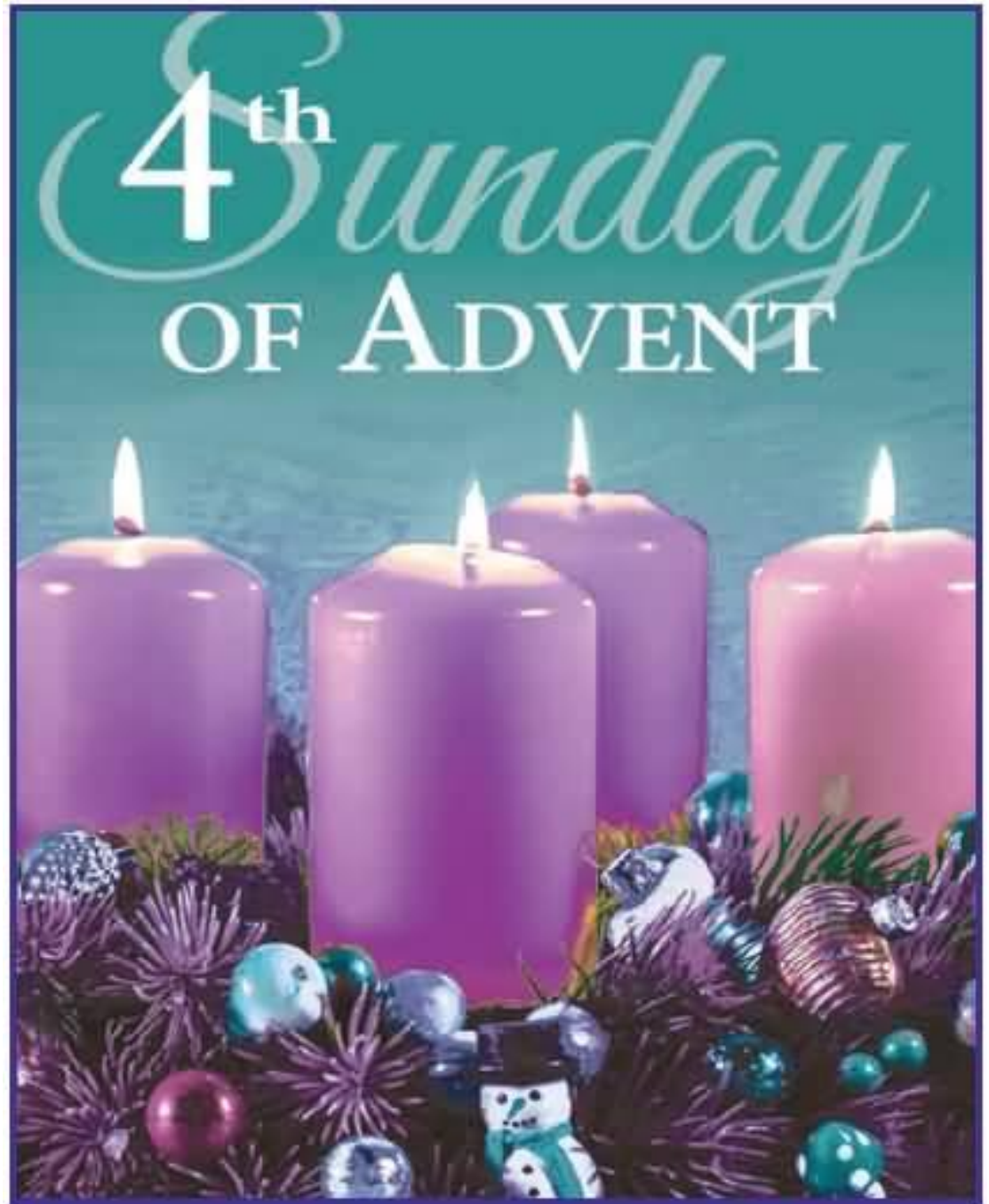




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**Sunday, December 19, 2021  
Celebration Of Word and Sacrament Service**

***Welcome to all of our visitors!  
We sincerely hope that you will join us again soon.***

**Those Serving Today**

**Pastor: *William Smith***

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**Altar Flowers**

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by Susan Hopkins**

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"SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH SERVICE"**

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# “THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, THE GLORY”

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Two

**PRELUDE**  Variations on “Comfort, Comfort, oh my People” by Johann Pachelbel

## WELCOME

**P: O Lord, open my lips.**

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise!

## OPENING HYMN

**“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”**

**LSB-356 (vs 1-4)**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: “All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

“For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee; Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said. “My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name, Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk through-out the world will ever say: “Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

C: Amen

**P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

***Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination***

**P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.**

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

C: Amen

## **KYRIE**

**P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.**

C: Lord, have mercy.

**P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.**

C: Lord, have mercy.

**P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.**

C: Lord, have mercy.

**P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.**

C: Lord, have mercy.

**P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.**

C: Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast”**

**L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

C: And also with you.

**P: Let us pray...O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen.

## **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 coming forth 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. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces,

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 80:1-7

<sup>1</sup> **Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph / like a flock.** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, / shine forth.

<sup>2</sup> **Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- / nasseh,** stir up your might and come to / save us!

<sup>3</sup> **Restore us, / O God;** let your face shine, that we / may be saved!

<sup>4</sup> **O LORD / God of hosts,** how long will you be angry with your / people's prayers?

<sup>5</sup> **You have fed them with the / bread of tears** and given them tears to drink in full / measure.

<sup>6</sup> **You make us an object of contention for our / neighbors,** and our enemies laugh a- / mong themselves.

<sup>7</sup> **Restore us, O / God of hosts;** let your face shine, that we / may be saved!

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.

## NEW TESTAMENT

## 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 does away with 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P: The Holy Gospel according to...LUKE 1:39-45**

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.

***Please Be Seated***

## SERMON HYMN

### “My Soul Rejoices”

LSB 933 (vs 1-2)

My soul rejoices, My spirit voices - Sing the greatness of the Lord! For God my Savior Has shown me favor – Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy – O Sing the greatness of God the Lord! His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him – O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His arm now baring, His strength declaring – Sing the greatness of the Lord! The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters – Sing the greatness of the Lord! Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy – O sing the greatness of God the Lord! Here is the token All that was spoken To Abr’ham’s offspring God is fulfilling – O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

## SERMON “He has done great things for me”

*Please Stand*

### PROCLAMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED

C: 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.

*Please Be Seated*

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings will be received in the Offering Plate as you exit the Sanctuary.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & GOD’S PEOPLE

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer (*said after each group of prayers*)

**P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

C: Amen.

### SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS (Baptismal and Eucharistic Communion)

*In Holy Communion the bread and the wine are the real body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians, who believe Christ is present in the bread and the wine, who see their need for forgiveness, and who want to conform their life to Jesus’ example may receive Holy Communion. You may receive the wine from the individual cup.*



*Those who do not wish to commune are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Discreetly fold your arms across your chest to signal the clergy that you do not wish to commune, but wish to receive a blessing.*

## **PREFACE**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

C: And also with you.

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

C: We lift them to the Lord.

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

**P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:**

## **SANCTUS                    “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P: 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.”**

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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.

## **PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord**

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

C: And also with you. Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI                    “Lamb of God”**

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**LSB 357** (vs 1,2,6,7)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord’rest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And Cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come to Thee, O Israel!

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE    “Thank the Lord”**

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore 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.**

C: Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.**

C: Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**LSB 368** (vs 1-3)

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

Glo – ri - a in excelsis De-o. Glo – ri – a in excelsis De-o.




Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

*Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ  
the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*

**POSTLUDE**  Joy to the World by Craig Phillips

### **Reminders:**

- Alison's Christmas Concert – Today, 2pm at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion

**Birthdays this week: Pam Shipler (Dec 21)  
Virginia Folkerth (Dec 24)**

### **Those Serving Next Week:**

**Ushers: Bonnie Metcalf and Kelley Sedgwick**

**Altar Guild: Sheralynn Follin**