

**\*PEACE**

**\*OFFERTORY**

“Gaudete,” arr. John A Behnke

**\*OFFERING SONG**

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW Hymn 181

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God,  
you made the whole world,  
even the farthest stars,  
and you draw near to feed us.  
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.  
Strengthen us with this food  
that we may live in expectation  
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of  
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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...as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

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**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle and  
return by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available upon request, and  
you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To  
receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All who seek to  
receive Jesus in bread and cup are welcome to dine at this table.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“Lamb of God”

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“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

ELW Hymn 265

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep  
you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God,  
we thank you for the gift of life,  
for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,  
for leading us into peace.  
We thank you for showering us with mercy,  
for sending us into the world.  
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us  
as we feed the hungry in your name.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ELW Hymn 257 | Verses 5 - 8

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Immanuel.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Veni, Emmanuel," by David P. Dahl (b. 1937)  
Based on ELW 257

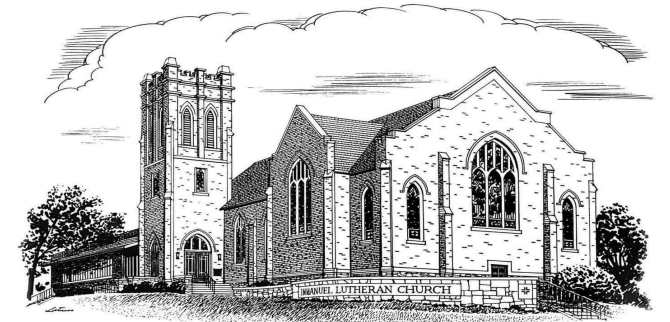
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## Welcome to Worship

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**December 22 , 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**



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Find page numbers in the front of the ELW (red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

Setting 1 begins on page 94

**Bold**=All

\*Please stand as you are able

**PRELUDE**

"Come, O Long-Expected Jesus," by Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

"Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland," BWV 599, by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Based on ELW 254 and 263

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
alive in the world,  
reviving creation,  
arriving soon.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**  
**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have turned away from our neighbors.**  
**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We plead: come to us.**  
**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,  
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God  
through ☩ Christ Jesus,  
whose day draws near.  
**Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

**Savior of the Nations, Come**

**ELW Hymn 263 | Verses 1 - 4**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

**"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ELW Hymn 257 | Verses 1 - 4**

**\*GREETING**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a**

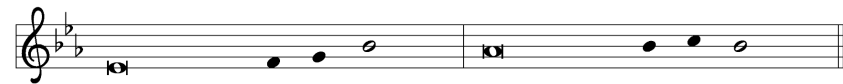
2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
5a and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Luke 1:46b-55**



46b My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,  
47 my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,  
**48 for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will | call me blessed:**

49 you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.

**50 You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation.**

51 You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

**52 casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**

53 You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.

**54 You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

55 the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

7 Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

8 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), 9 then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**\*GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

46 And Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Canticle of the Turning "**

**ELW Hymn 723**

**\*NICENE CREED**

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**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

... Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**