



Sunday December 19, 2021

Advent 4

Theme of the day:

When the Lord comes near, He lifts up the humbled.

OPENING HYMN

12 – “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes” (v. 1, 3, 4)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON – Micah 5:2-5a

The humble, tiny town of Bethlehem would be exalted. For there a special son would be born who would bring spiritual peace to the ends of the earth.

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans^[a] of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be our peace.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85

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SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 10:5-10

We cannot do enough good works or offer enough sacrifices to raise ourselves up to God. So the Son of God obeyed the law for us and by his sacrifice has made us holy. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, O God.’” ⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them” although the law required them to be made). ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)

Please stand.

P: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 1.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Luke 1:39-55

In Spirit wrought humility, Mary knew she needed a Savior. God lifts her up, making her the mother of that Savior.

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 23 – "Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1-3)

Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-55

Theme: Praise God for the miracles before Christmas

1. An unborn child leaps for joy.
2. A lowly virgin bears the Son of God.
3. Humble sinners praise God.

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

- 1 O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**
- 2 Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage — Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



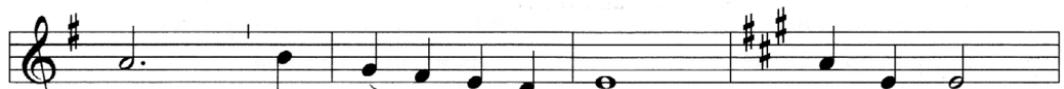
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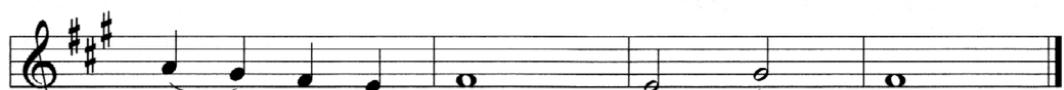
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grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

233 – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (v. 1, 3, & 4)



Advent Wreath

The fourth Advent candle is called the Angel Candle. It represents the final coming of the Savior in glory with all His angels to take all those who believe in Him to everlasting life in heaven. Read Matthew 25:31-34.

The fifth candle (white) is called the Christ Candle. It symbolizes the fulfillment of prophecy, the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior and the Light of the world. Read Luke 2:1-20.

Announcements:

HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you. Members of the congregation are to indicate their intention to commune in the friendship registration booklet. Prayers for before and after Communion and worship are on pages 10-11 in the hymnal.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S SERVICE will be Thursday, December 23, 1:00pm and Friday, December 24 at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE is Saturday, December 25th at 9:30 a.m. Please join us for these special worship opportunities. Both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be presented live on our YouTube channel for those unable to attend in person.

THERE WILL is only one worship service next Sunday, December 26, as well as Sunday, January 2, at 9:30 a.m. There will not be Sunday school or Bible class either Sunday. Take the time to enjoy your family and friends.

NEW YEAR'S EVE Holy Communion worship service will be celebrated Friday, December 31, at 7:00pm. Close the year praising your Lord for all His grace to you in 2021!

HOSPITALIZED: Norman Schaller has been released from St. Rita's in Lima. Tony Pessefall, father of Nikki Hartman, has been released from Promedica in Toledo. Please pray for them as well as all of our members who are homebound or in nursing homes.

THE FUNERAL for Mary Lee von Stein will be conducted in church on December 30. Visitation will be on December 29 at Crates Funeral Home in Arlington from 3 to 7:00 pm. Services will be held on the 30th at 11:00 am, with visitation one hour before.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready for pick up by the south entrance. Please check them for accuracy, particularly addresses. Corrections may be made by contacting Clark Inniger or the school office. You may begin using the new envelopes in January. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419-306-0127 or email cdinniger@roadrunner.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS, PARTY! Come celebrate Jesus' birthday at the next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, December 20 or Tuesday, December 21. Bring your children/grandchildren to hear the story of Jesus' birth, stack presents, make a Christmas star ornament, have pretend birthday cake, and use play dough with cookie cutters. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

WHO LIKES GAMES?? The Outreach committee is planning a game night on January 16, 2022 (yes-2022!) from 3-7:00pm in the school. There will be a supper at 5:00. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church. You better join us! Sounds like a great time. Thank you, Outreach Committee- you're all doing a fabulous job!

MORE GAMES: The annual Euchre Tournament is back. This year, Immanuel is hosting on January 29th. Watch for more details and time in the bulletin. Let's support our church. Go team! Beat Immanuel!!

OPEN GYM: The school's gym continues to be available for those wanting to play basketball indoors on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please change into dry, non-marking athletic shoes before entering the gym to help keep our gym floor in good condition.

UNDERSHEPHERDS, thank you for the work that you have done to help with communication this year. You should have received in your mailboxes in the church basement a list of people to call. If you have not picked that up, please pick that up and encourage people by inviting them to our worship services around Christmas time. If you have done that, please hand your sheet that was given to you to Pastor directly or put it in his mailbox downstairs. If you are still working on your list, please let Pastor know by talking to him, calling him, or emailing him. Thank you.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of December 12, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 202; Early: 107; Late: 95; Adult Bible Study: 32; Teens: 7, Sunday School 26. On-line worship service views for December 5 were 27.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through January 1 are the members of Steve Rausch's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 2, will be the members of Warren Pratt's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS	today are:	James & Deb Reichley – Early Service Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service
	Christmas Eve:	Jerry Beagle
	Christmas Day:	Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart
	Next Sunday:	Joe & Jean Spaeth

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (December 19 through December 26)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Church Council 7:00.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

WED Choir Practice 7:00.

THU Children's Christmas Eve Service 1:00.

FRI Children's Christmas Eve Service 7:00.

SAT Christmas Day Worship Service 9:30a.m.

SUN **Worship 9:30 AM** (note, **only one** service); WELS Connection.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TUE Cheer practice 3:30; Basketball practice 5:00-6:30.

WED Chapel 8:20.

THU Children's Christmas Eve Service 1:00. (Early dismissal)

FRI Children's Christmas Eve Service 7:00. (No School through January 4 -Christmas Break)