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24 December Fourth Sunday in Advent

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THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

R: The virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a Son,

C: and she will call His name 'Immanuel' which means, 'God is with us.'

ALL: Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have sent Your Son Jesus to be with us and to save us. Teach us to live as Your people, and to serve you joyfully. Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Let me sing about the mercies of the LORD for ever. With my mouth I shall make Your faithfulness known to every generation.

For I have been saying, "Mercy will be built up for ever; You will keep your faithfulness unshaken in the heavens."

You have said, "I have made a covenant with My chosen one; I have sworn an oath to My servant David: 'I shall establish your Descendant for ever, and I shall build up your throne to all generations'"...

Once in a vision You said to Your devout people: "I have bestowed help upon a Warrior; I have raised up One chosen from the people.

I have found David, My Servant ; I have anointed Him with My holy oil. With Him My hand will be secure; indeed, My arm will make Him strong. No enemy will deceive Him, and no wicked person will subdue Him.

I shall beat His enemies fine before Him, and I shall strike down those who hate Him.

My faithfulness and mercy will be with Him, and in My name His horn will be raised high.

I shall put His hand over the sea, and His right hand over the rivers.

He will call out to Me, 'You are My Father, my God, and the Rock of My salvation.'

COLLECT: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins that weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 God's promise to David.
Romans 16:25-27 God reveals His age-long purpose in Jesus.
Luke 1:26-38 God's call to Mary.

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹ When the king settled in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his neighbouring enemies, ² the king told Nathan the prophet, “Look! I am living in a house of cedar, while the Ark of God remains inside the curtains of a tent.”

³ Nathan told the king: “Go and do whatever you have in mind! For the LORD is with you.”

⁴ However, that night the Word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: ⁵ “Go and tell My servant David: ‘This is what the LORD has said: “Are you the one who will build a house for Me to live in?’ ⁶ For I have not lived in a house since I brought the Israelites up from Egypt, until this time. Instead, I have been moving about in a tent as a dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about with all the Israelites, have I ever spoken a Word to anyone from the tribes of Israel whom I had commanded to shepherd My people Israel, to ask: ‘Why have you not built a house of cedar for Me?’” ⁸ Now therefore, this is what you shall tell My servant David: ‘This is what the LORD of hosts has said: “I have taken you from the pasture where you were following the sheep to be a leader over My people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies who were in front of you. I shall make a great name for you, like the names of the greatest men on the earth. ¹⁰ I shall provide a place for My people Israel and plant them, so that they may live in a place of their own and not be disturbed any longer. Wicked people will no longer oppress them as they used to do at the beginning, ¹¹ since the time when I appointed judges over My people Israel. I shall give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also tells you that the LORD will make a house for you... ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will stand firm before you for ever. Your throne will be established for ever.”

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ To Him who can make you strong according to my Good News and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that has been kept in silence for long ages, ²⁶ but has now been revealed and made known through the writings of the prophets, as the eternal God has commanded, that all the nations may be obedient by believing, ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory for ever! Amen.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called “Nazareth,” ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man by the name of Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ When the angel entered her home, he said, “Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ She was greatly troubled at what he said and was wondering what kind of greeting this was. ³⁰ The angel told her: “Stop being afraid, Mary! For you have found favour with God. ³¹ You see: you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a Son and you shall call His name ‘Jesus.’ ³² He will be great and will be called ‘the Son of the Most High.’ Moreover, the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ He will reign over the family of Jacob for ever and there will be no end of His kingdom.”

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³⁸ Mary answered, “Look! I am the Lord’s servant. May it happen to me as you have said!”

Then the angel left her.

GREETINGS, YOU WHO ARE HIGHLY FAVOURED!

Sermon for the 4th Sunday in Advent 2023

Luke 1:26-38

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our sermon today is our Gospel read before Luke 1:26-38: **In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called “Nazareth,” ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man by the name of Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ When the angel entered her home, he said, “Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.”**

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Then the angel left her.

Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Six months had passed since the angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth would bear a son in their old age. Now, the Lord sent His messenger on another mission. This time, Gabriel went not to the holy city of Jerusalem but to a humble town in Galilee; not to a temple but to a house; not to an aged man but to a young and vibrant maiden. The promised child to Zechariah and Elizabeth was in answer to many prayers; the promised child to Mary was a total and complete surprise. A child born of a virgin - here is something altogether new. Not an old couple finally having their first son, but a maiden bearing an infant conceived by the Holy Spirit - *this was surely the greater miracle!*

Gabriel came to Mary and said to her, “**Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.**” But then Mary’s reaction is a bit puzzling. She “**was greatly troubled at what he said and was wondering what kind of greeting this was.**” Well, that’s our question, too. What sort of greeting is this? And what sort of meaning does it have for us?

Let us begin by considering Gabriel’s opening words: “**Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.**”

Appearing to Mary and saying “*Greetings*” sounds like an obvious thing to start with. It was just an ordinary greeting, like we would say, “Hello.” But interestingly, the Greek word “Greetings” is related to the word for “Rejoice” and is very fitting. Many years earlier, Zechariah had prophesied, “*Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion!*” (9:9). Mary is the embodiment of that “daughter of Zion.” For in her will be fulfilled the reason for the rejoicing: “*Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious.*” Greetings, Mary! Rejoice! Israel’s King is coming very soon, and you will be the one to bring Him into the world!

“**Greetings,**” Gabriel says, “**you who are highly favoured!**” The term “favoured” means favoured by God, graced by Him, shown His unmerited grace and favour. And that was true for every Israelite maiden, just as it’s true for every one of us. But for Mary, it was a special grace and favour shown only to her, for Mary would have the unique privilege, the highest honour, of bearing Israel’s Messiah.

Gabriel continues with, “**The Lord is with you.**”

“**The Lord is with you.**” The angel tells Mary that the Lord’s presence is with her and will be with her in a special way. Gabriel will explain that in a moment, when he says, “**You will conceive in your womb,**” and then proceeds to tell her just who this son she will be bearing is. “**The Lord is with you.**” Just as the LORD God was present in the Tabernacle and the temple, Mary’s womb will now be the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant, where the Lord’s presence will be. She will be the vessel bearing the holy Son of God! Gabriel will tell Mary about this Child in a moment, but for now, in his initial greeting, he says, “**The Lord is with you.**”

“**Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.**” So now we’re beginning to see what sort of greeting this is. But at this point, Mary doesn’t know what we know. All she knows is that this angel has shown up and is speaking to her! No wonder Luke writes how Mary “**was greatly troubled at what he said and was wondering what kind of greeting this was.**” Mary may have been highly favoured, but she was also greatly troubled and highly perplexed!

The angel recognises this, so he reassures her: “**Stop being afraid, Mary! For you have found favour with God.**”

“Stop being afraid,” or “Fear not.” How often do we see this in the Bible? It seems that whenever a human encounters an angel, the common reaction is almost always fear. But then the angel will typically say, “Fear not,” “Do not be afraid.” You see, when mere mortals encounter angels, the natural reaction is to be overwhelmed by the power and majesty of these heavenly beings. So, it is here with Mary. The angel’s appearance and his singling her out for a special announcement caused her to be “**greatly troubled.**” The angel has to tell her, “**Stop being afraid.**”

Back to Gabriel's words, "**Greetings, you who are highly favoured!**" What sort of greeting is this? At this point, we should mention the greeting many people have been led to think this is. Our Roman Catholic friends think it tells us something about Mary herself. These words are where they get their "*Hail, Mary, full of grace.*" Perhaps you have heard these words before. They are what Roman Catholics speak as part of the Roman Catholic Rosary.

The problem here is that Rome makes *too much of this greeting to Mary*. For one thing, the word "Hail" is taken as some veneration that we render to Mary instead of being understood as simply the angel's greeting to her. For another thing, the Rosary is used as an invocation of Mary, asking her to "*pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*" That goes beyond what Scripture tells us to do. The invocation of the saints, and of Mary in particular - as though Mary has any special merit to add to our prayers - is nowhere taught in Scripture. Christ is our Mediator with the Father, through whom our prayers gain access. It is the merits of Christ alone, interceding for us in heaven - this is all we need to gain God's favour.

And that leads to another problem with the wrong understanding of "*Hail Mary, full of grace.*" It is how the phrase "full of grace" is perceived. How exactly was Mary "full of grace"? Was it that she was and is full of grace to bestow, that she herself is a source of grace? No. Mary, in herself, is not a bestower of grace. Rather, she was the recipient of God's grace, bestowed upon her *as a free gift*. As someone once put it, "*Mary is a vessel to receive, not a fountain to dispense.*" Mary was a poor, sinful being, just like you and me in that respect, wholly dependent upon God's free grace and favour. To be sure, she is the most blessed of women, and all generations shall call her blessed. We honour Mary very highly in the Lutheran church. But her blessedness is pure grace and a gift on God's part, nothing intrinsic in Mary.

Well, actually, there is something about Mary. It's that Child she is conceiving and will bear. So, in that sense, you could say that Mary is "full of grace." Because she's full of Jesus! She is carrying God's grace in her womb, in the person of that little Baby! This is Mary's Saviour and our Saviour she will bear! So let's talk about that Child, shall we? That's who Gabriel wants to talk about. Listen to all the wonderful things he says about the Baby she will bear, a son named Jesus: "**He will be great and will be called 'the Son of the Most High.' Moreover, the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ He will reign over the family of Jacob for ever and there will be no end of His kingdom.**"

This is the fulfilment of the promise made to King David centuries earlier that God's everlasting kingdom would come through one of David's descendants. The throne of this Son of David would be established forever. The child to be born - the child that Gabriel tells Mary she will bear - this Jesus will be the great Davidic

Messiah, who will usher in the kingdom of heaven, an eternal kingdom of blessing and peace.

That is who this Jesus is. That's who Jesus is for us! He is our King, our Saviour, who blesses us with God's gift of eternal life. Mary's boy-child, Jesus Christ, has done that for us on the cross and at the empty tomb. He is doing that for us now through His blessed Gospel, the Word and Sacrament by which we believe in Him and have our sins forgiven. And Mary's son, the Messiah, will do that for us on the Last Day when He returns and welcomes us into His everlasting kingdom.

“You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a Son.” Well, one little problem. **“Mary asked the angel, “How will this be, since I am not living with a husband?”**

³⁵ The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come over you and the Power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, also the Holy One who is conceived will be called ‘the Son of God.’”

Here we come to the mystery of the Incarnation, so we must bow in humility and reverence. *“Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man.”* Only the God-man Saviour, God in the flesh, could deliver us from our sins and win salvation for us. In order to be our Substitute, to suffer death as the punishment for our sins, Jesus had to be true man. But for His death to be of such infinite value and worth as to cover the sins of the whole world, this same Jesus also had to be true God. True God and true man, one Christ - this is Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Jesus, the Son of God born of Mary, Jesus the crucified and risen one, who will return one day as King of kings and Lord of lords - He is the only Saviour there is or ever has been or ever will be. No one else, and nothing else, can save us. Not the merits of Mary or the saints, not our own merits or worthiness, and not any slackness or softness in God's justice, either. No, God's just judgment on sinners was poured out on Christ on the cross, and those were our sins He died for. Our one and only hope for eternal life is in Jesus Christ alone.

And the good news is, ***we have it!*** We do have that sure hope! We do have that Saviour! This Child announced by the angel, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary - this Jesus Christ is our Lord, who has, in the words of Luther, *“redeemed you, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won you from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.”* Now we belong to Him, and by God's grace, we shall live under Him in His kingdom, in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

When Christ returns, He will welcome us into His eternal kingdom, and what sort of greeting will that be! In fact, it may even be the same as Gabriel's gracious

greeting to Mary, for there could be nothing better than that: **“Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.”** Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Heavenly Father, all things in heaven and on earth reveal Your glory and show clearly what You have done. But we now thank You in particular for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the salvation You have provided for all people through His sacrificial obedience. We confidently bring our prayers before You in His loving name.

We stand before You with repentant hearts. We acknowledge our many sins. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake. Make us more alert to both right and wrong before You. Deliver us from our pet sins, and from those that continually cause us to fall. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, purify the words we speak, and guide everything we do in obedience to Jesus. Heal and renew us. Assure us of Your forgiveness through Jesus’ holy, priestly work, that we may possess Your peace, which is beyond all human understanding.

We pray for all people everywhere. Let Your Holy Spirit rule in every home and school, in every shop and office, and in every area of labour and industry. Open the eyes of the nations that people everywhere may see Your glory. Overthrow those who oppose the Gospel of Your Son. Support all who are persecuted for His sake, and prosper all who love Your truth. Be with the fatherless, the homeless, and the comfortless, and lead them to trust You in all their troubles. Send them help that will draw them to You, and will lead them to confess the name of Jesus.

Make Your face to shine on the wounded in spirit, the sick in mind, and the distressed in heart. Protect and bless with Your presence all travellers, and all who are away from home in any service or calling. We pray for captives and prisoners, for the depressed and the lonely, and for all in danger of body and soul. Comfort them with Your presence and help. Be gracious to those among us who are sick and aged, to those who are suffering, to those who are bereaved and those who are dying. Give them all the perfect peace that Jesus has won for them.

Make our hearts a fit dwelling-place for Your Son, that we may know the joy of His presence, and the blessing of following in His steps. And finally give us the glorious crown You have promised to those who cling to Him in firm and patient faith, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Article: We can rely totally on the Word, Jesus Christ!

Lately, I have been reading about David's life story in 1 and 2 Samuel. Then, in 1 Kings, we are given the details of David's death. Before he died, David gave instructions to his son Solomon (1 Kings 2). Sadly, David's offspring failed. After David's death, Solomon lapsed into idolatry and oppressed his people with hard labour. After Solomon's death, the once-united people of God broke into two kingdoms, Israel in the north and Judah in the south. In time, both Israel and Judah would be brought to ruin and exiled to a foreign land, forced to bow their knees to other gods that the oppressors chose for them. The kingdoms had at least to wonder, "Why this harsh judgment? Why all this suffering? What went wrong? We had the monarch and a strong economy, and most of all we had the temple. God's own seat on earth was right here with us." Someone must have thought something had gone very horribly wrong here.

We remember that God had promised David a throne forever. In 2 Samuel 7:16, God said to David, "*Your house and your kingdom will stand firm before you for ever. Your throne will be established for ever.*" But the kingdoms had failed. The kings of Israel and of Judah allowed idolatry to creep into their lands, and they forgot the covenant of their God.

The problem we must recognise is not the covenant promises of God. The problem is, was, and forever in this world will be the hearts of people. When God gives wealth, we crave more, and some will do *anything* to get more. When God gives authority or power, *we lord it over others*. When given a kingdom and a temple and every good thing we need for this body and life, *we want more*. Our sin, our greed, our pride, and our lust destroy us.

This was the story of Israel and its kings - even David. They became enamoured with themselves. Forget the politics and the intrigue and the taxes and the forced labour. Forget the battles they fought and the terrible choices they made. The biggest problem in the kingdom was not labour or tax policy. The biggest problem was that they had forgotten God. That fundamental covenant with the LORD God, "*I shall take you as My people and shall be your God*" (Ex. 6:7), was lost in the dust.

I've been lost in the dust before, and so have you. We've been beaten and bruised and battered by the world. We've been held up for scrutiny and ridicule, not just by others making fun of us during those awkward teenage years but also by every last sin that Satan can dig out of our closets and hold up for all the world to see. You remember the day you lost your temper, the hour you lost your

purity, the times and again you've lost the battle against your addiction, and it grinds us to dust.

We've forgotten the covenant. Let me add this: you don't need to give God attention for His sake, like a toddler or a puppy who gets into trouble if you don't pay attention. He is still God whether you forget Him or not. We give God attention for our sakes. We've ignored the Word, and now, full of guilt, the kingdoms we make for ourselves fall apart, and we sit in the ashes. Is God gone? People asked the same question in 1 Samuel 4:21 when a mother named her newborn son Ichabod - which means, "Where's the glory?" For the glory of God had seemingly departed Israel.

When we are left in the dust of life, trying to make heads or tails of the world, we need someone on whom we can rely.

Welcome, then, to the words of Psalm 89, our Introit for this Fourth Sunday in Advent. When we are lost and stuck and think there's no way out, thank God we're wrong. When you think that there's nothing on which you can rely, thank God you're wrong.

"Let me sing about the merciful acts of the LORD for ever!" says the psalmist (v 1). "Let me sing about the 'chesed' of the LORD forever!" is the Hebrew. 'Chesed' is one of the great Hebrew words in the Bible. It means so much more than just the emotion or feeling of love. It implies action. I shall sing of the steadfast love, the covenant faithfulness, the abiding loyalty of the LORD. I shall sing of the lover who will do whatever it takes to maintain the covenant relationship. The LORD our God will do whatever it takes to have for Himself a people. He will walk through the fires and the deep valley of death to bring His people home.

There is a word, there is a promise, from God Himself on which Israel can rely. Even in loss, even in exile, you can rely on the promise, the word, the covenant faithfulness of God. Listen again to verses 3-4: *"You have said: 'I have made a Covenant with My chosen one. I have sworn an oath to My servant David: 'I shall establish your Descendant for ever and build up your throne for all generations.'"* The LORD's word is totally reliable.

"I have made a Covenant with My chosen one," the LORD says. Advent is all about this chosen one of God, that beautiful Word and promise of God who became flesh and blood. John 1:14: *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."* This baby, this child born in Bethlehem, is the totally reliable Word of God for us! From His birth to His suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, His unbreakable promise to His people is totally reliable.

The LORD God's steadfast love is forever, and we can rely on Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

We rely on the One of whom our psalm resounds, the trustworthy Word whose birth we long for with Advent hope: *"I shall establish your Descendant for ever and build up your throne for all generations"* (v 4). There is mystery and wonder in the manger. There is all the surpassing greatness of the incarnation of God for us to ponder. His love is for us. He, the root and offspring of Jesse, is for us, and on this Jesus Christ, the Word, we can totally rely.

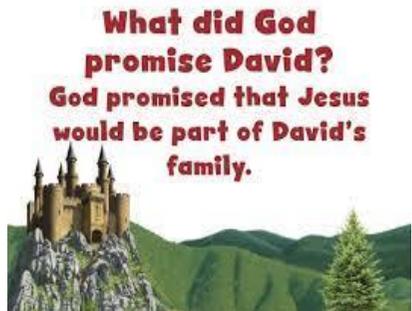
Children's Message:

How many days until Christmas? We're almost there!

As we prepare for Christmas, I want you to think of a single word, and that word is, "Rely." Do you know that word? What does it mean? Rely means to count on something, to know someone or something will take good care of you.

We rely on our parents to take care of us, and they do. Of course, we can rely on God; we can trust Him always to take good care of us. This is because of things He's done for us again and again.

Psalm 89 says that God will love His people forever. It says He's made a promise, a Covenant, to take care of us always. But can we rely on that promise? Can we count on God keeping His promise to love us? David was a great king of Israel in the Old Testament, and the psalm says that God promised David He would give him a son and, again, a grandson, and, again, great- and great- and great-grandsons until, again, God's greatest King would come and love us forever. You know who the greatest King is, don't you! Of course! Jesus. And God kept that promise again and again and again until Jesus was born at Christmas. And, again, died for us.



See, we can rely on God's promise to love us and, again, rely on His promise even to take us to heaven, because He's always kept His promises - again and again and again.

Thank You God that we can always rely on Your promises, especially Your promise to send Your Only Son, Jesus, who was born for us! Amen.

Welcome to all worshipping with us!

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Please notify pastor of anyone who is unwell or in need of a visit.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

25 December Christmas Day	31 December 1 st Sunday after Christmas	1 January 2024 (Monday) 10.00am AUB HC
7.30am LOWOOD HC 8.30am OAK LR <u>8.30am</u> TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 10.30am AUB HC	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am MARBURG HC	7 January The Baptism of Jesus 10.00am OAK HC Praise & Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, 25 December		
READINGS: Isaiah 52:7-10;	Hebrews 1:1-12;	John 1:1-14
HYMNS: 627 630 632 (34 629) 26		
Sunday, 31 December		
READINGS: Isaiah 61:10-62:3;	Galatians 4:4-7;	Luke 2:22-40
HYMNS: 46 30 4 (623 27) 741		

Our student Patrick has put together a Prayer sheet to help you with your daily devotions. You will find a copy in your bulletins for today.

Our student Patrick would like to get a youth group going in the new year and would like to hear from anyone interested in attending and helping to make this happen. Please contact Patrick on 0403 005358 or at patrickhensel95@gmail.com.

FORWARD ANNOUNCEMENT:

January 7, 2024. Trinity Oakey will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of their church building. The congregation wishes to hold a Praise and Thanksgiving service and would like to invite *all members of the parish to attend*. The service will be a 10.00am HC service, followed by a shared lunch. All offering envelopes will be returned to their own congregations.