

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2020

*Greetings,
favored one!
The Lord
is with you.*

Luke 1:28



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Advent Medley

Curt Oliver

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle—LOVE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240, vs 4

Readings and Candle lighting for Advent 4—LOVE

Hymn #265 “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (vs. 1,2,3)

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The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The image shows a page from a hymnal with musical notation and lyrics. The title is 'The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came' with the number 265. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics describe the birth of Jesus and the role of the Angel Gabriel.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

The Apostolic Greeting

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL: **Luke 1:26-38**

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to 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.

Children's Message

Anthem: "God's Love Made Visible"

Dave and Lola Brubeck

Singers: Marlys, Vicki and Hank

*God's love made visible! Incomprehensible! He is invincible! His love shall reign!
From love so bountiful, Blessings uncountable Make death surmountable! His love shall reign!
Joyfully pray for peace and good will! All of men's yearning He will fulfill.
Live in a loving way! Praise Him for ev'ry day! Open your hearts and pray, His love shall reign!*

*God gave His Son to us To dwell as one of us. His blessing unto us! His love shall reign!
To Him all honor bring, Heaven and earth will sing, Praising our Lord and King! His love shall reign!
Open all doors the day of His birth, All of good will inherit the earth.
His star will always be guiding humanity throughout eternity! His love shall reign!*

Hymn # 266 "All Earth is Hopeful" (vs. 1,2,4)

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All Earth Is Hopeful
Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

The Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn #267 "Joy to the World" (vs.1,2,3)

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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Dismissal

Postlude: Ding Dong Merrily On High

Lee Evans

Please join us Sunday at 11am for our virtual Café Hope over ZOOM. Check your email for the message from Hope with the link to the online meeting.

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