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The Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

December 18, 2022

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Isaiah 7:14

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a SON and will call him IMMANUEL.
PRELUDE
“Prayer and Lullaby” Alexandre Guilmant

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” LSB 341 v.1-2, 4

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the
2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot
4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a

King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing
is humility, His kingly crown is holy
— temple set apart From earthily use for heav’n’s em-

near; The Saviour of the world is here. Life and sal-
ness, His scepter, pity in distress. The end of
ploy, Adorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your

sation He doth bring; Therefor rejoice and gladly sing.
all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
Sovereign enter in And new and nobler life begin.

To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
To Christ the Saviour raise Your grateful hymns of praise.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19b
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the *Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Matthew 1:21-23
Pastor: The angel spoke to Joseph, “She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,
People: for He will save His people from their sins.”
Pastor: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
People: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Pastor: Lord God, we confess to You
People: that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Our thoughts have wandered from Your Word of mercy and truth. Our own words have not bestowed honor and glory upon Your name. We have acted contrary to Your holy will. We have betrayed the covenant of grace bestowed upon us in our Baptism. We have frequently diminished the importance of our confirmation vows. Believing in Jesus' death and resurrection for us, we plead that You would forgive our sins and by Your Holy Spirit, strengthen our resolve to live a life to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. 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.

People: Amen.

THE INTROIT Psalm 24: Antiphon v. 7
Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

THE GLORIA PATRI
ADVENT KYRIE

The Kyrie Eleison (“Lord have mercy”) for Advent is drawn from the familiar Christmas tune “Coventry Carol”, first written in 1534 at the time of Luther. The Hymn of Praise is traditionally removed during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.

O Jesus Christ, have mercy Lord. Grant us Thy holy peace. Have mercy Lord, Immanuel. Be Thou our “God with us”.

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: The ancient Church called this last Sunday before the Holy Nativity, the Preparation: “Let the earth open and bring forth salvation!” “Stir up Your power and come!” “The Lord is at hand!” “The Lord is near!” Through preparation we are led to the deeper truth of preparation by Christ Himself. The inward and spiritual presence of Jesus is needed if we are to be ready for the commemoration of His outward and visible coming.

ADVENT VERSE

LSB 341 v. 5

Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide! O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine. Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won. Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.
OLD TESTAMENT

(A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call Him Immanuel.)

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

(Romans 1:1-7)

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and 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, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 7 To 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM @10:30am

"A Maiden Gentle"
arr. Carter
The Cathedral Choir

GOSPEL

(Matthew 1:18-24)

(The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.)
Now 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. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But 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. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

The Augsburg Confession, Article II: The Son of God

It is also taught among us that God the Son became man, born of the virgin Mary, and that the two natures, divine and human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ, true God and true man, who was truly born, suffered, was crucified, died and buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all actual sins in our lives. He also descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God, that He may eternally rule and have dominion over all creatures---and sanctify all those who believe in Him by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and bring them life and defend them against the devil and against sin. The same Lord Christ will return openly to judge the living and the dead as stated in the Apostles' Creed.
HYMN OF THE DAY  “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”  LSB 356

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
2 “For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Emmanu-el, the Christ, was born

With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
All generations laud and honor thee;
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
In Beth-lehem all on a Christmas morn,

“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Thy son shall be Emmanu-el, by seers foretold,
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:

Most highly favored lady,” Glo - ri - a!
Most highly favored lady,” Glo - ri - a!
Most highly favored lady,” Glo - ri - a!
“Most highly favored lady,” Glo - ri - a!

SERMON  “For the Sake of His Name” Matthew 1:21
Vicar Zachary Staehr, Pastoral Student
Historic Trinity, Detroit and St. Paul, Royal Oak

OFFERTORY
The offertories during the season of Advent will lead us to the manger, where God’s greatest Gift to the world may be found. In response, we offer to Him our hearts and lives.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold, Let us bring Him silver and gold.
Let us bring Him silver and gold.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY  “From Heaven Above” Walter Pelz
(My very heart for joy now leaps)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thine 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.

9am continues with the benediction

* The Order of Holy Communion *

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Tim. 4:22
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Lam 3:41
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. Ps 100:4
People: It is meet and right so to do.
Pastor: It is truly good, 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, calling sinners to repentance that they might escape 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

Holy, O holy Lord most high, Lord God of Sabaoth! Dis-
Holy, O holy Lord most high, Lord God of Sabaoth! Ho-
play His glory heav'n and earth! Bless-ed is He who comes.
san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He who comes.
**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

**THE PAX DOMINI** Jn 20:19
Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.
People: ♪ Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** Jn 1:29

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.
Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.

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"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

LSB 352

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly
2 What the Fathers most desired, What the prophets’
3 Abram’s promised great reward, Zion’s helper,
4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of

kept His word And at last to us did send
heart inspired, What they longed for many a year,
Jacob’s Lord—Him of two-fold race behold—
gen-tleness, Let the same mind dwell in me

Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.
Stands full filled in glory here.
Truly came, as long foretold.
Which is Yours eternally.

Bruise for me the serpent’s head That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.

Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

DISMISSAL
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Pastor: O Emmanuel, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may make ready the way of Your Son, in remembrance of His birth to the Virgin, in celebration of His presence, and in preparation for His return to bring to fulfillment all things. Lead us to celebrate with holy hearts the holy season of His birth and to confess His coming to all the world, that many may come to know with us the joy of His appearing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
People: ♩ Amen.

BENEDICTION  Matthew 1:21, Numbers 6:24-26
Pastor: “She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,
People: for He will save His people from their sins.”
Pastor: God is with us. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.
People: ♩ Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN  “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”  LSB 358

1 “From heav’n a - bove to earth I come To bear good news to ev ’ry home; Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing: mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.
8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.
13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a more can si - lence keep. I, too, must sing with joy - ful tongue That sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:
14 My heart for ver - y joy must leap; My lips no pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.
15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav’n, Who un - to the Lord lift his countenance upon you and giveyou peace. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE  “From Heaven Above”  Walter Pelz
(Finale)