

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 23, 2018**

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude
Announcements
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."The First Noel!".....#136
Liturgical Reading....."The Advent of our Lord".....#122
Hymn Response....."O Come, Let Us Adore Him".....#82
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Passing of the Peace

Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

First and Second Scripture Readings
Special Music At Romsdal "Breath of Heaven" Emma Hepner
Narration by Anne Rosgaard
The Gospel.Luke 1:39-55
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
The Sermon: . Pastor Chuck Stanga

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn:....."What Child Is This?".....#137
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
Apostles' CreedInside cover of hymnal
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn....."Good Christian Men, Rejoice".....#151
Benediction

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Dec 16th thru Dec 23rd

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Romsdal
10:30 a.m. Worship at Lands
MESSENGER DEADLINE

Mon: 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship at Trinity

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship
at Lands

Sun: Dec 30th Worship Schedule
10:00 a.m. Parish Worship at Romsdal

Thanks to Pastor Stanga for leading us in our Worship today.

Please note that today is the Messenger Deadline for the January newsletter.

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion will be held at Trinity Church at 10 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion will be held at Lands Church at 10 a.m.

A Parish Worship service will be held on December 30th at 10 a.m. at Romsdal.

Matthew loved the magi. He gave their story more square inches of text than he gave the narrative of the birth of Jesus. He never mentions the shepherds or the manger, but he didn't want us to miss the star and the seekers. It's easy to see why. Their story is our story.

- Max Lucado

Today's Readings

**Dec 23, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent**

Prayer of the Day

Dear Heavenly Father, Keep us pure in heart and mind, worshipping You with holiness and adoration. Help us remain in the saving faith, and strengthen our love and trust for You.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Advent Candles

#1 – Prophecy Candle
#2 – Bethlehem Candle
#3 – Shepherds' Candle
#4 – Angels' Candle

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

- 2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."
3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.
4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.
5 And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

7 Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”

8 First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. 9 Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-55

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

46 And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost
thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”



*He shall
stand and
feed his
flock
in the
strength
of
the Lord.*

MICAH 5:4

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018**