

The Grace that Gives us Joy

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The 4th Sunday in Advent + Lessons & Carols
23 December, A.D. 2018
Mic 5.2-5a; Heb 10.5-10; Lk 1.39-45

Pre-Service Message

CCT: God comes to us with grace, and that gives us

_____.

Introduction

Again, think about a time when you were so excited you couldn't contain yourself...

I. A Fearful Journey Ending in Joy

A. Mary's Journey

Luke 1:39-45 (ESV)

v. 39-40. How far was Mary's walk to the hill country?

What did Mary likely think about along the way?

B. Elizabeth and John Confess Christ

vv. 41-45.

Elizabeth "filled with the Spirit" is not just an _____ . What had God revealed to her and her husband, Zechariah?

How big is Jesus when Mary visit's Zechariah's home?

What does Elizabeth confess about the child in Mary's womb?

Why is John's leaping a confession of faith? How can it be compared to other such confessions?

Why are Elizabeth and Mary and baby John the Baptist filled with joy?

II. The Power of Music

Throughout Scripture key figures and key moments break out in _____ .

Mary: Magnificat; Zechariah: Benedictus; Angels after Jesus' birth: Gloria in Excelsis; Simeon: Nunc Dimittis.

There is something about music that touches our _____ in a way that words alone usually cannot.



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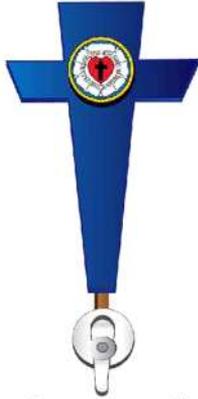
What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating delicious food, and talking about things that are truly important?

January 20, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Your New Year's Resolution Matters (Really, it does)
Presenter: Rev. Doug Stowe, Hartford, WI



Kitchen will be open to
order food off the menu



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5:00-7:00 pm

Babysitting is now available!

WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran School
210 E. Pleasant St.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

TIME: 4:30 – 7:30 pm

COST: Free will offering
Funds will go towards 2019 South Dakota Trip

Parents will need to supply snacks

Please contact Mary Wangler at
marywangler@hotmail.com
and let her know if you plan to come.

Discordant music can bear witness to a soul in anguish... and even _____ to that anguish.

Harmonious music that upholds the Word of God can _____ the soul, relieve burdens. It is *mellifluous*.

Mel, Latin for _____ + *fluere*, Latin verb "to _____" = *mellifluous*, "sweet _____," like flowing honey.

We are reminded today that God keeps his _____. What is the key promise?

Hebrews 10:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Conclusion

CCT: God comes to us with grace, and that gives us _____.

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