

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Divine Service, Setting Three
December 18, 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

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME LSB 356

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

2 “For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee;

Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

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

INVOCATION

LSB 184

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 130:5–8; antiphon: Is. 64:1

P Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence.

C I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

P my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

C O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

P And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence.

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE

LSB 186

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received

grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–25

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his

people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357

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

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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SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not

**Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

C 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

LSB 197

- P** 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."
- P** 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 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

LSB 350

1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne’er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.

Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

LSB 343

1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story:

ref Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LSB 361

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
 And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
 And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel!

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou
hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy
people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

☐ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
☐ and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

☐ 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.
☐ Amen.

SALUTATION

LSB 201

☐ The Lord be with you.
☐ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

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

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

LSB 332

1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all

From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Help Wanted! Our Christmas services don't yet have our worship assistants assigned. We are looking to fill these positions for Christmas Eve (both 5p and 7p) and Christmas Day. If you can volunteer to be an usher, acolyte, organist or camera-person, please talk to Charlie Talbott or Pastor Yoakum.

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

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

New Year's Day Fun! – Join us after worship on Sunday, January 1st, for a fun New Year's Day Social. We'll have a "white elephant" gift exchange, refreshments for all, mimosas for the adults, and some non-alcoholic drink for the kids.

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.

Memory Verse Challenge of the Week: Genesis 3:15 – I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

Scripture Readings for December 25th

Isaiah 52:7-10 – All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Titus 3:4-7 – He saved us ... according to His own mercy.

John 1:1-14 – The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

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

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.

EDUCATION & EDIFICATION ... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's interview topics include: The Movie "Avatar," Marriage Enrichment, Looking Forward to Christmas Sunday, Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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hear history and theology of Hymns for Advent on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am CT), and study Exodus 28-32 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am CT). The Twelve Days of Christmas begins December 25 through January 5! Hear special Christmas programming during this time. Regular programming resumes January 9!

Attendance for the week of 12/11/22

Worship	66
Bible Class	12
Wednesday Advent Service	16

Serving Today (12/18):

Elder – Mike C.
 Ushers – Bob B. and Collin B.
 Organist – Beth B.
 Greeter – Kanzinger
 Acolyte – Kara Y.
 Altar Guild – Shelley R.
 Camera – Beth B.
 Tellers – Tom G. and Melissa S.

Serving Next Week (12/25):

Elder – Charlie T.
 Usher – Tony C.
 Organist –
 Greeter – Pastor Yoakum
 Acolyte –
 Altar Guild –
 Camera –
 Tellers –

Upcoming Calendar

12-18-22	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
12-20-22	2pm	Livestreamed BOMBS Bible Study: Ps 32
<u>12-24-22</u>	<u>5pm & 7pm</u>	<u>Christmas Eve Worship Services!</u>

12-25-22 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE CLASS
10am The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day!
 12/26-12/30 PASTOR YOAKUM ON VACATION.
 12-27-22 NO LIVESTREAMED BIBLE STUDY

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

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