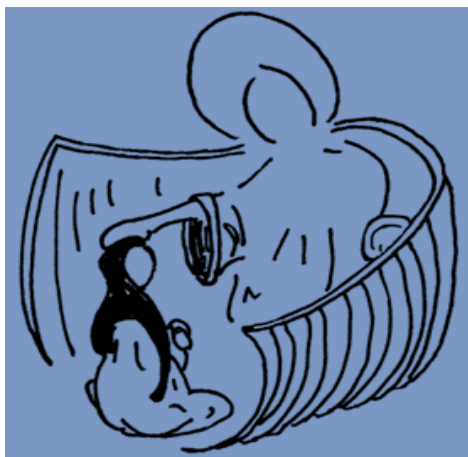


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

8:30am



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**AS WE GATHER** John the Baptist exits, after announcing the arrival of Jesus the Christ, John simply walks off the stage. Now, one more guest speaker in the Advent season quickly appears. Our eyes widen and jaws drop at the appearance of the archangel, Gabriel. "Do not be afraid!" St. Luke lets us listen in on the angel's amazing conversation with Mary, the one favored and chosen by God to be His temple, His mother. The angel's greeting sounds the note of joy---the enduring joy to the world of salvation and life that overcomes death, burns through the dividing wall of sin and reveals the glory of resurrection and eternal life. So rejoice, and embrace the promise, "let it be to me according to your word."

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is the participation in the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the New Covenant, whose blessings are received through faith. This is a meal for those who comprehend the mystery of the Supper through instruction in God's Word and who can then publicly confess their unity of faith with us at the altar. If you are not a member of one of our sister congregations, please speak with Pastor during the week before communing. We truly want you to receive the Sacrament to your benefit and God's glory!



**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**LSB 338**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**LSB 184**

**Service of the Word**

**Introit**

*Ps. 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b*

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down |  
righteousness;\*

**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may |  
bear fruit.**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims  
his | handiwork.\*

**In them he has set a tent | for the sun,**  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*  
**and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end  
of them,\*

**and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.**

**(SUNG) 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.**

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**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may |  
bear fruit.**

## Kyrie, Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sit - **Old Testament Reading**

**2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'" <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

**righteous and having sal- | vation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

**From the house of the Lord we | bless you.**

**Epistle**

***Romans 16:25–27***

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand - Verse*

**Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

***Luke 1:26–38***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>And the angel

answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

*Sit* - **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**LSB 357**

### **Sermon**

*Stand* - **Offertory**

*LSB 192*

### **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: We praise You, O God; to You all angels cry aloud; the holy Church throughout all the world gives You praise. For You sent Your Son to take on our human nature for our salvation, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. By His humiliation You have made us partakers of Your divine nature and raised us to deathless life. May Your whole Church on earth sound forth Your praise and proclaim Your glory to all.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface**

**LSB 194**

**P** It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus, Lord's Prayer, The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei**

*Sit – Distribution - The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

**Instrumental Hymn**

**A Great and Mighty Wonder**

**LSB 383**

**Stand - Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Benedicamus  
Benediction**

**The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

**LSB 348**

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**Attendance last Sunday:**  
**Vacancy Officiant:** Rev. Brian Roehrborn  
**Organist:** Chris Cutts  
**Elder:** Jerry Strey  
**Ushers:**  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch

**THIS WEEK:**

**SUNDAY- DECEMBER 20**

9:15am Bible Class  
10:30am Worship Service W/ Holy Communion  
\*Brief Elders meeting after the worship service

**FRIDAY- DECEMBER 25**

10:30am Christmas Day Service

**SUNDAY- DECEMBER 27**

9:15am Bible Class  
10:30am Worship Service

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Pastor Roehrborn will be officiating:  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25- CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE @ 10:30AM**

\*There will not be a Christmas Eve service recorded this year due to the rise in Covid positive cases among our school families, we had “learning at Home” this past week Monday, December 14-Friday, December 18. Therefore, no Christmas program could be recorded. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

**Christmas Poinsettias**

For all those who wish to donate Poinsettia plant(s) or Christmas flowers in memory or honor of - you can find the forms on the table in the Church's Narthex. We are also accepting monetary gift toward larger plants. You can leave the form in my church box; I'll be checking it often.

You may drop off your plants in the church basement. I appreciate if you could leave your name and form with the plant. This way I can get the correct information in the church bulletin. Looking forward to decorating the church with all the beautiful plants. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Susanne Utecht

**\*A reminder to please have any bulletin announcements** to the secretary by Thursday morning 8am. During a Holiday week please by Tuesday Morning 8am. Thank you!

**Christ Lutheran School still has Seroogy's candy bars** leftover from our fall sale, if you need these last-minute Christmas gifts please email the secretary at [celcschool@centurytel.net](mailto:celcschool@centurytel.net) to make an appointment.

**CELC Prayer List— CELC Prayer List**—Fred Monroe (healing from surgery & health issues), Rene Dorsett's father; Lavern Lipke (healing); Brian Brazil (recovery); Verona Lipke (healing & strength); Mary Gray (hospice); Tim Rohan (cancer), Sonny Bauer's son in law; Samuel Cartwright; Bob Buchholtz; Michael Felske, CarrieAnn Rohm's Father; Megan Morissey (healing) Goddaughter of Jim & Sue Boshers; Ron Lund (hospice) father of Jeremy & Ronnie Lund; Raymond Pagel (healing & strength).

**In the Military:** Kolden Baehman, Grandson of Jim & Mary Jane Baehman, in the Marines

**Our Shut Ins:** Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, Lynnette Hannemann, Esther Nehring, Sam & Betty Cartwright, Karen Pagel

**For those who mourn**—that God would grant them comfort in their time of sorrow and encourage them with the hope of everlasting life with those whom they loved who have departed this life in faith, especially, the Dorsett family as they mourn the recent death of Jerry's mother, Ellen Dorsett. Amen

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