

Second Sunday of Advent
Divine Service, Setting Four
December 4, 2022

Regarding the Lord's Supper – *Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL LSB 357 sts. 1, ref, 2–3

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB 203

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this

altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

☩ Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

☩ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☩ Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 105:4–8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b

☩ In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

☩ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

☩ Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

☩ O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

- P** He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- C** He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

KYRIE

LSB 204

- C** Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's
den.
⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal
for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his
resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit

in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

LSB 344

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
 Announces that the Lord is nigh;
 Awake and hearken, for he brings
 Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
 Make straight the way for God within,
 And let us all our hearts prepare
 For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
 Our refuge and our great reward;

Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of
Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the
Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

☐ In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL LSB 357 sts. ref, 4–7

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. Refrain

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

LSB 359

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,

She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
 With sweetness fills the air,
 Dispels with glorious splendor
 The darkness ev'rywhere.
 True man, yet very God,
 From sin and death He saves us
 And lightens ev'ry load.

4 O Savior, child of Mary,
 Who felt our human woe;
 O Savior, King of glory,
 Who dost our weakness know:
 Bring us at length we pray
 To the bright courts of heaven,
 And to the endless day.

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JESUS SHALL REIGN

LSB 832

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 Does its successive journeys run;
 His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
 Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
 And endless praises crown His head;
 His name like sweet perfume shall rise
 With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
 Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
 And infant voices shall proclaim
 Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
 The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
 The weary find eternal rest,
 And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
 Honors peculiar to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again,
 And earth repeat the loud amen.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**☐ O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,**

**Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 212

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

- 1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people,
 Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
 “Comfort those who sit in darkness,
 Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.”
- 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
 Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many_a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.
- 3 Hark, the herald’s voice is crying
 In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
 Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;
 Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,

As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

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POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Member Records Information – The green sheet in your bulletin is a member records form to help us update our membership database. Households have changed, children have grown, emails have changed and some have dropped their landlines. Churches also have a long tradition of keeping records of the important faith dates for the membership. We'd like to ask if *every member household* can fill this out to verify correct information.

Advent Wednesday Services – This Advent season, our midweek services will be held at 7pm on Wednesdays. These services are based on the hymn "Once He Came in Blessing" and the theme of the Three Advents of Christ: Once in the Flesh; Continually in His Word; and At the End of the World – all for us!

Christmas Worship Services – Our Christmas services will be as follows:

- Christmas Eve at 5pm and 7pm.
- Christmas Day (with Holy Communion) at 10am

Special Music for Christmas Services – We have some wonderful and talented voices (and maybe musicians, too) in our church family. If you would like to consider offering some special music during our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services, please talk to Pastor Yoakum about planning for those services. ***"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Ps. 98:4)***

Memory Verse Challenge of the Week: Exodus 31:13 – You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you."

Scripture Readings for December 11th

Isaiah 35:1-10 – The wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

James 5:7-11 – Be patient ... until the coming of the Lord.

Matthew 11:2-15 – Jesus speaks regarding John the Baptist.

Prayer List – Phyllis; Marjorie; Walt; Bob; Joanne; Susan; Jerrold; Ruth; Kay; Donna Bussamus; David; Robin; Kim; Kaitland; Robert; Bryant; Elmer; Christine; Brad; Jim and Noah; Mike; Loretta; Peggy; Lois; Christine; Judy; Lisa; Dave; Isabel; Roma.

Prayer List Updates: If you have requested a name be on the prayer list, please keep Pastor informed of their progress, if their condition has improved, and whether their name should be removed from the prayer list.

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS ... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Decision Theology; The Incarnation of God & the Value of Man; 4th-Century Bishop Nicholas of Myra; Man & the Metaverse and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Enjoy music for the season of Advent, study Advent hymnody on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), learn about St. Nicholas and St. Ambrose on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and hear Advent Midweek Service from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, on 12/7 at 12:00 p.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Attendance for the week of 11/27/22

Worship	56
Bible Class	10
Wednesday Advent Service	23

Serving Today (12/4):

Elder – Charlie T.
Ushers – Clair S. and Jerry H.
Organist – Kathy Y.
Greeter – Harburg
Acolyte – Michael B.
Altar Guild – Angela F.
Camera – Lisa T.
Tellers – Ted C. and Melissa S.

Serving Next Week (12/4):

Elder – Dave B.
Usher – Rudy K. and Charlie T.
Organist – Lisa T.
Greeter – Horn
Acolyte – Dylan B.
Altar Guild – Robin F.
Camera – Angela F.
Tellers – Angela F. and Jim L.

Upcoming Calendar

12-4-22	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	11:30am	Youth Confirmation Instruction
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
12-5-22	7pm	Elders meeting
12-6-22	2pm	Livestreamed BOMBS Bible Study: Ps 23
12-7-22	7pm	Advent Evening Worship
12-11-22	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	11:30am	Youth Confirmation Instruction

	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
12-13-22	2pm	Livestreamed BOMBS Bible Study: Ps 27
12-14-22	7pm	Advent Evening Worship

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- every worship service
- a weekly Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS)

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