

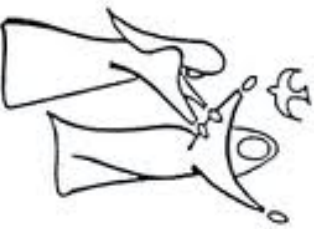
Youth Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024



Today's lessons:

- Micah 5:2-5a The prophet Micah foresees the coming of a king who leads the people like a shepherd leads his flock.
- Luke 1:46b-55 Mary praises the Lord, thanking him for what he has done for her and for all people.
- Hebrews 10:5-10 Jesus Christ has come into the world to do God's will and sacrifice himself for us.
- Luke 1:39-45 After Mary has heard from the angel that she is going to have a son, she visits her cousin Elizabeth, who, too, is pregnant against all expectations: Mary as a virgin, and Elizabeth being beyond child-bearing age. Elizabeth's unborn child indicates to her – like he will do to many others later on – that Mary's child is the Messiah.



Greetings!

In today's Gospel Elizabeth greets her young relative Mary with words that many, esp. Roman Catholic Christians are still using today when they say the 'Hail Mary' as part of their prayers. Martin Luther, too, believed that Mary should be held in highest regard, and advocated the use of Elizabeth's words as a sign of reverence for the mother of Jesus Christ:

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Agnus Day



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UPSIDE DOWN

Many parents have found that with a child nothing stays the way it used to be. Mary realizes that this is even more true for her unique son: he will turn the whole world around and nothing will ever be the same again. In this word search though, only a few of the words are backwards or upside down...

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| CALL | GENERATION | MERCY | SERVANT |
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THE MAGNIFICAT OR SONG OF MARY



The poem we read in Luke 1:47-55 is often called 'The Magnificat'. The title comes from the opening line of the Latin translation: 'Magnificat anima mea Dominum', which means 'my soul magnifies (or praises) the Lord'.

Specifically Mary praises God for taking the side of the poor and oppressed. And all Christians join her in that praise! Traditionally, the Magnificat has always been part of Evening Prayer / Vespers. Usually it has been sung. So there are literally hundreds, if not thousands of different musical settings to the words! Try to find out if you are singing one of them in the service today.

SMALL TOWN WITH GREAT IMPACT

Micah makes it clear that Bethlehem is not just any small town in Israel:

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