tom & Becky Siemonsma

Tanya Vollan—from Tanya's Family

Wendell & Evelyn Questad & Don & Donna Koopman—from Pastor and Kim Questad.

Our Response to God's Love

Baltic: Dec 17: Attendance 222; General Fund\$3073.00 Noisy Can\$126.64 Christmas Offering \$250.00

East: Dec 17: Attendance 91; General Fund \$2090.53 Noisy Can \$176.21

DECEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Honor Flight
East: Shetek Ministry

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Baltic	Joint Service at 10am at East Nidaros Lutheran Church. Livestreamed on Facebook
East Nidaros	@ EastNidarosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of December 24th

Today	3:30pm Candlelight Service at Baltic Lutheran 5:30pm Candlelight Service at East Nidaros
Thu Dec 28	9am Newsletter Assembly
Sat Dec 30	10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

East Nidaros

Dec 24 Keith & Paula Harvey
& 31 Rob & Katie Siemonsma

2024 Church Envelopes

With the New Year just around the corner, if you are interested in having 2024 Weekly Giving Envelopes, please contact Alvina for East Nidaros at dunaharv@alliancecom.net Or (605) 529-5328. Contact Lisa for Baltic at nidaros@alliancecom.net or call (605) 529-5471.