

# RORATE COELI

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
Sunday 18 December A†D 2022



## OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—Missouri Synod

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† Hymns †

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### This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Lord's Body and Blood. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

Individuals needing pastoral care can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall at (216) 618-1811 or [rev.mccall@pm.me](mailto:rev.mccall@pm.me)**

**Sunday Schedule:** 8:30am - Private Confession and Absolution  
9:00am - Bible Study  
10:30am - Divine Service  
**Advent Wednesday:** 6:00pm - Divine Service

**NOTE:** *During Advent, numerous portions of the liturgical responses are spoken, not chanted as usual, as we fast in this way in preparation for our coming Lord. If a response is lacking its usual musical notation in the bulletin, that means it is spoken. (e.g. The Salutation, Collect, Preface.) The Gloria in Excelsis goes away until we sing it again with the angels on Christmas Eve.*

## † THE DIVINE SERVICE †

10:30am

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 594** *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.** PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**Amen.**

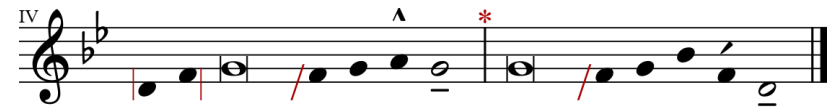
ST. MARK 16:16; ST. JOHN 1:12

STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

ISAIAH 45:8; PSALM 19:1, 4-6



| Drop down, | ye / heavens, from above,  
and let the / skies pour down righteousness:

**Let / the earth open,  
and let them / bring forth salvation.**

The heavens declare the glo- / ry of Gôd;  
and the firmament / sheweth his handywork.

**Their line is gone / out through all the earth,  
and their words to the / end of the world.-**

In them hath he set a taber- / nacle for the sun,  
which is as a bridegroom coming / out of his chamber,

**And rejoiceth as a strong / man to run a race.**

**His going forth is from the / end of the heaven,**

And his circuit un- / to the ends of it:

and there is nothing / hid from the heat thereof.

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son  
and to / the Holy Spirit;***

**As it was in / the beginning,**

**is now, and will be / forever. Amen.**

| Drop down, | ye / heavens, from above,  
and let the / skies pour down righteousness:

**Let / the earth open,  
and let them / bring forth salvation.**

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**THE SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-19

*In those days Moses spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.'"*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 145:18, 21



The LORD is nigh unto all them that call / upon him,  
to all that / call upon him in truth.

**My mouth shall speak the praise / of the LÔRD:  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for / ever and ever.**

**THE EPISTLE**

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

*Brethren:* Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

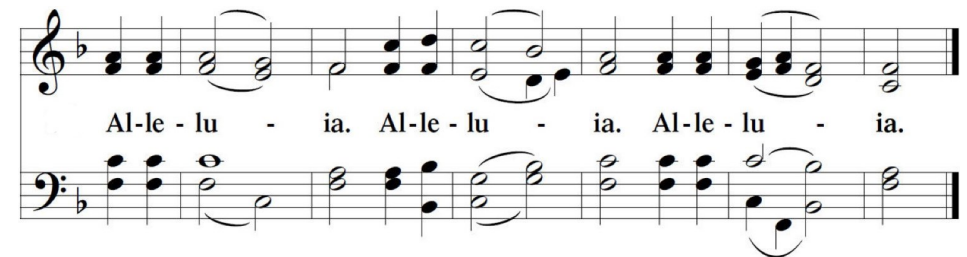
STAND

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

PSALM 40:17B



Alleluia. Thou art my help and / my deliverer;  
make no tar- / rying, - O my God.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. JOHN 1:19B-28

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time:* When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" he confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him,

“What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said: “I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Make straight the way of the LORD,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.” These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

**357** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**THE SERMON**

*STAND*

**THE OFFERTORY**

PSALM 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*SIT*

**THE OFFERING**

*We All Believe in One True God*

*STAND*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert*

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

**We lift them up unto the LORD.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

### THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

**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 CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

### THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



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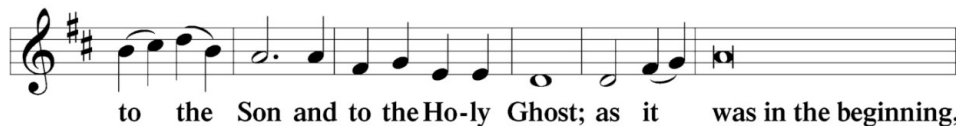
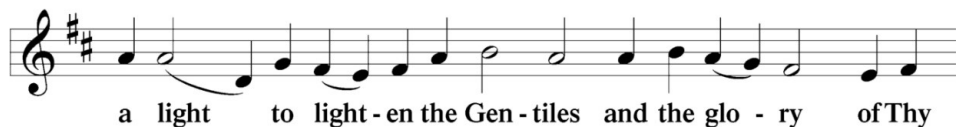
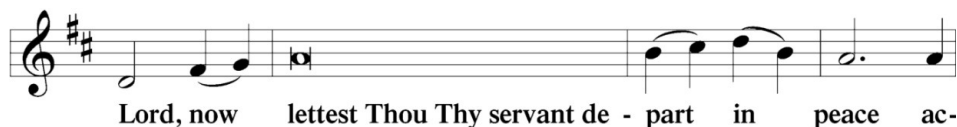
### THE COMMUNION HYMNS

- 642 *O Living Bread from Heaven*
- 346 *When All the World Was Cursed*
- 352 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

*STAND*

### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32



### THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.  
**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in 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.**

### THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

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

### THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

### THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*STAND*

### THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please face the Procession as it passes your pen.*  
*Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.*