

## BENEDICTION

### Scattering Proclamation (Reverend Nicole Collins)

Leader: Gracious God guide our hearts, guard our steps as we go forth with the Good News!

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN (Please make the sign of the Cross)

## POSTLUDE

† Thank you for worshiping with us! †

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### Up & Coming Announcements

Our Lessons this evening were from: Psalm 72: 1-7; Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

- ◆ Our 8am service will officially be our LBW Traditional service
- ◆ 'Understanding Spiritual Warfare.' This book is available through Amazon for under \$7. ISBN 978-0-8010-3936-2 Baker Press 2012. At the moment this study will only be offered at the end of the month. This study will be held one hour before the 5pm Blended service
- ◆ All hymns will either be from the LBW or the With One Voice (If you have copies of the WOV, please consider donating them to our ministry.)

**Make a Friend, Be a Friend & Bring a friend to Christ**

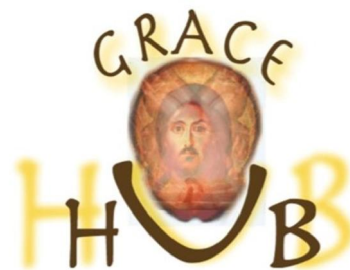
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## The Grace Hub

† Sunday Evening Worship †

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**SECOND ADVENT**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

## WE REFLECT

(inspired from Psalm 72 from Psalms Now! & Romans 15 from Epistles Now!; Reverend Collins; & Setting 2 from the LCMS hymnal)

(Please stand if able)

**Leader:** O God of Love, grant to Your sons and daughters, servants we are; the grace to represent You effectively in our discordant world. Grant us the courage to put our lives on the line in communicating life and truth...

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**ALL:** Let us work for peace and unity in our everyday lives. Where there is injustice, may we diagnose its cause and discover a cure. Where there is war and violence, may we be peacemakers that lead others to Your eternal peace.

**Leader:** Help us O God, to become what You have destined and empowered us to become.

**ALL:** So much of our faith is intermixed with how we feel about God and His will for our lives... When truly our first concern ought not to be for ourselves but for our neighbor, their needs and concerns. As we do, we will discover that our areas of agreement are far more significant than are those things in which we cannot agree, and we will lovingly unite in celebrating God's love and in carrying out His purposes.

*Please observe a moment of silence for reflection*

**Leader:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: AMEN** (Please make the sign of the Cross) †

Scripture Lessons for the Evening (please be seated)

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling to-

gether, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord*      **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

### A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord*      **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

*Please Stand*

*Leader: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew*

**ALL: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Leader: The Word of the Lord*

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ**

*Sermon by: Reverend Nicole Collins*

PEACE † HYMN OF THE DAY † PRAYER CIRCLE

### HOLY COMMUNION

*Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!*

**LORD'S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you. (Please be seated)**

A New Creed II *Inspired by the Nicene Creed; by Reverend Nicole Collins*

**ALL:** We believe in the Triune God; Creator & Sovereign of all the Earth  
And all things visible & invisible—what we may not understand

Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, incarnate from a virgin Mary, the Mother of Our Lord—through her He was made man  
Fully Human and Fully Divine

Our Lord Jesus bore the cross, as ordered by Pontius Pilate

He truly suffered, died and was buried

Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> day's rise according to the Living Word, defeating sin, death & the power of the devil—

Our Lord Jesus resurrected, ascended to heaven & is seated at the right hand of the Father.

The Lord Jesus will return in glory and judgment over both the living & the deceased

We must know deeply in our hearts that His sovereign Kingdom will never end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, its gift of life and transformation

Which proceeds from the Father & the Son

All three, we worship and glorify

The Prophets have foretold and taught us of the Triune sovereignty

We believe in the Sanctified, universal & disciple-centered Church

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins & the motivation for our lives to live in Grace

We must look for the resurrection of the dead

And build, model, shape our lives for the world to come.

Amen

Prayer for Spiritual Formation *(Reverend Nicole Collins)*

**Leader:** Gracious and Loving Lord Jesus,

Your life's story is our instruction

Your peace is what tore those curtains in two

Help us to awaken, to put on that armor of light

Help us to know and realize genuine progress as love being the fulfillment of the Law

You are counting on us to grow and go with Your commands

May we do so with a humble and open heart.

— *(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

**ALL: AMEN**