



HOLY COMMUNION

December 12, 2012

All hymn and page numbers refer to the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* in the pew racks

GATHERING

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

- * Gathering Song *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #254
- * Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (sts. sung by choir, refrain by all)

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| 1. A flick'ring candle sheds its light
in hope of dawn's victorious might,
and backward scurries cow'rdly night
reminded of the morning | <i>Refrain</i> | 2. God's messenger prepares the way,
on sin he shines a piercing ray;
he bids us greet the dawning day
renewed and purified. | <i>Refrain</i> |
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Watch, watch for Christ is near the pro-mised Son of God most dear.



Hope, hope, his light will clear the shades of death and sin.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

- * Gospel Acclamation p. 160
- Alleluia** sung by all before and after the verse
- Verse** (sung by choir):
- Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3:4, 6)

* - Those who are able may stand

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister		Kathleen Reed <i>Chief Advancement Officer</i>
Preacher		Chelle Huth <i>Director, Theological Education With Youth</i>
Assisting Minister		Jean LeGros <i>Gift Officer</i>
Lector	Rachel Barton (<i>MAMS-DM Candidate</i>)	
Director of Music		Stephen Folkemer <i>Seminary Cantor</i>
The Seminary Choir		

The Night Will Soon Be Ending



1. The night will soon be end - ing; the dawn can - not be far.
2. The One whom an - gels tend - ed comes near, a child, to serve;
3. The earth in sure ro - ta - tion will soon bring morn - ing bright,



Let songs of praise as - cend - ing now greet the Morn - ing Star!
thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, bears all our sins de - serve.
so run where God's sal - va - tion glows in a stab - le's light.



All you whom dark - ness fright - ens with guilt or grief or pain,
The guilt - y need not cow - er, for God has re - con - ciled
As old as sin's per - ver - sion is mer - cy's vast de - sign:



God's ra - diant Star now bright - ens and bids you sing a - gain.
through his re - demp - tive pow - er all those who trust this child.
God brings a new cre - a - tion - this child its seal and sign.

4. Yet nights will bring their sadness
and rob our hearts of peace,
and sin in all its madness
around us may increase.
But now one Star is beaming
whose rays have pierced the night:
God comes for our redeeming
from sin's oppressive might.
5. God dwells with us in darkness
and makes the night as day;
yet we resist the brightness
and turn from God away.
But grace does not forsake us,
however far we run.
God claims us still as children
through Mary's infant Son.

ABOUT THIS HYMN

This text was written in German by Jochen Klepper, and translated into English by Herman G. Stuempfle. Jochen Klepper, German poet, hymnwriter and journalist was born March 22 1903 and died December 11, 1942. The son of a Lutheran pastor with Moravian roots, Klepper began a course of theological study at the University of Breslau which he discontinued to work as a radio journalist. By the late 1930's Klepper had difficulty sustaining work as a journalist because of his marriage to Joanna Stein, a Jewish widow with two daughters. In 1942, after attempts to acquire visas and leave Germany failed, and with deportation of the family to a Nazi death camp looking certain, Klepper, his wife and one of their daughters ended their lives. Klepper wrote in his diary that night: *Tonight we die together. Over us stands in the last moments the image of the blessed Christ who surrounds us. With this view we end our lives.*

RECEIVING COMMUNION

“Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are visiting in the congregations of this church.” (from the ELCA’s sacramental practices statement)

We'll be receiving the sacrament at stations today. Simply come forward by the center aisle (in two lines), receive the bread from the person in the center, then go to the side to receive the wine from a common cup or pouring chalice.

As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive wheat bread or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.

If you are not prepared to receive the elements today, but would like to come forward for a blessing, bring a copy of the bulletin with you -- that'll be the sign of your intention for the distributors.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER'S OFFERINGS

All the offerings from Communion services will be donated to support the Adams County Martin Luther King Celebration, scheduled for January 21, 2013 at the Gettysburg College Chapel. Contributions to this celebration also support scholarships for at-risk Adams County youth to pursue post-secondary education.

SAVE THE DATES!

Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8 AM in Valentine 311

Anyone interested is welcome to join in a **prayerful reading of Scripture**, using Luther’s version of *lectio divina* to attend to the lessons for the next Sunday. For more information, see Pr. Oldenburg

Every Monday through Thursday at 10 PM

Compline is held Monday through Thursday at 10pm in the common room of Baughman Hall, and is led by diverse members of the student body. If you're interested in leading this brief worship service, or are willing to help with music leadership, please contact Fritz Fowler.

Sun., Dec. 16 at 7:00 PM in our chapel

In its annual holiday sampler, Music Gettysburg! presents some of the area’s favorite performers in **Advent Lesson and Carols**. On the bill are Bel Voce, the Gettysburg Children’s Choir, David Erickson, and Wayne Hill. Free and open to all.

UPCOMING IN CHAPEL

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| <u>Thurs., Dec. 13</u> | <u>11:55 AM</u> | Commemoration of Lucy, led by Kimberly Belken and Ben Erzkus. |
| <u>Fri., Dec. 14</u> | <u>11:55 AM</u> | Advent service of Lessons and Carols, led by Stephen Folkemer |
| <u>Mon., Dec. 17</u> | <u>11:55 AM</u> | Mark Oldenburg preaching |
| <u>Tues., Dec. 18</u> | <u>11:55 AM</u> | Morning Prayer led by Julie Bringman |
| <u>Wed., Dec. 19</u> | <u>11:55 AM</u> | Holy Communion with Kirsi Stjerna presiding and Brooks Schramm preaching |