



# HOLY COMMUNION

December 19, 2012

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

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## GATHERING

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Pre-Service Music

- \* Confession and Forgiveness p. 94
- \* Gathering Song     *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* #240  
and Lighting of the Advent Wreath
- \* Apostolic Greeting
- \* Kyrie #152
- \* Prayer of the Day

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## WORD

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First Reading             Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm (paraphrased)     *Blessed Be the God of Israel* #552

Second Reading         Philippians 4:4-7

\* Gospel Acclamation #175

\* Gospel

L   The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C   Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3:7-18

L   The Gospel of the Lord.

C   Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

\* Hymn of the Day         *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* #272

\* Prayers of Intercession

\* Peace

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## MEAL

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\* Offering  
Prayer

*In the Bleak Midwinter* (sts. 3)

#294

\* Great Thanksgiving

Initial Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, ... their unending hymn:

C *Holy, Holy, Holy*

#190

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Lamb of God*

#199

*Lost in the Night*

#243

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

#245

\* Blessing and Prayer after Communion

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## SENDING

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\* Blessing

\* Dismissal

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## RECEIVING COMMUNION

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“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.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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Presiding Minister	Kirsi Stjerna <i>Professor of Reformation Church History and Director of the Institute for Luther Studies</i>
Preacher	Nelson Strobert <i>Professor of Christian Education in the Paulssen-Hale Chair of Church and Society and Director of Multicultural Programs</i>
Assisting Minister	Sean Titus ( <i>MDiv Candidate, '16</i> )
Lectors	Kimberley Moore-Prentiss ( <i>MDiv Candidate, '16</i> ) Barbara Oshlo ( <i>MDiv Candidate, '16</i> )
Distributors	Erin Burns ( <i>MDiv Candidate, '16</i> ) Ellen Lundie ( <i>MDiv Candidate, '16</i> )
Director of Music	Stephen Folkemer <i>Seminary Cantor</i>

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER'S OFFERINGS

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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.

## CHRISTMAS MORNING

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There will be a Communion service in the chapel at 9 AM on Christmas morning, with Mark Oldenburg preaching and presiding. If you would like to help out at this service as a lector and/or communion distributor, please let Pr. Oldenburg know.

## SAVE THE DATES!

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### **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 in the Quad**

Compline is held Monday through Thursday at 10pm in the residential quad between Aberly, Heiges, and Stuempfle Halls, 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 Victoria Larson

## UPCOMING IN CHAPEL

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**Thurs., Dec. 20 11:55 AM** Prayer based on the “Great O Antiphons,” led by Mark Oldenburg

**Fri., Dec. 21 11:55 AM** Morning Prayer led by Kimberly Belken and Drew McCaffery

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

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Our brokenness is the wound through which  
the full power of God  
can penetrate our being  
and transfigure us in God.

Loneliness is not something from which we must flee  
but the place from where we can cry out to God,  
where God will find us and we can find God.

Yes, through our wounds  
the power of God can penetrate us  
and become like rivers of living water  
to irrigate the arid earth within us.  
Thus we may irrigate the arid earth of others,  
so that hope and love are reborn.

- Jean Vanier

Divine and eternal Word,  
who descended from the Father  
into the heart of the ever Virgin Mary,  
your love for humankind leads you to Bethlehem  
where you are born at midnight in a poor and humble stable.

In truth, thousands of angels accompany you on this journey,  
and yet we, whom you came to save  
and lead to that Bethlehem of eternal joy,  
stubbornly turn away from you.

Forgive us, God and Lord of the universe,  
and help us to walk alongside Mary and Joseph,  
thus giving us the courage to fight against  
and triumph over every adversity. Amen.

- Posadas prayer