



Fourth Sunday in Advent

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The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as our Lord says, Christ gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Those who believe this, have been baptized, and have been confirmed in the Lutheran Church are welcome to receive the Supper in fellowship. If you have not, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing (crossing your arms over your chest) and are invited to speak with the pastor about taking communion in the future.

Divine Service Setting Three

Processional Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway *LSB 343*

Opening Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound *LSB 349*
Stand

Confession and Absolution *LSB 184*

Service of the Word *LSB 186*

Introit *Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5–6; antiphon: Isaiah 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.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

Kyrie *LSB 186*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading*2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16*

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶I 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. ⁷In 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?"' ⁸Now, 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. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰And 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, ¹¹from 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. . . .

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm*Psalm 89:1–5*

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

²For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;*

in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

³You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;*

I have sworn to David my servant:

⁴I will establish your offspring forever,*

and build your throne for all generations."

⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*

your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Epistle

Romans 16:25–27

²⁵Now 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 ²⁶but 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— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

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

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

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

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And 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.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Built on the Rock **Sermon**

LSB 645 sts. 1-4

Stand

Offertory **Prayer of the Church**

LSB 192

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	<i>LSB 195</i>
Lord's Prayer	<i>LSB 196</i>
The Words of Our Lord	<i>LSB 197</i>
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 197</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 198</i>
<i>Sit</i>	
Distribution Hymn:	
I lift Your Name	<i>SH 52</i>
Savior of the Nations, Come	<i>LSB 332</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 200</i>
Benedicamus & Benediction	<i>LSB 202</i>
Closing Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain	<i>LSB 388</i>

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Prayer Requests

Margaret, Gail and her family, Jean, Bruce, Wilfred, Ruth, Lillian B, Robert, David, Laura, Judith, Lynn, Paul, Queen, Eve, Noah, Hannes, Gloria, Courtenay, Laura R., Wayne

Serving

Elder of the Month: Bert Weiss

Tellers: Murdochs

Organist: Barbara Guidetti

Altar Guild: Deborah & Eleanor

Lector: Christian Braeunig

Coming Up...

Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day Service
10:30 am
Christmas Day Lunch Potluck
12:00 pm

Sunday, December 31st: First Sunday after Christmas
10:30 am Worship

Sunday, December 31st: Lutheran Hour: "The Exit from Regret" (Luke 2:27-28) When life becomes an endless roundabout of regret, Christ is your entrance to forgiveness and a new start. Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Hear this inspirational message on KAWZ, 88.3 FM at 7 a.m. Sunday. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

Out of Office: Pastor Chandler will be away January 1 – 5, 2024. If you have any emergency please contact one of the elders.

Christmas Day Potluck: There will be a Christmas potluck luncheon on December 25th, 12:00pm, right after Christmas worship service for people of Hope Lutheran and Living Hope church. Everyone is invited to join in fellowship with one another! Please bring food to share. If you're able to help with set-up, etc., please contact Louise Rushton. God's blessings for the Christmas season!

REPOSE RECITAL: . On Saturday, January, 6th at 3:00 pm there will be a Celebration of Carols for the Ukraine! ALL WELCOME, COME AND SING!!! Free Will Offering to support missions for the Ukraine.

Rehearsals: Belle Voci Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 11th at 3:00 pm. Chime Choir will break after Christmas and resume rehearsals on Saturday, January 13th.

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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Word Bank



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