



4th sunday of advent

December 23, 2018

First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Hol den evening prayer

"THE ANGELS' CANDLE"

Gathering Music

Welcome/Announcements

Invocation

Opening Song **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** #289

Prayer of the Day

A Candle Lighting Ceremony

"Lighting Four Candles" Melody: Away in a Manger

In darkness enshrouded, the world waits for light
To shatter the shadowy darkness of night.
To greenery circled, the faithful draw near
And longingly listen, God's message to hear.

L: God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts,

C: to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

L: The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.

C: We beheld the glory of the Word made flesh, the glory of **the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

L: And with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

As wick touches wick now four flames burn so bright
As angels in glory shone forth on that night.
May we shine the precious good news of this birth
To ev'ry dark, shadowy corner of earth.

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

C: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

L: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

C: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

L: When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

Oh, keep us, Lord Jesus, in your mighty care
As for your arrival your people prepare.
The flames for the faithful, Lord, let them burn bright,
That hearts of all people in faith may ignite.

Lighting The Angels' Candle

The Christmas Story: Luke 1:57-79

Sermon

Song **"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"** **#286**

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering **"Mary, Did You Know?"** Mary Gravenish, Edie Sward

Offering Prayer

Word of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Sharing The Meal

A Gift of Song **"What Feast of Love"** **#487**
 "In the Bleak Midwinter" **#294**

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Closing Song **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** **#270**

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Those who Shared Their Time &

Reader: Melinda Berkeland

Communion: Melinda Berkeland, Marcia Holst, Kristi Sprick

Usher: Dick & LaDonna Severson, Joe & Mason White

Greeter: Jan & Boyd Olson

Coffee: Laurie & Patty Svien

Altar: Marlys Johnson, Karen Heise

Sound/Screen: Nick Majerus

Video: