



A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

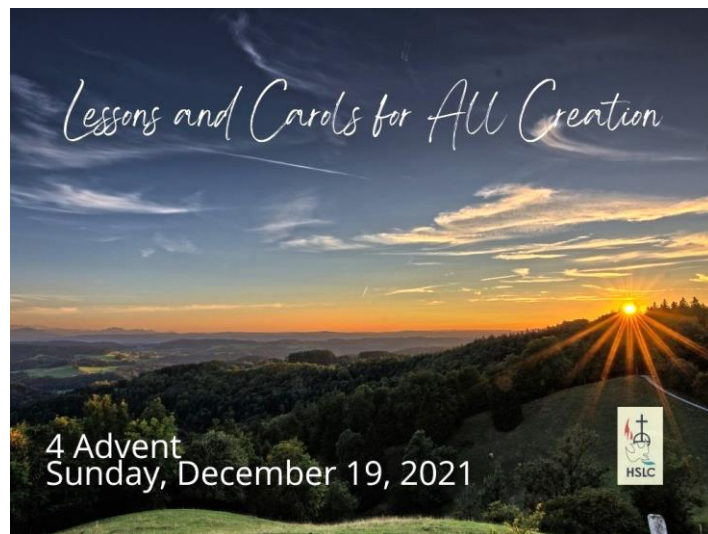
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We are glad that you are here and hope that you will be enriched by this time of worship. In this unprecedented time, we are exploring worship in new ways and ask for your input and patience. If you are new with us today – welcome!



Welcome

Candle-Lighting

“Joyful Is the Dark” (ACS 1096) vs 1,2,3,5

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-24

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them

and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Carol “In Silence We Wait” (ACS 998) sing 5x

Greeting

Prayer

Second Reading

Jonah 1:11-12,17,4:1b, 6-11

Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. [In Nineveh Jonah] became angry. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Carol “I Wonder as I Wander” (WOV 642) verses 1,3,4

Prayer

Children’s Time – Annika C.

Pastor: Rev. Trish Schmermund (she, her, hers)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Lindsey Jorgensen-Skakum (they, them, theirs) *on parental leave*

Musician: Jared Samborski (he, him, his)

Council President: Toby Schneider (he, him, his)

Ministers: Every Member

Video Editor/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

Mary's Story

Third Reading

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He 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. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The 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. And 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. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then 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.

Carol "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (ELW 295) vs 1,2,4

Prayers - Especially we pray for: Clarence M, Tom d, Cody M, Ramon J, Tonia & Jason, Susan K, Tim, Charlotte, Diana M, Pr. Richard R, Darren F, William, Daryl A, Eva H, Teyler D, Jerry B, Wally C, Thompson N, Ted & Bernice Y, Dayna S, Debbie & Elliot, Mike, Amanda-Jane, Kristi, Rod A, Sandi C-M and family, the Frohlich family, our daycare partner Families & staff, Sara D as she mourns the loss of her mother, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Joseph's Story

Fourth Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Carol "Cold December Flies Away" (ELW 299) verses 1,2,3

Prayer

Jesus' Story

Fifth Reading

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first

registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol "Away in a Manger" (ELW 277)

Creed

The Wise Men

Sixth Reading

Matthew 2:7-12

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Carol "We Three Kings" (WOV 646) verses 2,3,4

Offering Prayer

Song "Deep Peace" (ACS 1018)

Sharing the Peace

Lord's Prayer – traditional spoken

Revelation Story

Seventh Reading

Revelation 22:1-7

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." ⁷ "See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Carol "May This Church be Like a Tree" (ACS 1042) vs 1,2,3

Community Life

Blessing

Carol "Joy to the World" (ELW 267) verses 1-4

Dismissal

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HSLC OFFICE HOURS

Friday, December 24	9 am - 1 pm
Monday, December 27	Closed
Tuesday, December 28	10 am - 1 pm
Wednesday, December 29	10 am - 1 pm
Thursday, December 30	10 am - 1 pm
Friday, December 31	10 am - 1 pm

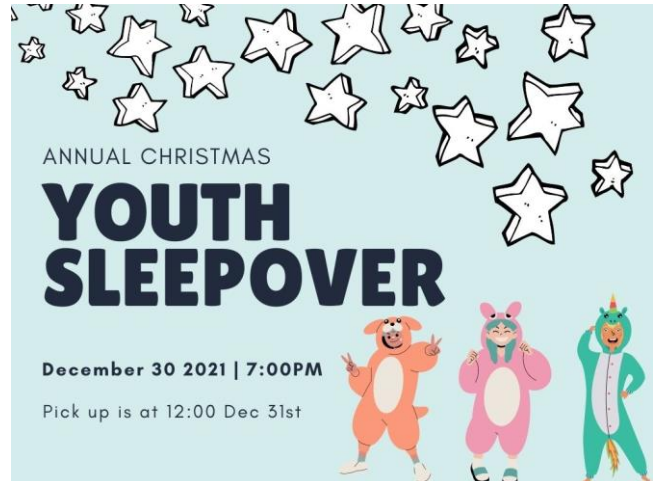
Offerings to the church can be dropped off or phoned in to donate via credit card during office hours.



NEEDED:

- REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS
- BACKPACKS

Please drop off at the church during office hours



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
YOUTH SLEEPOVER

December 30 2021 | 7:00PM
Pick up is at 12:00 Dec 31st



Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve - Fri, Dec 24 NO in-person
5:00 pm Candlelight Service

Christmas Day - Sat, Dec 25 NO in-person
10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

1 Christmas - Sun, Dec 26 YES in person
10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

2 Christmas - Sun, Jan 2 NO in-person
10:00 am Service of the Word



Merry Christmas from
YOU!

Send in your Christmas greeting to be included in our Christmas Eve service.

deadline: Dec 20