



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

December 22, 2024
8:15 and 10:45 AM

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Three Settings of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Charles Callahan, Frank Speller, Matthew Carl

+Song

Peace Abounds

Soprano
Alto

Peace
Love a-bounds
Grace

in this place

Peace
Love a-bounds
Grace

where

4

Christ re - sides. In our hearts

6

peace
love
grace

a - bounds en - ter now in

peace.
love.
grace.

(+) indicates that the assembly stands and face the cross at the door of the church. Please stand as you are able.

+Preparing to Receive the Word

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
One God, Mother of us all.
Amen.

The Coming One is with you.
And also with you.

The presiding minister introduces one minute of silence.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from all that binds us, 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.
Amen.

+Entrance Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Stanzas 1-4

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Let the Children Come

Announcements

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

*After the readings, the assembly responds by saying: **Thanks be to God.***



1 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y
 2 God's e - ter - nal mer - cy, meant for all of hu - man -
 3 Hun - gry peo - ple eat good things and find an hon - ored
 4 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y



God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -
 kind, is giv - en as de - liv - 'rance from op -
 place; the rich are sent a - way though they are
 God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -



ta - tion, for God has smiled up -
 pres - sion. The pow - er - ful and
 hun - gry. The prom - ise to our
 ta - tion, for God has smiled up -



on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her
 haugh - ty find that they are now cast down, the
 fore - bears God re - news for us to - day: the
 on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her



own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.
 low - ly raised be - yond this world's de - ri - sion.
 world is filled with God's a - bun - dant mer - cy.
 own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.

This version of the *Magnificat*, *Mary's Song*, was written by Paul Damio-Carper.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrific-

es and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered ac-

according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He

abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will

that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ

once for all.

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ’s coming. Through obedient acceptance of God’s will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

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+Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

**Here I am, the servant | of the Lord,
Let it be with me according | to your word.**

+Gospel

Luke 1:39-45[46-55]

*After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

*After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds:
Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

Refrain

Ho - ly her life blood, her bo - dy, her voice; ho - ly her quest - ion, her
won - der and choice; ho - ly her cour - age, with Ma - ry re - joice!

Verse 1

Both young girl and wo - man, be - trothed and free, — per - plexed by the greet - ing asks,
"How can this be?" — Our La - dy, Un - ty - ing Knots, Star of the Sea! **to Refrain**

Verse 2

An - gels and an - ces - tors, dear cou - sin's plea - sure; wise men who dream and do not sup -
press her. Let all gen - er - a - tions bless her for - ev - er! — **to Refrain**

Verse 3

Bless - ed are you God - bear - er and Moth - er new ark of the co - ve - nant, cos - mos re -
col - ored; the beau - ty of night vi - sions swirl - ing, dis - cov - ered! — **to Refrain**

Verse 4

Glo - ry to God who trusts bod - ies and wo - men with wis - dom and la - bor, myst - 'ry and
mis - sion, — for love made flesh - and heav - en un - hid - den! — **to Refrain**

+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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

+Prayers of Intercession

The assembly responds, Hear our prayer.

+Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn
8:15 Matins Singers; 10:45 Chancel Choir

Carl Schalk

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O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

+Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks,
O God, for setting stars in the night sky,
for sending prophets with words of hope,
for Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist and Elizabeth,
for your Spirit born in Jesus,
love present in a weary world.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Open our eyes to your Spirit in the gifts of creation.
Be born anew in this world; in your church; in our lives.
Stir up your Spirit, O Christ, and come.

Glory to you, God in the highest.
Peace to God's people on earth.
Amen.

**Our Mother,
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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

+Invitation to Communion

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
And let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All are welcome.

- *Receive a cup from the usher.*
- *Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.*
- *Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.*
- *Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.*

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher, and communion can be brought to your seat.

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 peace, grant us peace.

Hymn *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* 265

Hymn *All Earth Is Hopeful* 266

+Prayer after Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+Blessing

+Sending Hymn *Savior of the Nations, Come* 263

+Dismissal

Go in peace. The reign of God is near.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Savior of the Nations, Come* Paul Manz

*Please face the cross
as the assembly is
sent into the world.*

In Worship Today

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	8:15 a.m. Service	10:45a.m. Service
Presiding Minister	Pastor Lois Pallmeyer	Pastor Lois Pallmeyer
Preacher	Pastor Jodi Houge	Pastor Jodi Houge
Assisting Minister	Janelle Peterson	Kate Ostrem
Lector	Ingrid Nodland	Bridget Kane
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Acolyte	Jameson Karli, Ruby Peterson	Siri David, Madelyn Ronneberg
Hospitality Team	Sonja Nodland, Brad Nodland, Kaisa Nodland, Dorothy Satre, Roy Satre	Chuck Warnert, Carole Arwidson, Rob Hauser, Laurie Possin, Jenni Raeder-Devens
Sacristan	Mark Christianson	Mark Christianson
Altar Service	Maria Conley, Barbara Salava	Mark Christianson, Sara Kimm
Audio/Visual -Video		Thor Carlson
Audio/Visual-Audio	John Teipel	Peter Ostrem
Audio/Visual-Titles		Augustus Huseby
Organist	Timothy Strand	Timothy Strand
Pianist	Dennis Friesen–Carper	Dennis Friesen–Carper
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