

POSTLUDE

† Thank you for worshipping with us! †

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Up & Coming Announcements

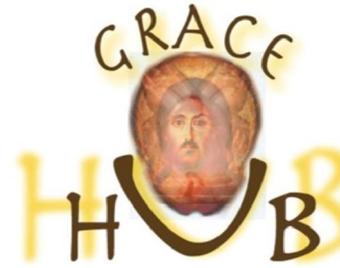
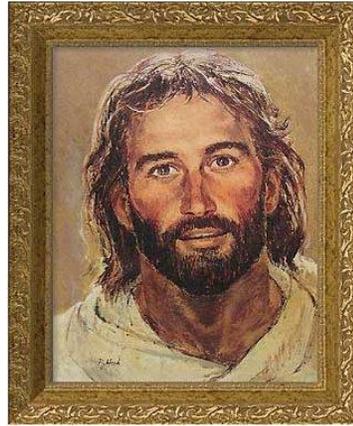
Our Lessons this evening were from: Psalm 24; Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

- ◆ 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.)

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The Grace Hub

† Sunday Evening Worship †

December 18th, 2016

FOURTH ADVENT

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

WE REFLECT

(inspired from Psalm 24 from Psalms Now! & Romans 1 from Epistles Now!; Reverend Collins; & Setting 2 from the LCMS hymnal)

(Please stand if able)

Leader: Let us never forget that this world and everything in it belongs to God. Who are they who truly love and serve God?

Silence is kept for reflection.

ALL: *It is they who discover and live within His purposes for their lives. It is they whose hearts and hands are dedicated to His will for them. It is they who turn away from self-centered concerns to live for others about them.*

Leader: Our primary allegiance is no longer to a rigid set of do's and don'ts. Rules and laws are necessary for they curb our selfishness and keep us from destroying one another... but they can in no way restore a person to God. They are our spiritual mirror and guide.

ALL: *Let us look up and live, celebrate & GO with the Gospel! We are His vehicles and vessels. We represent Him in all His saving power. We are His beloved and empowered servants, in this world (but not of it) that He created.*

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

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

¹⁷The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

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

A Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 3rd 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,

Let us hear and see your signs, ambassadors and revelations

Meant to guide, encourage and enlighten our hearts

To harbor an enduringly patient hope

Help us to be faithful gardeners to that which You have planted

Help us to never despair and turn our backs against one another

May we realize all of that which

You have done for us in and throughout our lives

May we grow to become that still-speaking voice of the Gospel

Out in the world for Your Kingdom’s sake

— *(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

ALL: AMEN

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)*