

# Moe Parish Worship

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Dec. 21, 2025

#### Preparation for Worship – We Bow Before You, O Lord!

Prelude ..... Organist

Welcome and Announcements

**Advent Candle Lighting and Reading**.....Sara Schroder

Invocation and Confession of Sins.....Inside cover of hymnal

#### Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus".....#124

Liturgical Reading....."Psalm 121".....#713

#### Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

First & Second Lesson ..... Lector.....Sterling Heath

The Gospel.....Matthew 1:18-25

Children's Sermon.....Pastor Chris

Hymn....."Of the Father's Love Begotten".....#118

Sermon....."Preempted by Fear" .....Matthew 1:18-25.....Pastor Chris

#### Dedication in Worship – We Honor You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn....."O Little Town of Bethlehem".....#141

Response....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620

Apostle's Creed.....Inside cover of hymnal

Words of Institution and Holy Communion

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn....."Joy to the World!".....#125

Benediction

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**First Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10** [1](#) The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;[2](#) it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.[3](#) Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.[4](#) Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." [5](#) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;[6](#) then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;[7](#) the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.[8](#) And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. [9](#) No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.[10](#) And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Second Lesson Romans 15:4-13** [4](#) For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.[5](#) May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,[6](#) that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.[7](#) Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.[8](#) For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,[9](#) and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." [10](#) And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." [11](#) And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." [12](#) And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." [13](#) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Gospel Matthew 1:18-25** [18](#) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came

together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.<sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.<sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”(which means, God with us).<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,<sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR:** Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>-Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Today: SUN:** Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent-Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Lands  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Coffee, Cookies & Social Time in Lands Basement  
10:00 a.m. Parish Worship at Lands with Holy Communion  
**MON: MESSENGER DEADLINE**  
**WED:** 4:00 p.m. Parish Christmas Eve Service at Romsdal  
**THUR:** 10:00 a.m. Parish Christmas Day Service at Trinity  
**SUN:** Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Christmas  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Romsdal  
10:00 a.m. Parish Worship at Romsdal

**Please remember in prayer:** Debbie Gilbertson, Sue Sandvig, Orville & Carol Sorlie, Alan Perry, Judy Perry, Gary Johnson, Barb Gillespie, Don Paulson, Kristi Carpenter, special prayers for Emmerson Paulson, Cassandra Sunderland (Niece of Mary Eliason), Jayne Ratzlaff (sister of Sharyl Ochsner and Janyce Johnson) who is dealing with medical complications, Dakotah Fozzard (Barb Gillespie’s granddaughter) those experiencing natural disasters, our Nation, nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

**Opportunity** *The Christmas meals for Love INC’s clients will be sent out as a Sunshine fresh food voucher this year. We have 62 families who are in need of help so if you would like to donate to the cost please write your checks out to Canton Ministerial Association. Love INC realizes we are not the only organization who is in need of your help this time of year and truly appreciate your support in the lives of our community. God bless you and your families!*



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