



Fourth Sunday in Advent
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
 December 21-22, 2019



THE PRELUDE: "People Look East"

arranged by James Went

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 331 "The Advent of Our King" (*stand for last stanza; sing "A-men".*)

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**
 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.
 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.**
 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.**

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 130:5-8; antiphon Isaiah 64:1



Oh that You would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at Your | presence.
I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,* **and in His | word I hope;**
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with Him is plentiful re- | demption.
And He will redeem | Israel* from all his in- | iquities.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.
ADVENT STANZA: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (sung)
O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) **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.** (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
 Behold, your king is coming to you;
 Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
righteous and having salvation.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and 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, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA:** page 190 (sung) “**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**”

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter. **C:** (sung) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now 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.

And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But 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. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but 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: (sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed:

(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 191 (8 a.m.) The Apostles' Creed: page 192**

(please be seated) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:** (8 a.m.)

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: 383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

SERMON: "He is Jesus; He is Immanuel; We Are Saved" Matthew 1:18-25

P: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth,

C: and the meditations of our hearts,

ALL: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Ps. 19:14)

(please stand if able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

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.

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** "The Advent of Our King"

arranged by Healey Willan

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, Helen Winkelman, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Curtis Hartmann, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Julie Ratz, Stuart Langrehr, Roger Kozora, Peggy Sitzes, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Grace Urspruch, Elda Guebert, Pat Wilson, Nancy O'Dell, Guy Lautenschlaeger, Dorothy Gross. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with names.) Army- Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure
+those who mourn: the family of Doris Hartmann who died in the Lord on Friday

The 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

PREFACE: page 194 **SANCTUS:** page 195 **LORD'S PRAYER:** page 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND PAX DOMINI: page 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** (sung) **A-men.**

THE AGNUS DEI: page 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

333 "Once He Came in Blessing"

353 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" pages 199-200

THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS: pages 200-202

BENEDICTION: page 202

CLOSING HYMN: 348 "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

THE POSTLUDE: "Savior of the Nations Come"

arranged by Charles W. Ore

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