



Fourth Sunday in Advent
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
December 22-23, 2018



THE PRELUDE: "People, Look East"

arranged by Steve Wentze

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 333 "Once He Came in Blessing"

Divine Service Four, page 203ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203 (*please stand if you are able*)

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Luke 1:46b-47 and 1 Samuel 2



My soul magni- fies the Lord,	and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
My mouth derides my enemies,	because I rejoice in Your sal- vation.
There is none holy like the LORD;	there is no rock like our God.
The barren has borne seven,	but she who has many children is forlorn.
The LORD kills and brings to life;	He brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;	He brings low and He exalts.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son	and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- ginning,	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
My soul magni- fies the Lord,	and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

KYRIE: (page 204) (*sung*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
 (We omit the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** during the Advent season.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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. (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said, "Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but a body have You prepared for Me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God, as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book.'" When He said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then He added, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

(*please stand if able*) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 205) (*sung*)

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 1:39-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 206**

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed: page 207**

(please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope, He brings hope to ev-‘ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace, He brings peace to ev-‘ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy, Ev-‘ry nation will find salvation in Beth-l’em’s baby boy.

Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love, He brings love to ev-‘ry heart, He comes! He comes! He brings love to ev-‘ry heart, He comes! He comes!

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 934 “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

SERMON: “Christ Comes Into the World to Do God’s Will for Us” Hebrews 10:5-10

- I. Our Sacrifices Do Not Fulfill the Requirements of God’s Law
- II. Christ Has Lived According to God’s Law for Us
- III. Christ for Us Makes Us Holy to God and for the World

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (please stand if you are able)

(Each petition ends “**Lord, in Your mercy**” and we respond, “**hear our prayer.**”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Leonard Vogt, Arlin Winkelman, Kenneth Koester, Jean Menke, June Lawrence, C. John Prigge, David Blankenship, Joan Wiegand, Jim Guebert, Jane Donjon, Alice Guebert, Wayne Liefer, Stuart Langrehr, Tim Deien, Kathy Liefer, Susie Harms, Rebekah Liefer, Jackie Quintin,

Jonathan Koen, Addelyn Rahn; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Kate Snyder, Ruth Hecht, Henry Hunter, John Hudak, Jennifer King, Margarette Schrader, Joe Muertz. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+the birth of a daughter, Emma Grace, to Cameron and Rose Harms on Tuesday the 18th

(please be seated)

OFFERING: “Hark the Glad Sound”

arranged by Wilbur Held

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord’s Prayer, Closing Prayer and Benediction.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

PREFACE and SANCTUS: page 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER: page 209

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 209

THE PAX DOMINI:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: page 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

632 “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

352 “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

357 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 212

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: page 212

CLOSING HYMN: 349 “Hark the Glad Sound”

THE POSTLUDE: “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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