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**ORDER OF WORSHIP – Sunday, December 22, 2024 9:00 am**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

- Communion is celebrated at each service. Please contact the church office if you are unable to come into the building and wish to receive.
- Sign up for our email distribution list to receive updates and important announcements.

**Prelude**

**Confession and Absolution (stand)**

**Confession p.167**

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.**

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**

**Opening hymn:**

**LSB 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**(vs. 1, 2, 4, and Antiphon)**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 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. Refrain

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny

That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

*December 22 Antiphon*

O King of nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people  
Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

### **Lighting of Advent Wreath**

L: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, as with think about the coming of Jesus Christ,

**C: we light the candle of love.**

(Acolyte lights four candles)

L: When Christ comes into our lives He brings the fullness of joy.

**C: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3:1)**

L: This is how God showed His love;

**C: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)**

L. A new command I give you; Love on another

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

**C: All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another** (John 13: 34-35)

**Kyrie p. 168**

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy**

L: 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.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 172**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

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.

**C: Amen**

**First Reading: Micah 5:2–5a**

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

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 Manasseh,  
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 among themselves.**

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

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was is in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5–10**

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>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.’”

<sup>8</sup>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), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>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 p. 173**

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

**Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Luke 1:39–45**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>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.**

**Sermon**

P: We rise for the Hymn of the Day

**Hymn of the day:**

**LSB 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord**

1 My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him, He  
keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.

2 For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.

His mercy flows; His name like Remains in time perpetually.

3 His arm is strong, His strength is great, He scatters those of proud intent  
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low his nourishment.

4 He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands.

He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands.

### **Nicene Creed**

**L:** Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together in the words of the 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 on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
and He will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall 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 worshipped 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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

### **Offering**

We continue the age-old practice of presenting our tithes, gifts, and offerings to Almighty God though now through modern means. Giving options and contact information are listed the end of this worship folder.

### **Service of the Sacrament p. 177**

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...evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus p. 178**

**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.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 178**

**C: Amen**

**The Words of Our Lord p. 179**

**Proclamation of Christ p. 179**

**C: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus**

P; Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer**

**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 p. 180**

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

**C: Amen**

**Agnus Dei p. 180 Lamb of God**

**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.**

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**Communion Hymns**

**W & P Emmanuel (2x)**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

**Renew 27 O How He Loves You and Me!**

1 O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me;

He gave his life- what more could He give?

O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!

2 Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.

What He did there brought hope from despair.

O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!

**LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will received Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray,  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C: Amen**

**Post communion canticle**

**LSB 348 The King Shall Come (Vs. 1 & 5)**

1. The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.

5. The king shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings,  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray; Come quickly, King of Kings

**Post Communion Collect p. 183**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction p. 183**

**Closing Hymn**

**LSB 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By Thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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