PRELUDE

Colleen Harris & Marilyn Paterno

WELCOME

Pastor Margaret

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW# 723 “Canticle of the Turning”
Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.
Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-cieve our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High. Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.
Let us pray.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(The assembly may be seated.)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a  
Ruth Rinard

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Kathy Carlson

Litany for the 4th week in Advent

God we gather in this Advent season, To hear the prayers you have placed in our hearts,
Filled with the ache of hurting people and a broken world,
We come willing to listen to the silence that gives us Peace
Longing to see and to become all you intend us to be.

Let the busyness of our bodies rest,
Let the worries of our minds rest,
Let the doubts of our hearts rest,
Letting go of self may we all hold onto God,
Opening ourselves to become a part of your new world that is emerging.

Pause while all four candles are lit.

God we release to you the rush and noise of life,
We breathe out all that hinders our becoming who you intend us to be,
Fear, anxiety, busyness, confusion, guilt and tiredness,
We throw off our busy distractedness and breathe in all that is of you,
We rest in your arms in Peace

God may we be mindful of you today,
Knowing that each moment of time is sanctified by your spirit.
May your words echo deep within us,
So that we can hear your call to holiness, justice and compassion.
Becoming people of Peace to a troubled world.

Hymn: ELW# 257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, vs 4
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em-man-uel, and ransomed captive
Is-ra-el, that mourns in lonely exile here.

2 O come, O Wis-dom from on high, embrac-ing all things
far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay;

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
San-nai’s height in ancient times you gave the law

4 O come, O Branch of Jes-se, free your own from Sa-tan’s
tyr-an-ny; from depths of hell your peo-ple save,

Refrain
until the Son of God appear,
un-till your will and guide our way.

5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav’nly home; teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and guide them vic-t’ry o’er the grave.

7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

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Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)
The presiding minister processes to the center aisle as the acclamation is sung.

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled
with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

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

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

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

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

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated.)
Sermon – Pastor Margaret Payne

(Please stand as you are able.)

Hymn of the Day: The Magnificat (from Holden Evening Prayer)
1. My soul proclaims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might-y down from their thrones, and up-
   spir-it re-joic-es in you. You have looked with love on your
   lift-ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun-gry with
   ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
   won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

   Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,
   Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,

   strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more. How you fa-vor the
   strong is your jus-tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to
   weak and low-ly one, hum-bling the proud of heart!
   Sar-ah and A-bra-ham, kind-ness for ev-er-more.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION prayers of the people
Kathy Carlson leads this; Pastor Margaret Payne leads the final prayer.

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence.

Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church’s gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that brings forth abundant life.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all who call our attention to imbalances of power. Hear us, O God.

*Your mercy is great.*

Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and those who are pregnant. Comfort any struggling with infertility and those who await test results, are in treatment and hospice care, and others in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

*Your mercy is great.*

Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.

*Your mercy is great.*

We remember those who need your healing, love, and compassion especially Evie, Roger, Randy, Richard, Dennis, Melba, Margery, James, and Michael. We also remember those who have been called back to our heavenly home, especially Bob, Rhoda, and Regi.

Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness (*especially*). Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.

*Your mercy is great.*

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

*Amen.*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with signs of peace while remaining at a safe distance.*

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*
While the people sing, the table is set for Holy Communion, and the offering is brought forward.

Offering Hymn: “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful” ELW 184

(Please stand as you are able.)

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets’ hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary’s openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 assembly may be seated.)*
The assembly forms two lines and comes to the altar to receive and partake of communion. You will receive the bread from the pastor and wine/juice from an assisting minister and return by the side aisles. Baskets for empty glasses are on the front side aisles as you return to your pews.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

Please partake of the communion elements as the pastor says,
   The body of Christ, given for you.
   The blood of Christ, shed for you.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Post Communion Blessing  [Pastor Margaret Payne]

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

As the post communion hymn is sung, ushers will pass baskets to collect packaging from communion.

Post Communion Hymn ELW # 207 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”
Post Communion Prayer

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated.)

(Please stand as you are able.)
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
   with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
   all generations laud and honor thee;
   “All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
   thy son shall be Emmanu-el, by seers foretold,
   “My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
   and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
   most highly favored lady.”

2 “For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
   “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
   in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
   “All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
   thy son shall be Emmanu-el, by seers foretold,
   “My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
   and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
   most highly favored lady.”

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
   “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
   in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
   “All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
   thy son shall be Emmanu-el, by seers foretold,
   “My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
   and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
   most highly favored lady.”

4 Of her, Emmanu-el, the Christ, was born
   with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
   all generations laud and honor thee;
   “All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
   thy son shall be Emmanu-el, by seers foretold,
   “My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
   and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
   most highly favored lady.”

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
Music: GABRIEL’S MESSAGE, Basque carol
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Margaret Payne
Assisting Minister: Kathy Carlson
Communion Assistants: Kathy Carlson, Ruth Rinard
Readers: Ruth Rinard, Bettijean Harris
Ushers: Ann Donnelly, Pam Juengling
Greeter: Carol-Ann Walker
Acolyte: Todd Maketa
Altar Guild: Yvonne Nicholson
Organist: Colleen Harris
Pianist: Marilyn Paterno
Litany Author: Shawn Adams

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