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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday 21 December A✠D 2025



## OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Hymns ✠

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**On receiving the Lord's Supper:** Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

**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

*Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.*

### 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 as it passes.*

**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.  
ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

**Amen.**

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]

*Please remain STANDING or 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...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

*Please STAND*

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PSALM 106:4-5; 1B



| Remem- | ber us, O LORD, with the favor  
that Thou bearest un- / to Thy people:

O visit us / with Thy salvation;

**That we may see the good of Thy chosen**

**in the gladness / of Thy nation,**

**That we may glory / with Thine inheritance.**

Oh, give thanks unto the / LORD; for He is good:

For His mercy en- / dureth forever.

***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.**

| Remem- | ber us, O LORD, with the favor  
that Thou bearest un- / to Thy people:

O visit us / with Thy salvation;

**That we may see the good of Thy chosen**

**in the gladness / of Thy nation,**

**That we may glory / with Thine inheritance.**

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

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come and help us with Thy great might, that by Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished through Thy mercy and satisfaction; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

*Please BE SEATED*

## 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, 21A



The LORD is nigh unto all them that call / upon Hîm,  
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.**

## 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.

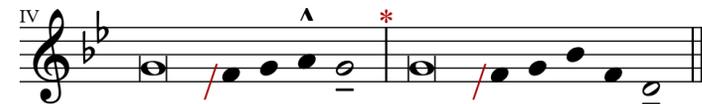
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND*

## THE ALLELUIA VERSE

LITURGICAL TEXT



- / Alleluia.

- / Alle-luia.

**Come, O / Lord, and tarry not:**

**Forgive the misdeeds of Thy people. / Alle-luia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. JOHN 1:19B-28

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The continuation of ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to ✠ Saint John.

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

✠ *At that time:* When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to John to ask him, “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.**

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### THE HYMN OF THE DAY

357 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### THE SERMON

*Please STAND*

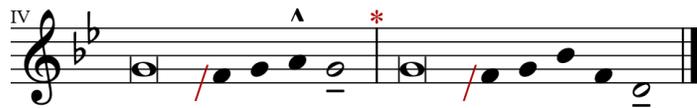
### THE OFFERTORY

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.

**THE OFFERTORY VERSE**

ST. LUKE 1:28B, C, 42C



Hail, Mary, full of grace, the / Lord is with thee:  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the / fruit of thy womb.—

*Please BE SEATED***THE OFFERING***Please 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.

*Please remain STANDING or 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; I CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

## 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 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## THE COMMUNION VERSE

ISAIAH 7:14B

Behold, a virgin shall con- / ceive, and bear a Son,  
And shall call / His name Immanuel.

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

642 *O Living Bread from Heaven*

346 *When All the World Was Cursed*

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*Please STAND*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



**THE THANKSGIVING**

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Having partaken of the sacred gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord: that we may continue to draw near unto the same; that growing more and more in grace, we may attain in the end to ever-lasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**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.**

*Please remain STANDING or 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.**

*Please STAND*

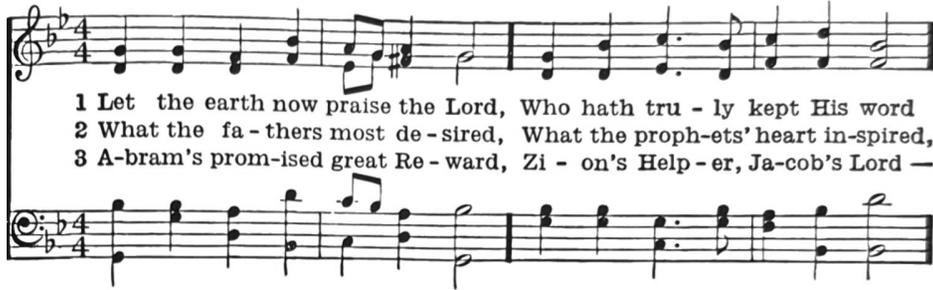
**THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

*Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

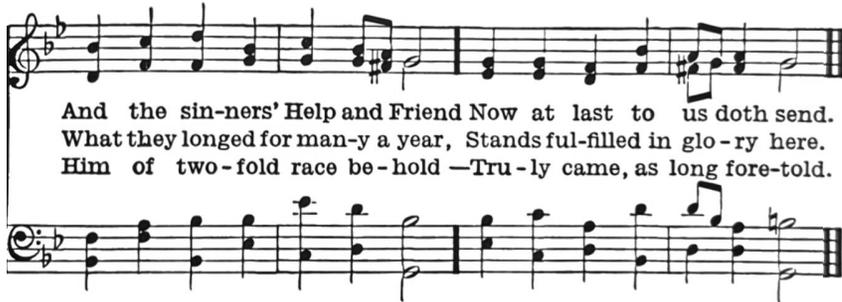
*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.*



*Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who hath truly kept His word  
2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,  
3 Abraham's promised great reward, Zion's Helper, Jacob's Lord —



And the sinners' Help and Friend Now at last to us doth send.  
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.  
Him of two-fold race behold — Truly came, as long fore-told.

4 Welcome, O my Savior, now!  
Hail! My Portion, Lord, art Thou.  
Here, too, in my heart, I pray,  
Oh, prepare Thyself a way!

7 Comfort my desponding heart;  
Thou my Strength and Refuge art.  
I am weak, and cunningly  
Satan lays his snares for me.

5 King of Glory, enter in;  
Cleanse it from the filth of sin,  
As Thou hast so often done;  
It belongs to Thee alone.

8 Bruise for me the Serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cleave to Thee in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death,

6 As Thy coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
That was ever found in Thee.

9 And when Thou dost come again  
As a glorious King to reign,  
I with joy may see Thy face,  
Freely ransomed by Thy grace.

