

“SPIRIT AND GRACE ... IN A SACRED PLACE”

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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30

TODAY IS ----- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011

“You are a precious Lord”

***Worship in this humble place ... is a time of quiet reflection,
joy, and peace ...***

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We do enjoy having kids in church ... but **when they are noisy and disruptive, we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the quiet and dignity ---- both of our worship experience and your neighbor.** We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid, over-achieving, and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Welcome to our church ... a “seasonal blend of Lutheran coffee” awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... an announcement or two??

opening prayer

Lord, I want so much for there to be peace on earth.

It's the message of the season.

It's the hope every kid is born with.

It's the secret to a fulfilling, beautiful life.

And yet ... often in the name of “religion” -- which your son has made so pure and simple – we often attack, fail to understand, and hurt those around us.

Every week we pray for world peace ... but I don't even know what this means anymore. I'm sure you cry, too, Lord --- when you see us not living up to who you want us to be.

This morning ... I just want to enjoy “the gift” you have given us.

Your son. His humble entry into our world.

The shepherd's journey. The wise men's amazement.

The undeserved grace. Angels of all shapes and sizes.

Thanks for the gift of peace, Lord. Now I need to live it. Amen.

opening song

“The first Noel” 56

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

sacrament of baptism (11:00) ... hymn 474

Today we share in the baptism of Ethan James Strand, son of Kirk and Katie ... welcome and peace to you and your family & friends.

“will my younger friends come forward”

kids' time

song

“Precious Lord” 731 (blue)

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

choir anthem, 8:30 ----- “A prayer for Advent”

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

*Communion music ... Mike Hefter and Kathryn Cargill
hymns ---- 40, 41 (green) “alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia”*

closing song

“O come all ye faithful” 45

benediction and three-fold “amen”

We have beautiful altar flowers this morning ...

**from Joanne Triezenberg ... in loving memory of her mom, Elsie Kozack. May God bless her spirit and memory.*

**from Dave and Megan Mitchell and family ... in honor of Jack's and Don's birthdays ... both on December 3.*

The eternal light shines brightly ... in honor of Laura Kramer ...
for a speedy recovery from surgery ... from
Mom and Dad O'Bradovic. God bless you, Laura.

A FEW HUMBLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Thanks for your generosity this holiday season. Our "love bucket" welcomes any contributions – big and small – to help share the goodness to those in need. God bless and THANK-YOU.*

*TWO MORE ADVENT SUPPERS ... 6:30 on Thursdays, before worship.
Please rsvp ... so we can be prepared.*

WINE TASTING THIS FRIDAY ... 7:00 ... last call for tickets. Oh, there will be "specialty beers, too" ...

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL is collecting money for Heartland Children's Home ... and we turn these in for gift cards.

*SENIOR YOUNG AT HEARTS ... Wednesday, Dec. 28, 11:30 ...
we serve you "Swedish style."*

GIFT WRAPPING ... Wed., Dec. 14, 10:00 am ... sign-up if you'd like to help ... or call the office. If you have gift boxes and tissue paper ... we could use some --- thanks.

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY ... Dec. 14, 7:00 ... "new guys" are welcome ... please rsvp.

our loving and ever-festive staff

*Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators
Craig Nelson, pastoral support Kathy Klang, comptroller
Mark Nussle, choir director Mike Hefter, organist
Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-It Linda McAley, custodian
Kathy Ruitter, Sunday School Superintendent*