

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHOIR CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2009



Alleluia! The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia!

GREETINGS and WELCOME to
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.

VISITORS please sign the guest book.

Come and worship with us again soon!

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

Choir Anthem: *“Sing We Now of Christmas”*

ORDER OF SERVICE:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

(Sing) Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Prayer of the Day: Spoken by all together.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of Your birth, that we may receive You in joy and serve You always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Psalm of the Day: *Psalm 85, responsively*

P: I will hear what the Lord proclaims

C: **Peace to His people.**

P: You showed favor to Your land, O Lord;

C: **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

P: You forgave the iniquity of Your people

C: **and grant us Your salvation.**

P: I will listen to what God the Lord will say;

C: **He promises peace to His people, His saints.**

P: Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him,

C: **that His glory may dwell in our land.**

P: Love and faithfulness meet together;

C: **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

First Lesson: *Micah 5:2-5a*

Micah prophesies that the promised Messiah will be born in Bethlehem in the county, or region, of Ephrathah. He is the eternal Ruler Who will serve as our Good Shepherd and give us peace that we might live securely.

Choir Anthem: *“Song of Bethlehem”*

Second Lesson: *Hebrews 10:5-10*

Our outward works are not sufficient to appease God’s anger over our sins. Only Christ Jesus, the Promised Messiah, was able to fulfill God’s law perfectly and establish a new covenant of love between God and us. He is our substitute. By His perfect sacrifice for us we are blessed and made holy.

HYMN: CW#36 vs. 1,2,4 *“A Great and Mighty Wonder”*

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-55*

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth exclaims that Mary is “blessed. . .among women” for she is the mother of the Messiah. Mary responds with the words we call the “Magnificat.” She rejoices in the blessing that God has given to her and she testifies that the coming Lord will bless not only her but all people of all time. Jesus is her Savior and our Savior.

Solo: *“Song of Mary”*

**Sunday School and Congregation together.....
with Christians down through the centuries.
“Oh, Come, Let Us Adore Him”**

Introduction to Children’s Presentation

Congregation: (Sings)

O Come, Little Children, O Come One and All
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small,
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight!

Children: He’s born in a stable for you and for me.
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,

In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the Heavenly Child.

We Adore God’s Son Sent By The Father, Conceived By The Holy Spirit

Grades 4-6: Luke 2:1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

Grades 2-3: Luke 2:2 This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Grades PK-1: Luke 2:3 And everyone went to his own town to register.

Congregation: Luke 2: 4-5 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was expecting a child.

Grades 4-6: Luke 2:6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

Grades 2-3: Luke 2: 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

Grades PK-1: Luke 2: 7 She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger,

Congregation: Luke 2: 4-5 because there was no room for them in the inn.

All Children: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Sunday School: (sings)

Father, I adore You. Lay my life before You. How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You. Lay my life before You. How I love You.

Spirit, I adore You. Lay my life before You. How I love You.

Shepherds Adore Baby Jesus

Kelli: Luke 2: 8-9 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them, and they were terrified.

Jovi: Luke 2:10-12 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Aleah: Luke 2:15-16 The shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, Who was lying in a manger.

Sunday School: (sings)

See Mary and Joseph with love beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.

Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

Angels Adore Baby Jesus

Grades 2-6: Luke 2:13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

All: Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

Congregation (Sing)

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation.
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.
Oh, come, let us adore Him!
Oh, come, let us adore Him!
Oh, come, let us adore Him! Christ, the Lord!

Wise Men Adore Baby Jesus

Colleen: Matthew 2:1-2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the One Who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Lydia: Matthew 2:11 On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Congregation: (sing)

The wiser Magi saw from far
And followed on His guiding star.
And led by light to Light they pressed
And by their gifts their God confessed.

All glory unto Jesus be
And praise for His Epiphany,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

We All Adore Baby Jesus

Congregation: (read)

Since all He comes to ransom,
by all be He adored,
The Infant born in Beth' em,
the Savior and the Lord

All Sunday School: "To God on high
be glory and peace on earth to men!"

Sunday School:

Yea Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning.
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him!
Oh, come, let us adore Him!
Oh, come, let us adore Him!
Christ, the Lord!

Offering

Prayers

Benediction

C: Amen, Amen, Amen

Choir Anthem "*Joy to the World.*"

You are all invited for fellowship in the Commons Area after the Service.

Thanks to all who worked with the Sunday School and the Sunday School students and youth for telling us the story of our Savior's birth.



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Our Mission:

*We exist to use the
Gospel of Christ to
win the lost and to
nurture
believers, all to the
glory of God.*



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week: “We Welcome Our Savior”

Today’s Offering Counters:

B. Larson & A. Boyd

Today 10:00 Worship
Ushers: G. & C. Schimenz
Fellowship following

Thurs 10:00 Candlelight Service

Fri. 9:00 Christmas Day Service

Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9

**No Bible Classes or Sunday School
10:00 Worship**

Ushers: V. Lorenzen & R. Wyman

Upcoming Holy Day Service Schedule

Christmas Eve—10:00 pm Candlelight Service

Christmas Day— 9:00 am Festival Service

New Year’s Eve—7:00 pm Service
with Communion

Who do you know that you could bring along to Holy Day Worship Services?



Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 65

Sunday School Attendance: 8

Adult Bible Class: 10; Adult Sunday School: 7
Offering: \$2098.50;

Advent Service Att.: 80; Offering: \$598.00

Prairie Lodge Worship attendance - 17

Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**

Offerings YTD: \$120,704;

(Budget: \$128,250) short:-\$7,547

Thanks to all for your donations of hats, scarves and mittens that were placed the **Mitten Tree**. **92 children** will benefit from your thoughtfulness.

From Brooklyn Bridge School: Katie announced that she has enough paper rolls for awhile but keep the coupons and bottle tops coming.

Got a nest egg you need to invest wisely? The WELS Church Extension Fund offers loan certificates starting at \$500 with interest ranging from 1%(6mo.) to 3.2%(60mo.) and now 60mo. IRAs at 3.2% to 3.35%. Three saving certificates are also available. Check out materials on Commons table. In a recent 12 month period 13 WELS congregations completed building projects totaling nearly \$13 million in loans provided by WELS CEF. WELS CEF currently has 250 loans outstanding, totaling over \$122 million, and over 5,500 investors just like you!

Minneapolis WELS pastors are heading up an effort to begin ministering to prisoners at the Hennepin County lockup. A conservative jail chaplain has sought us out because of our Biblical solid teachings and has invited us to begin week morning Bible classes. Pray that this ministry will truly touch hearts – better than the man who was paroled and killed four police officers in the Seattle area. If you would like to be part of this exciting and challenging ministry, speak with Pastor. Did you return your used fall Meditations for us to send for distribution among prisoners?!

The Wise Penny Thrift Store is need of volunteers to help with our annual winter cleaning. We are also installing new carpet and are in great need of helpers to move racks and shelving.

Please contact the store at 763-682-4178 or Lanita Farstad at 612-310-5418 with your availability and numbers of volunteers.

We would encourage groups of youth with leaders and high school students working towards Honor Society requirements.

- Dates: Dec. 28th-will be moving shelves out of carpet area
- Dec. 30th-we will be putting shelves back
- Jan 2-we will be moving everything out of 1/2 of the lower level
- Jan. 5-we will be moving everything back in place

If you can help any time from Christmas until the 5th, please call. There is still donations to sort and other cleaning to be done.

Thank you, Wise Penny Board

Treasurer is showing \$115,720 income for the first 11 months of 2009. We need \$17,674 during the month of December to meet our budget of \$133,394.

2010 Budget of \$130,579 has been pre-approved by the Elders and Council. You will note that it is almost \$3,000 less than what we are hoping for this year. Besides a number of cuts – including to West and Synod, whom are already far lower than recent years – there will be a freeze on paid worker remuneration. A number of members have expressed that their financial situation has deteriorated, so that they will be reducing their offerings. Will others of us make up the difference?!

With the Vision Task Force’s call to stewardship of our time and talents as a congregation, we have not conducted the normal fall stewardship program during which we ask our people to prayerfully con-

sider their regular offerings for the year ahead. Your consideration to this before we even start the new year would be appreciated. There is the probability that we will have a stewardship emphasis early next year.

Church Christmas Decorations will be taken down following our Service two weeks from today – January 3rd. Your help would be much appreciated!

Councilmen and Elders – Please check weekly for information in your church mailboxes on the left and right ends, respectively.

Member Crosses from our 2009 wall-in-hall hanging are on a table in the Commons. Thanks to all for their creative work! It was a much talked about part of this past anniversary year.

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. (Matthew 18:15)

OVERHEARD AT BROOKLYN BRIDGE SCHOOL

. Moments before this took place L. had told S. to “Get lost.” and then walked off angry. L.: Come out here {the hallway}. I need to talk to you. It’s about you being mad.

S.: Yeah, I don’t like when you stand on the table and take over and stuff.

L.: I know. I’m sorry. Will you forgive me?

S.: Yeah, let’s just go play again.