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Baby Shower for Mary & Jesus

Each year, we host a baby shower for Mary and Jesus and donate the items to North Point Douglas Women's Center. We will be collecting items throughout December and will have a giving celebration on Sunday, January 7 in the fellowship hall.

Donations can include (but are not limited to):

- Infant care items (diapers, wipes, powder, creams, formula)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Essential hygiene products (toothbrush, deodorant)
- Socks & underwear
- Basic infant clothing (jumpers, socks)

The Urban - Restocking the Pantry

Everyone thinks to give during the holiday season, but what happens in the New Year when supplies run out, or are at minimal levels? This year, we will be collecting items throughout December and January to donate to The Urban in the midst of our coldest season. Remember, those who are in need now may also be in need later.

Donations of non-perishable food items are much appreciated. A full list of needed items can be found in our e-news.

Participants in Today's Service:

Pastor.....Rev. Tyler Gingrich
 Musician.....Karen Isleifson Buechler
 Liturgist.....Lexy Dorn
 Reader.....Pam Ring
 Greeter.....Larry Ring
 Ministers.....*You, the People of God*

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

worship leader; congregation

hymn "#" refers to the latter part of the red hymn-book;: page numbers in the front of hymnal

GATHERING

Land acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath & Children's Message

Hymn – *Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW #264

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise – *All Earth is Hopeful* ELW #266

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your ¹ land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- ¹ tune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity ¹ of your people and blotted out ¹ all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their ¹ hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to ¹ those who fear you, that your glory may dwell ¹ in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have ¹ met together;

righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia* ELW #173

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *There’s a Voice in the Wilderness* ELW #255

Prayers of Intercession

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The Peace

MEAL

Offertory Hymn – *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #188

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving p. 180

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #190

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Here is Bread ELW #483

Love, Divine, all Love’s Excelling ELW #631

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ELW #254

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn – *At Last, Lord* ELW #203

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song – *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* ELW #249

Dismissal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council meets this Monday evening.

We’re excited to have the Sunday school class lead the message in worship next week!

Our next 3P gathering will happen on next Sunday at 4pm!

Sign up to help on Sundays! See sheet in the narthex!

**Join us this week for our virtual coffee & study hour on Zoom!
Be sure to check the weekly e-news for details.**

****Reminder****

**Our Christmas Eve service is December 24 at 4pm
Our Christmas Day service is December 25 at 10:30am**