

Christmas at the  
MOVIES



8:30-December 6, 2015

**WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” [LSB 803]

**OPENING LITURGY** [p. 158]

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 5:2-5a** [NIV 84]

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” <sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And he will be their peace.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL VERSE** “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus” [LW 22 v. 2]

**HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45,56** [NIV 84]

<sup>39</sup>At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup>where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!”

<sup>56</sup>Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**SERMON HYMN** “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates” [LW 24 vs. 1, 3-5]

## SERMON “ELF”

### PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

*Father in Heaven:*

- Peace, comfort and healing** to Cyndi (step-mom of Steve Young) – recovering from a stroke; the family of Cher Lange – mother of Stephanie Lytle) as the family grieves the loss of their loved one.
- Praise and Thanksgiving** to Everett Hamilton (son of Pastor Morgan and Kristen Hamilton) – celebrated his first birthday Monday, November 30.
- Wisdom** and **courage** to our DCE Youth Call Committee and College Students.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

### WORDS of INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

### AGNUS DEI

### OFFERING

*(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)*

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“My Heart, Your Bethlehem”

Schram/Gaines

*Voices of Peace*

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” [LW 31 verses 1-4, 6]

“The First Noel”

POST-COMMUNION HYMN “The King Shall Come” [LW 26 vs 1 & 5]

## CONNECT

- **Red Apple Pancake Breakfast | Saturday, Dec. 12 | 9:00a-Noon**
- **Christmas Caroling | Sunday, Dec. 13 | 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Night of Hope | Dec. 14 & 17 | Register today at Guest Connections**
- **Men's Night | Tuesday Dec. 15 | 6:30-8:00p | Register Online**
- **Sounds of the Season: Northeast Orchestra | Friday, Dec. 18 @ 7:30p**

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Prepare the Royal Highway”

arr. Robert Hobby

SERMON: *Rev. James R. Mueller*  
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*