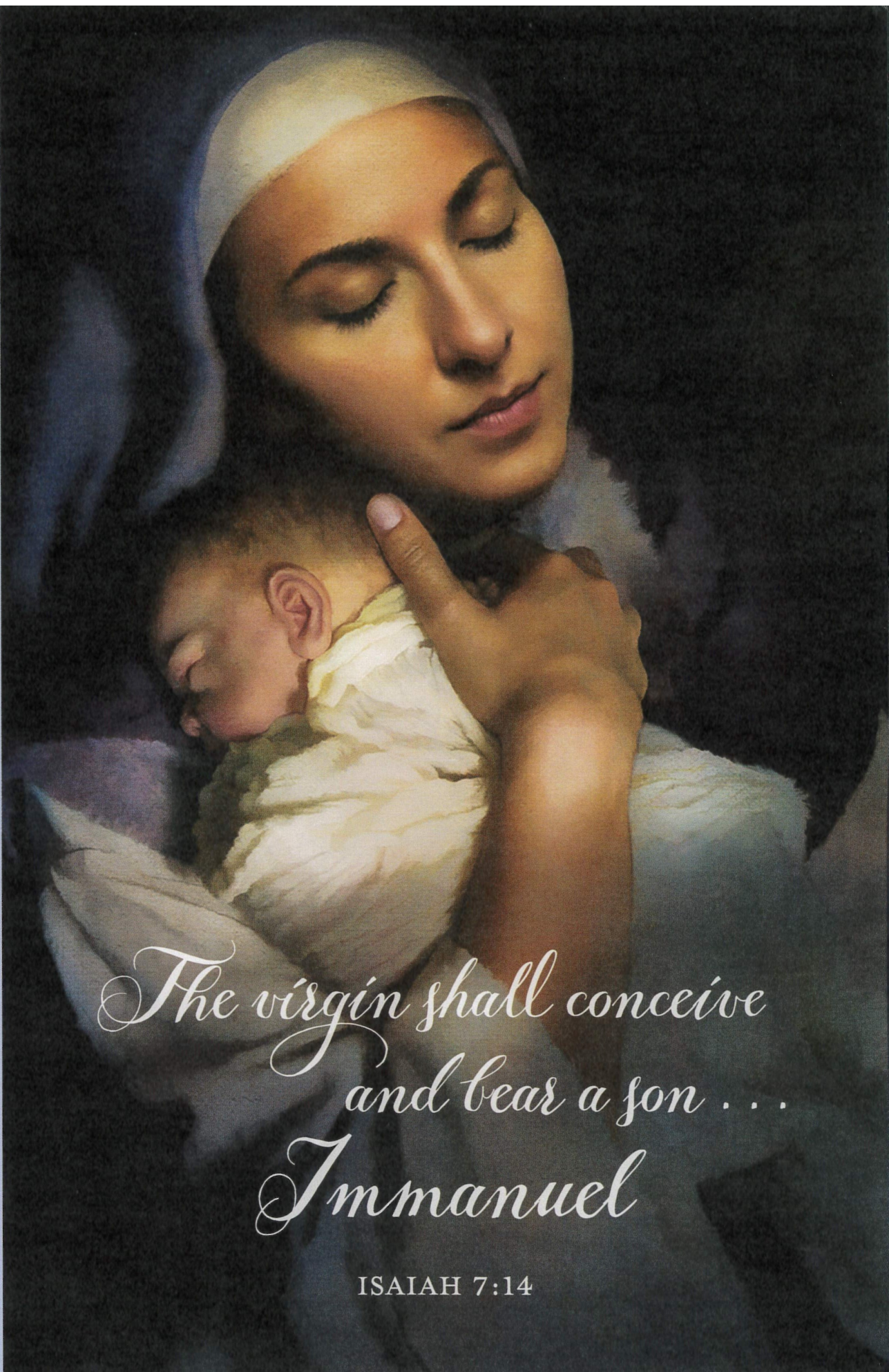


Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Plano, Texas



*The virgin shall conceive
and bear a son . . .
Immanuel*

ISAIAH 7:14

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to the end. Without your grace and help we can do nothing, Amen.

(M. Luther, 1483-1546)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 sts. 1, ref, 2–3



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

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

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.

Refrain

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

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: French, 15th cent.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 203

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

Matthew 28-19b, [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 124:8

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 130:3-4

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

[Luke 18:13]

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

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.

+++Service of the Word+++

Introit

Psalm 130:5-8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1



Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

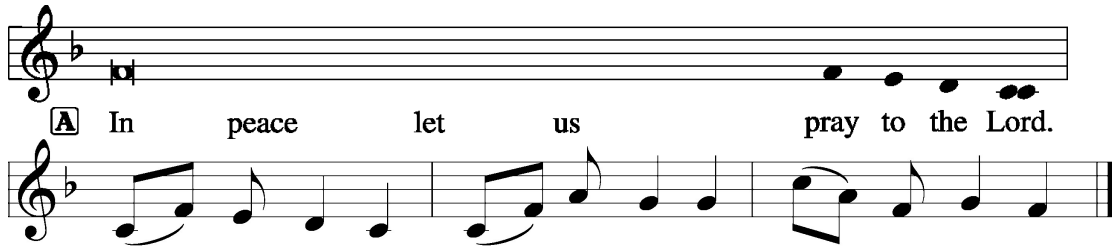
And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.

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.

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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 mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205

P 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

“Prepare for Emmanuel,” by Patrick Liebergen

*Prepare for the coming of Jesus, our King, Let all hear the news of the Savior we bring.
Rejoice! Rejoice! The birth is nigh! Rejoice! Rejoice! Praise God on high!*

*A child shall be given as prophets foretold, And lie in the manger for all to behold.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Our voices now ring! Rejoice! Rejoice! Glad tidings we sing!*

*He shall come, Emmanuel, Sent by God on earth to dwell;
Sing with joy that holy night, Prepare to see the child, The Lord of light!*

*The hope of salvation shall come from above, All wait for the Savior to bring us God’s love.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Alleluia! Sing alleluia!*

Epistle

Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and 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, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



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

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸Now 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. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

LSB 206

**☐ 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 the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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 worshiped 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.**

Hymn of the Day

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 sts. ref, 4–7

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -

pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain

Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Sermon

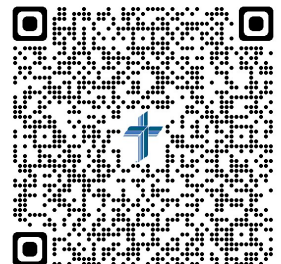
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Prayer of the Church

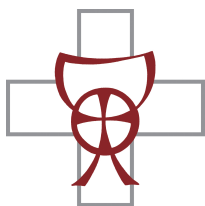
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(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.)

Stand



+++Service of the Sacrament+++



Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]; LSB 208

- 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

C 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- C** 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.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24,
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ∇ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Sit

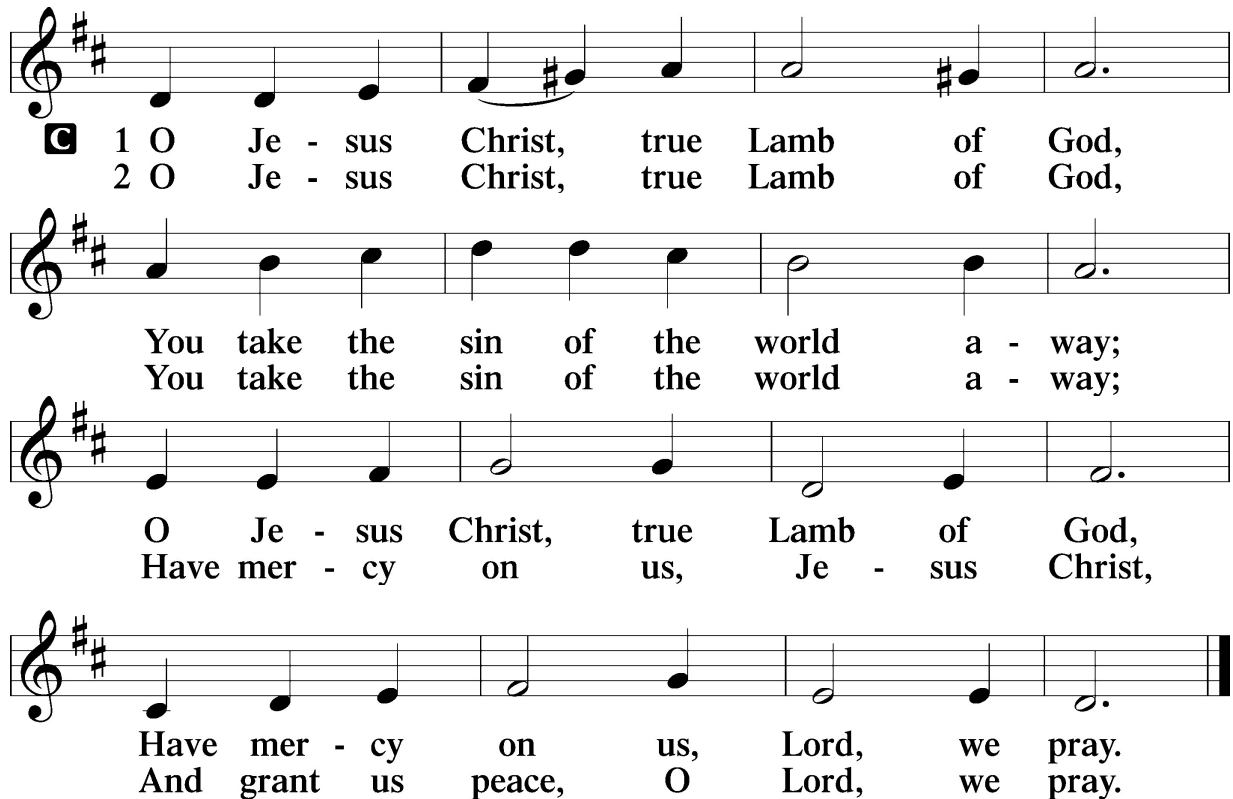


Agnus Dei

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymns

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

O Little Town of Bethlehem
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

LSB 361

LSB 356

Stand



Nunc Dimittis

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

P 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O God of God, O Light of Light”

LSB 810



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of
wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,
saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!
earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
Rang out the song, "Good - will to men!" Sung once by first - born
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, alt.

Tune: Johann Störls . . . Schlag- Gesang- Und Noten-Buch, 1744, Stuttgart

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 119 for a Bible study entitled *Jesus on Jesus: a Study on What Jesus Said About Himself*.

Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Phaedra Shaltanis in Room 122 for a Bible study entitled *Suffering Servants* from the *Fusion Bible Study Series*.

Special Needs Bible Class

Will not meet today, but will resume next year.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark in the fellowship hall.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Acts at 9:30 am in Room 115.

Thank You from Lord of Life Staff

It is such a blessing to have a congregation this caring and generous. Thank you from all of us on staff at Lord of Life for our annual bonus. It is truly appreciated this time of year.

Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed in making some children's Christmas *very merry*!

Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$12 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Advent Soup Suppers

The last Advent soup supper is on Wednesday, December 21 at 5:45 PM. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. This is a great time to try delicious soups, and enjoy some relaxed time with one another. Sign-up categories are soups, breads, desserts, set up, and clean up.

Lutherans for Life Team

Our "Lutherans for Life Team" has been raising funds for the LCMS "Million Dollar Life Match" campaign this year and will be submitting our application in January. We are gathering last funds before we submit our application. Please prayerfully consider giving to this cause which can do so much good. Please note on any donation "Life" so we can ensure it makes it to the right place.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Surprise pregnancy once redeemed the whole world. Joseph would have aborted the undertaking, but the Lord explicitly forbid it (Matthew 1:19-21). Even human limitations could not prevent the Heavenly Father from keeping His promises (Romans 1:2-3). So, every surprise pregnancy we encounter—along with our lives and everyone else's (Psalm 24:1)—belongs to Almighty God, and we may rejoice to say so.

CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFUD

Enjoy music for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, hear history and theology of Hymns for Advent on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Exodus 28-32 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). The Twelve Days of Christmas begins December 24 through January 8! Hear special Christmas programming during this time. Regular programming resumes January 9!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 6:00 pm

(No Bible Class or Sunday school)

Christmas Day Worship Service

December 25 at 10:00 am

(No Bible Class or Sunday school)

New Year's Day Worship Service

January 1 at 10:00 am



J.C.W. LINDEMANN

First President of the First Teachers' College

BORN: **JANUARY 6, 1827** Göttingen, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany

DIED: **JANUARY 15, 1879** Addison, Ill.

NO ONE WHO KNEW Johann Christoph Wilhelm Lindemann as a youth would have expected him to become a teacher or a pastor, let alone the president of a Lutheran teachers' college, but he did. The providence of God selected the right man.

Lindemann's father was head clerk in the royal chancery in Göttingen. His mother died when he was still a boy, but his father made sure he received a good elementary education. Neither at home nor at school was the importance of Christianity recognized. Lindemann was confirmed but later recalled, "My soul was dead. I have no spiritual memories of that day at all." His father lacked the resources to further his education, so he sent him off to learn a trade from his uncle, a cabinet maker. Lindemann learned it but never found it satisfying.

At age 19, he decided to go places — literally. He went to Leipzig where he joined the "German Catholics," a religious sect that ignored (or rejected) basic Christian doctrines like the Trinity. Now really interested in religion for the first time, Lindemann decided to become a missionary for the movement. But a message from his former pastor caused Lindemann to think again. He read Scripture, recognized his errors and learned to appreciate the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. But he still wanted to become a missionary.

His efforts to achieve this goal failed, so he began preparing himself for teaching. Meanwhile, he met people who had separated from the state church in order to remain true Lutherans. When an opportunity arrived to go to America and teach at a Lutheran school, Lindemann

accepted in spite of having little experience or formal education (only about six months). He arrived in 1848 and met his new pastor, F.C.D. Wyneken, a founder of the Missouri Synod. At Wyneken's urging, a few years later, he went to the Fort Wayne seminary and then became a pastor in Cleveland.

From its beginnings, the Synod committed itself to training teachers for its parochial schools. In 1864, it established a teachers' college in Addison, Ill., and called Lindemann to be its director (i.e., president). He took on the task with energy and commitment and helped to create an institution of higher learning firmly committed to Scriptures and the Lutheran confessions.

Lindemann also wrote extensively for the Church. In addition to works regarding education, including the booklet "Dr. Martin Luther as Educator of the Youth" (1866), he composed poems, stories and biographies, and he edited the American Calendar for German Lutherans.

Despite his lack of formal education, Lindemann's abilities and dedication contributed greatly to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit lcms.org/175.



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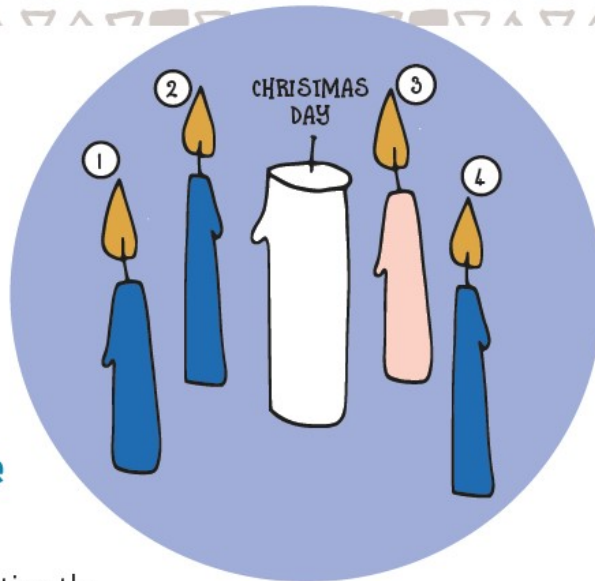
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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What does it mean when four candles have been lit on the Advent wreath?

You've been preparing and patiently waiting for that wonderful day of celebration. When four of the candles on the Advent wreath have been lit, it means that Christmas is almost here! That's right! The day on which we remember the birth of our Savior is right around the corner!

What does this mean to me?

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Next week the Church will celebrate Christmas Day, one of the most important days of the whole year. As you can see, Advent has prepared us for the coming of Jesus, our wonderful Savior from sin!



Parents:

Remind your children of the important part that Advent plays in the lives of all Christians. This is the time in the Church Year that prepares us for the coming of our Savior. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.



Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Daniel Kim
Acolyte:	Ana Scarth, Robert Duff
Altar Guild:	Nelda Schrank, Catherine Borck, Joanna Smith
Elders:	Tom Read, Doug Hite
Greeter:	Phaedra Shaltanis, Sue Parson
Ushers:	Charles Hacker, Sam Carter
Sound:	Kaitlyn Hacker, Randy Rippey

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Dec. 18, 2022

8:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School (K-5 th Gr, Room 113) Jr IMPACT (Room 119) Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)
10:45 am	Late Worship Service

Wednesday, December 21

1:30 pm	Advent Worship
5:45 pm	Soup Supper
7:00 pm	Advent Worship
7:30 pm	Adult Choir

Saturday, December 24

6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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Next Sunday, December 25

10:00 am	Christmas Day <i>One</i> Service
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Next Sunday's Readings December 25, 2022

Old Testament:	Is. 52:7-10
Epistle:	Heb. 1:1-6 (7-12)
Gospel:	John 1:1-14 (15-18)



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Ken & Rhonda Tabor in celebration of Stephanie's 21st birthday; and by Joel & Kelsey Crumrine in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary tomorrow.



Advent

About the Cover: The sign of a virgin conceiving and giving birth was given despite King Ahaz's refusal to ask. However, for all who believe, Immanuel—"God with us"—is the gift of salvation! God has come to be with us, not to condemn, but to save through His cross (John 3:17). As Mary treasured up the things concerning her Son in her heart, may we treasure Christ in our lives as well (Luke 2:19, 51).