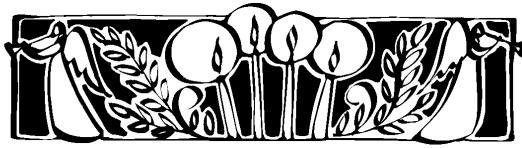


December 18, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Fourth
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came K. Sadowski

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord M. Burkhardt
Prepare the Way, O Zion (#152) BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#176 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates TRURO

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O LORD, we confess our desire for control.
We like to be in charge of our lives.
We have expectations of ourselves and others,
and especially of you.
We have plans for our flourishing.
Yet so often our expectations are dashed,
and our plans come to nothing.
When our lives do not unfold as we would like,
we try to fix them,
not recognizing your Spirit
moving in unexpected ways.
Teach us to trust your steady hand in the ebb
and flow of our lives
Remind us that your Spirit may surprise us.
Assure us that your enduring love
will make all things well.
(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

Come to Us, O Promised One L. Larson

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Love)

Prepare the Way of the Lord.
We light this candle in love,
the love that Jesus, our Saviour, has for us.
Prepare, then, the Way of the Lord.

***CAROL OF WONDER**

#169 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#168 Savior of the Nations, Come
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:12-25
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine Trad. German Carol

***Offertory Response**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!
***Prayer of Gratitude**

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#189 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction**

"Rejoice, Emmanuel Shall Come" VENI EMMANUEL

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**
The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates F. Ashdown

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
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