

*The Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**

December 22, 2024



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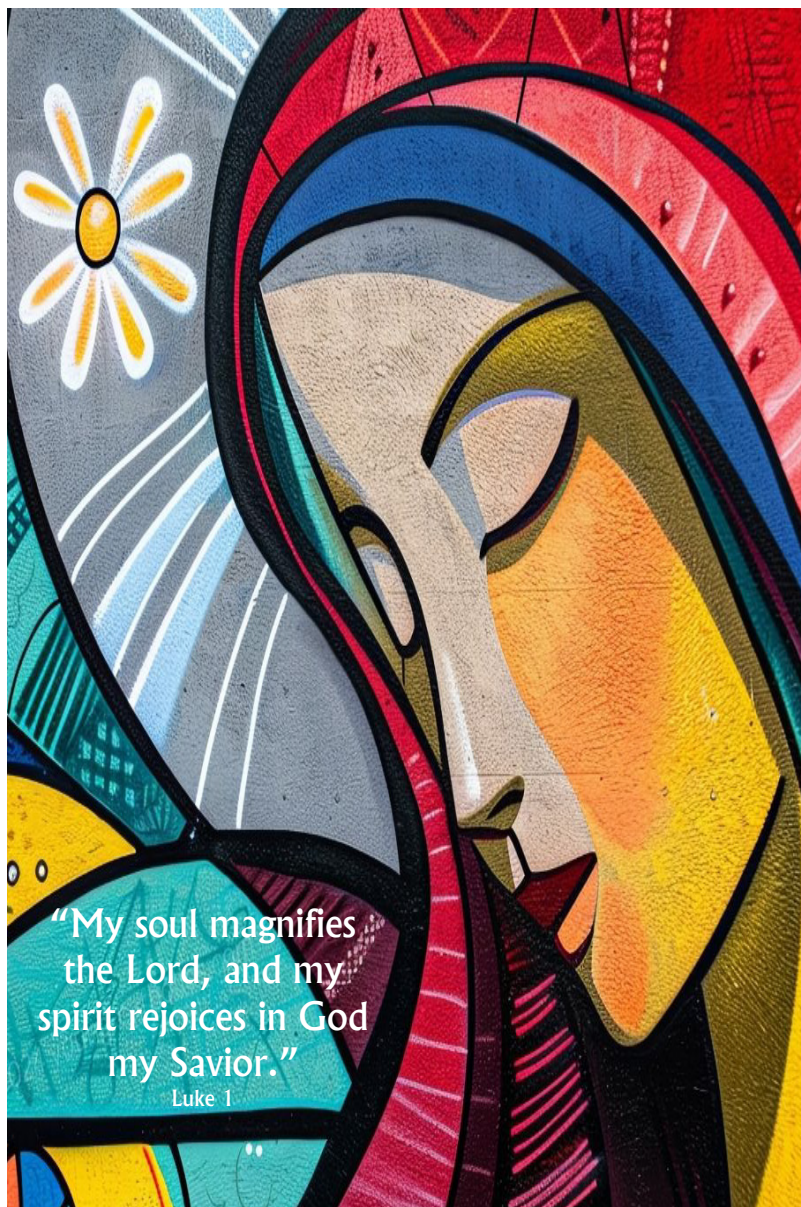
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"My soul magnifies  
the Lord, and my  
spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior."

Luke 1



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## Lutheran Church

December 22, 2024

### PRELUDE

"Benedictus"

Alec Rowley

### ENTRANCE HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LSB 361



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

### INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Hebrews 10:10

Pastor: In the season of Advent we prepare for Jesus to come. Sometimes in our preparations we lose sight of God's grace. Sometimes we are so desperate for God's approval we think we can earn His favor by doing more, by being better, or by scheming in just the right way. Despite God's unconditional

love, we still try to earn our way into security and salvation. We turn to the Lord for forgiveness.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have not trusted Your Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We have questioned if we are truly forgiven. We have doubted the new life we now live. We have distrusted Your way of salvation. Restore us, O God. Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Pastor: God's ways are not our ways. Despite our continued failures and our inability to trust as we ought, Christ's death and resurrection for Your forgiveness remains effective, and it always will. Hear these words of forgiveness for they are from Christ Himself: 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** *1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*

Pastor/Choir: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. My heart exults in the Lord; There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Pastor: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rest.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the source of all joy.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rejoice.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Lord of love.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word His love finds us.**

### **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 Je- sus Christ, have mer- cy Lord. Grant us Thy ho - ly peace. Have



mer - cy Christ, Im - man - u - el. Be Thou our "God with us".

## VERSE

LSB 373 v. 3-4



3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,  
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!  
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

## THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, You fulfilled Your promise to Mary that she would conceive in her womb and bear the Son of the Most High, grant that we would hold fast to all Your promises in certain confidence of Your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 5:2-5a

*(The shepherd/king of Israel shall come from Bethlehem.)*

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### **EPISTLE**

Hebrews 10:5–10

*(Christ came to earth to offer Himself as an offering for sin.)*

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### **ANTHEM** @9am

“Angelus ad virginum” 14<sup>th</sup> century, arr. David Willcocks  
*(Gabriel, from Heaven King Was to the Maide Sende)* The Cathedral Choir

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 1:39–55

*(Elizabeth greets Mary as our Lord’s mother; Mary sings the Magnificat.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

People:



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



## CONFESSION OF THE LUTHERAN FAITH    *The Large Catechism*

Pastor: Jesus became man, conceived and born without sin, of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, that he might become Lord over sin;

People: **moreover, he suffered, died and was buried that he might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owed,**

Pastor: not with gold and silver, but with his own precious blood.

People: **All this in order to become my Lord.**

Pastor: For he did none of these things for himself, nor had he any need of them.

People: **Afterward he rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father.**

Pastor: The devil and all powers, therefore, must be subject to him and lie beneath his feet until finally, at the last day, he will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, and sin.

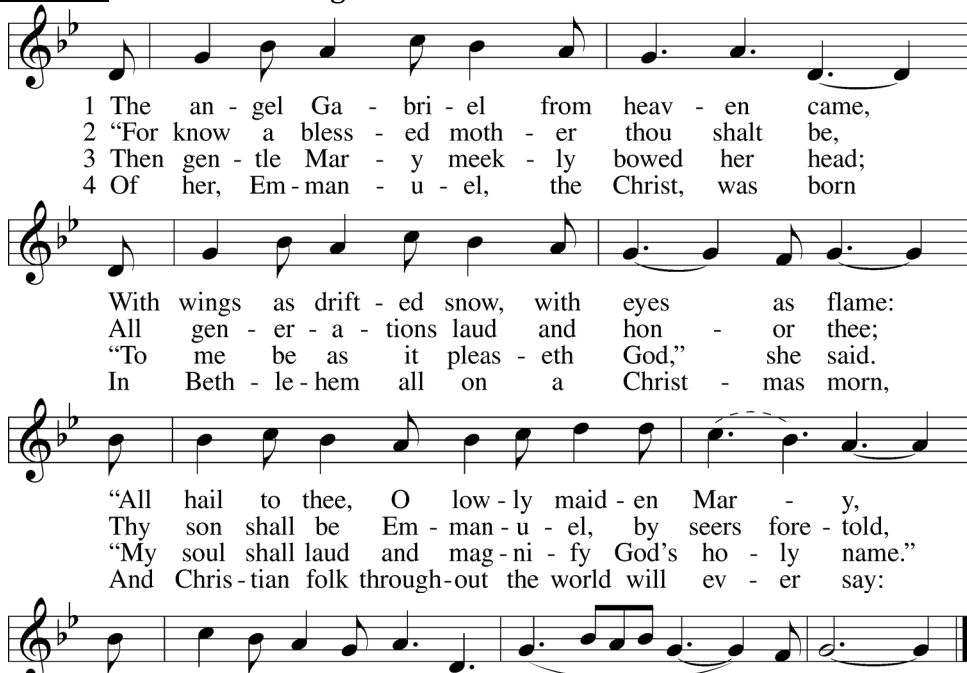
People: **To God alone be the glory!**



## SERMON HYMN

### “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

LSB 356



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.  
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”  
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

## SERMON

### “So Much from So Little”

Micah 5:2,4

*Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor  
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

## 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

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## VOLUNTARY

### “Angelus ad virginum”

Karl Osterland

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*10:30am continues with the benediction*

## **\* The Order of Holy Communion \***

*@9am*

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE


Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:   
☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:   
☐ We lift them up un - to 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, who in His incarnation has rejoiced over us with loud singing and calmed us with His love, so that we might rejoice in the Lord always. 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 *Is 6:3*

LSB p. 195

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### 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.



**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**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.*

**"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"**

LSB 336



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

## DISMISSAL

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith as we wait for the day of His coming, that we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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:



### RECESSIONAL HYMN

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

LSB 348



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

## POSTLUDE

“Noël Suisse”

*Louis-Claude Daquin*