

## Pinawa Lutheran Church

A congregation of the ELCIC & The Brokenhead Shared Ministry *Altruísm, Stewardshíp, Faith, Cooperation* 

> December 22, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Audrey Miller

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#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A Candle is Burning (sung to the tune: "Away in a Manger ELW 278)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright. A candle of HOPE in our winter's dark night. While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky. Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE, A candle to signal that conflict must cease: For Jesus is coming to show us the way; A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY.

A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.

Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow.

As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE, A candle to point us to heaven above A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

GATHERING SONG WOV 633 - Awake, Awake.....

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## **SCRIPTURE SONG**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, 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

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

#### **PSALM**: Luke 1:46b-55

- <sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
  - <sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
- <sup>48</sup> for you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

- <sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.
- <sup>50</sup> You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.
- <sup>51</sup> You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,
- <sup>52</sup> casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
- <sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,
- <sup>55</sup> the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

- "My soul magnifies the Lord,
  - <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- <sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
- <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
- <sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
- <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;
  - he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
- <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
- <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
- <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

#### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** WOV 629 - All Earth is Hopeful

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**OFFERING:** The offering plate is on the table at the church entrance.

**OFFERTORY: What Have We to Offer?** 

What have we to offer? What have we to share? Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.

God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there.

What have we to offer? What have we to bring? Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing; dreams of what we're after; promises of when. Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give? Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live; truth that must be spoken; justice somehow. Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give? Lives ....... we will live.

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**BLESSING** Page 53 **SENDING SONG** WOV 629 - *My Lord, What a Morning* 

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

**BIBLE STUDY**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month – 10am. All are welcome.

**IRONWOOD SERVICE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** Candlelight Communion Service at 5pm. Pastor Kolleen will be officiating.

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