

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

The First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

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.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

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.

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The Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly
servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
*

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

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

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. *Amen.*

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."]

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Lincoln Randell
 2nd: Susan Schug
 6th: Gloria Akinson
 6th: Janet Sue Whetzel
 14th: Becky Supercinski
 19th: Diana Duesterhoft
 21st: Ron Raif
 26th: Jeff Richardson
 27th: Don King
 28th: Kayla Smith
 30th: Sunni Spraggins
 31st: John Dawes

Family Christmas Party: TODAY

Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. We will decorate a Christmas Tree in the church. Then we will go to the Parish Hall for Pizza. Feel free to wear appropriate PJs or sweatpants with Christmas sweatshirts or sweaters. Church will provide the pizza. Please bring a side salad, fruit, and drinks to share for all. Also, bring at least one ornament to represent your family on the family tree. All Christmas ornaments are welcome.

Christmas Cookie Exchange: TODAY

Sunday, December 19th, after the service
 Bake just one kind of cookie or candy. Package into bags of six, enough for each participant. Ruby Hahne will call those that sign up after church on December 12th to let them know how many bags of 6 to bring.
 Sign up form located in the narthex.

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Friday, December 24th at 6:00 PM

NEXT Sunday's Servers (12/26)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin
Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Supercinski
Greeter: Catherine White
Lector: Ruby Hahne
Ushers: Stan Williams
Vestry People: Amy Brown, Roxanne Brink
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- McCarty Family
- Ruby Hahne
- Nancy
- Frank Rauch
- Roni & Tom

Other Prayer Requests:

- Terisa Kirschke (TRMC where I work pray for myself/co-workers for strength & protection against COVID. Our hospital is full)
- Joe McClellan (to adjust to Hawkins Creek Assisted Living Facility)

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering.

Or, send an email with your request to: prayer@smaalongview.org

**** Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. ****

Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
11/21/21	\$7,009	\$2,946	\$4,063
11/28/21	\$2,125	\$2,946	-\$822
12/05/21	\$1,147	\$2,946	-\$1,799
12/12/21	\$7,030	\$2,946	\$4,084
YTD TOTALS	\$120,836	\$147,322	-\$26,487

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Greeter: David Brown
Lector: Javier Glave
Ushers: Bryan White
Vestry People: Frank Supercinski, David Brown
Worship Tech: Laura Buckner

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