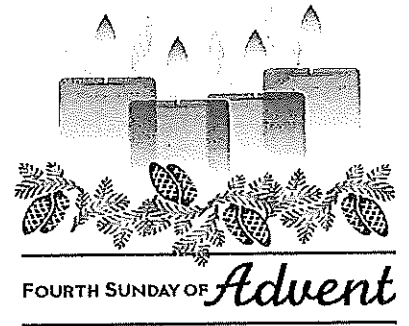


**The Divine Service**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 18, 2022**



**AS WE GATHER**

*The season of Advent reminds us that we as individuals are part of the big picture of salvation planned by our God as we reflect on the coming of Christ to earth for us. We are called to be resolute, as in the words of the hymn "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"—determined and assured in Christ. We celebrate the season resolutely, sure that in Christ, God has done all that is necessary to keep us in His salvation picture for time and for eternity!*

**WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY**

**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Most merciful God,

**People:** we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{I}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331, verses 1, 2, 4**



1 The ad-vent of our King Our prayers must now em-ploy,  
 2 The ev-er-last-ing Son In-car-nate deigns to be,  
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a-gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho-ly joy.  
 Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.  
 And His true mem-bers all u-nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

**GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Kyrie"**



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



2 Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath & Children's Message

### "The Candle Carol"

Light a candle for the bright Son  
God sent down from above.  
Advent news with joy we share  
In the Spirit we love. Chorus.

### Chorus:

Christ is in our family  
Alleluia Sing!  
Aren't you glad  
He came to be  
Our Brother and our King.

## THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

*11:00 am Only*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 7:10-17*

**Reader:** 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."

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE

*Romans 1:1-7*

**Reader:** 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.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:18-25*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the first chapter.

**People:** **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.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### “How Deep is the Father’s Love for Us”

#### VERSE 1

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

#### VERSE 2

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

#### VERSE 3

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

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## SERMON

“What a Love”

*Pastor Scott Henze*

## APOSTLES' CREED

*8:30 Only*

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (±) everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Petitions end, “Lord in your mercy” Congregation responds, “Hear Our Prayer”*

## OFFERING

"The Yearning

Adult Choir, 8:30 AM

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Merciful God,

People: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand as you are able.*

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**A word about Holy Communion:**  
We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements. For those who prefer a non-alcoholic option please know that the center of the communion tray is white grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

### PROPER PREFACE

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
People: **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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PEACE OF THE LORD

*John 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord.*

### AGNUS DEI

*John 1:29*



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



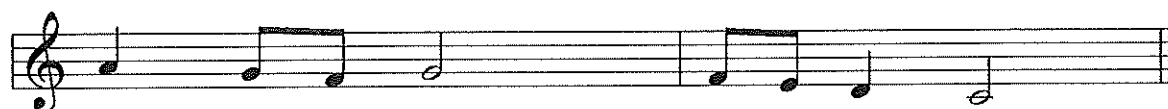
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

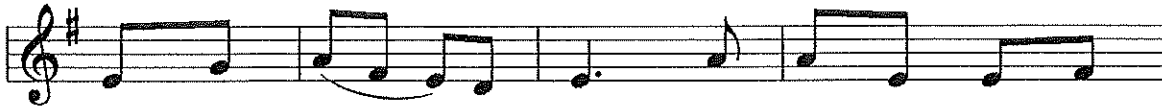
# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

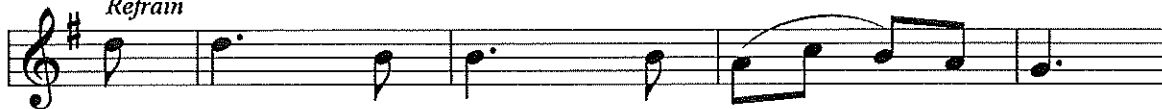


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

### Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - ell





Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

LSB 352



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
 4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - ya year,  
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
 gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
 Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

Creator of the Stars of Night"



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse  
 3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,  
 4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light:  
 Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 As drew the world to e - ven - tide,  
 All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;



O Christ, Re - deem - er, save us all  
 Hast found the heal - ing, full of grace,  
 The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine  
 All things ce - les - tial Thee shall own,



And hear Thy ser - vants when they call.  
 To cure and save our ru - ined race.

## NUNC DIMITTIS



2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

**"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"**      *LSB 348, verses 1 & 5*



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

## DISMISSAL

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

**People:** **Disciples making disciples.**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

*If you have a prayer request we invite you to come up to the altar following the worship service to pray with a member of our prayer team.*



# *Christmas Worship Schedule*

*Saturday, December 24*

*5:00 PM Service for families with small children  
(No Communion)*

*8:00 PM and 10:30 PM Candlelight Communion Service  
with Special music*

*Sunday, December 25*

*11:00 AM Carol Service with Holy Communion*

*Sunday, January 1*

*11:00 AM - Only 1 Worship Service*

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Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM

Adult Bible Study at 10:00 AM



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