

Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30am Holy Communion Service

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor Thomas Neel
Worship Assistant: Guy Ehler
Organist: Mark Jonkman
Ushers: Ed Schaeffer and Linda Trigiani
Lector: Sue Heater
Greeter: Rich Heater
Church Time Nursery: Kathy Brandt and Tracy Payonk

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



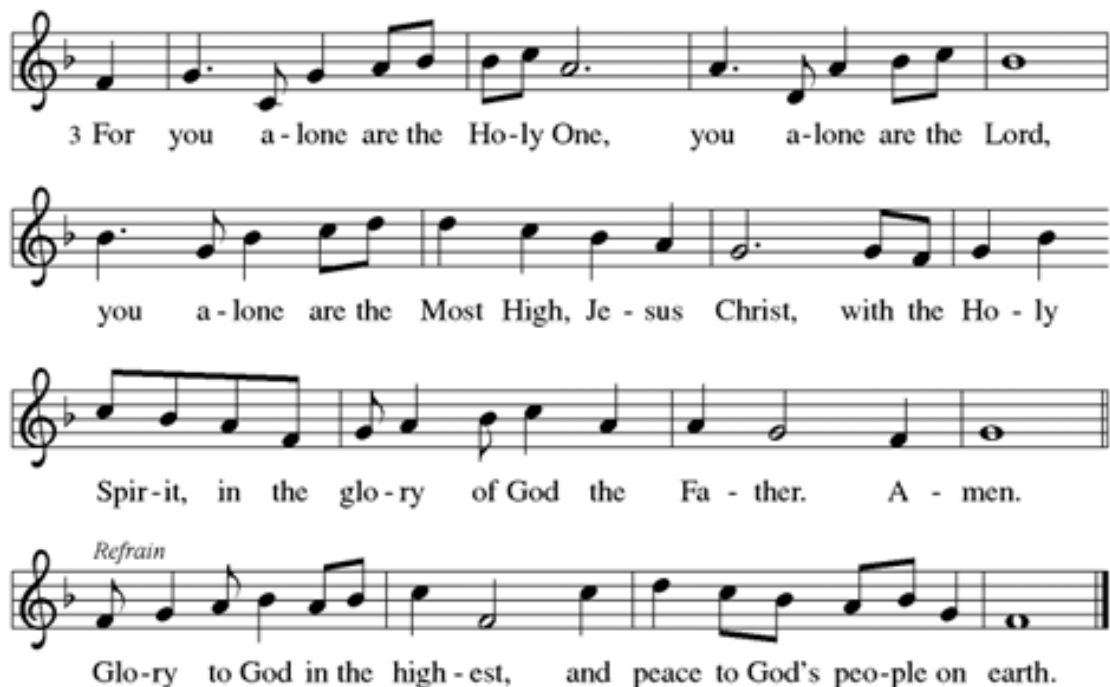
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Micah, Chapter 5.

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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (Stanza 4) Hymnal #240

SECOND READING

L A reading from Hebrews, Chapter 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 sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Emmanuel

See Bulletin Page 13.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P 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.”

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

Hymnal #251

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence. *A brief silence.*

A God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the

frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill especially (_____, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died especially (_____, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for all who are in need of long-term prayers, especially Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Ethel Shive, Melissa Steckel, John Velekei, Doug VonNessen, and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Peaceful God, we plead for an end to violence in Ukraine and Gaza. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for Rosemont at Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church of Bethlehem and the Rev. Jack Steltzer. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM And His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful Chancel Choir

OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

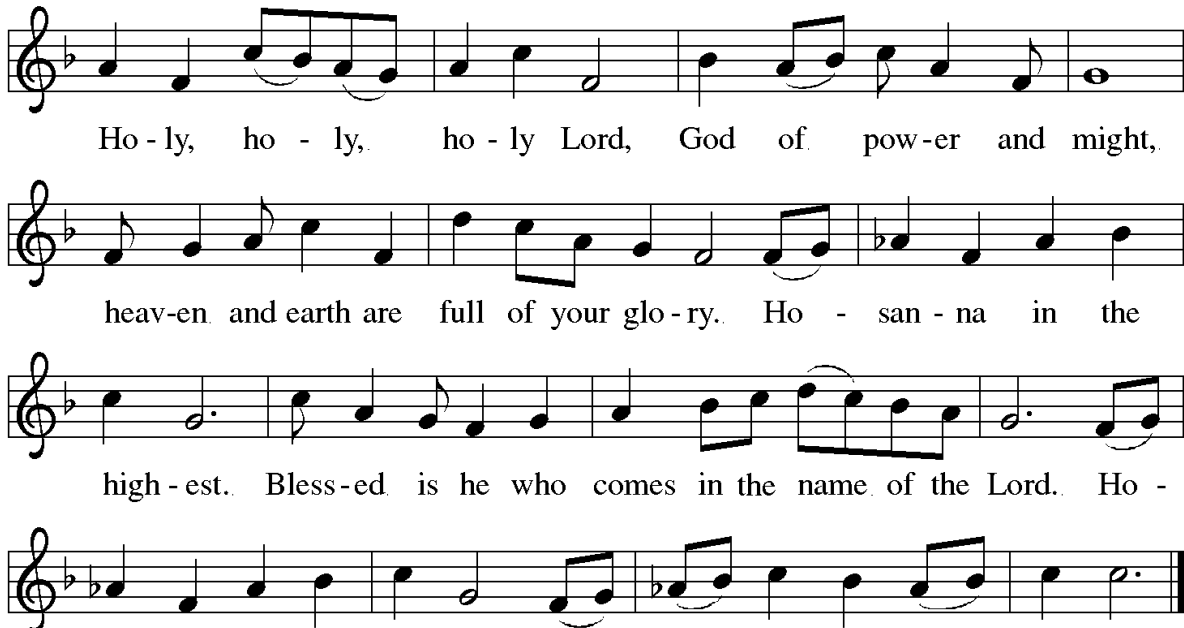
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your

people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

Hymns during distribution:

I Received the Living God	Hymnal #477
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Hymnal #490
O Bread of Life From Heaven	Hymnal #480

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them.

Please stand as you are able.

When all have received Communion:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✝ bless and keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *Joy to the World*

Hymnal #267

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C Thanks be to God.

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ELW 490, **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** - In the Public Domain Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt. Music: French folk tune, 17th cent Tune: Picardy.

ELW 480, **O Bread of Life From Heaven** - Public Domain Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862 -1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819-1893, st. 2 Music: Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750 Tune: O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (isometric)

BIRTHDAYS... Wilma Kleintop, Jessica McMillin, Elliott Peters, and Katie Jo Pickel.

Immediate Prayers: Ashley, Laura Azzalina, Sharon Bleice, Carl, Gary, Kamilah, Rebecca and Mike Lepkowski, Matt, Nancy, Kaye Pittman, Mary Saville, Mike U., Wes Webber, and Zach.

*As of December 6, 2024

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, and Doris Wanamaker.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Ethel Shive, Melissa Steckel, John Velekei, Doug VonNessen.

Service Members: MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Staff Sgt. Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Major Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service

Monday, December 23

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

7:00pm Nursery School Committee at Hope House

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed

4:00pm Children's Worship Service

6:50pm Bell Choir Prelude

7:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 27

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, December 29

First Sunday of Christmas

9:30pm *Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

*This service is live broadcast and recorded.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Altar Guild: Linda Trigiani

Offering Counters: Nina Kramer and April Shaheen

ST. ANDREW'S HAPPENINGS

The **St. Andrew's Bell Choir** will be performing the Prelude at the **7:00pm service on Christmas Eve**. They will begin playing at approximately 6:50pm.

Offering for 2024 - Please, please, you must have your offering to the church by December 31st or postmarked by December 29th to be posted in the year 2024.

Please note that in the case of **INCLEMENT WEATHER** preventing us from meeting in person, we will hold the services via Zoom. The bulletin can be found on the church's website and the link will be found in the Church Calendar on the website. In the event that occurs, we will put the closing of in-person services on the WFMZ Storm Center Website and our office phone greeting.

Emmanuel

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C C/E F G G⁷ C C/B \flat

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,

A A/C \sharp Dm G⁷ G/B C

his name is called Em-man - u - el;

C/E F G G⁷ C C/B \flat

God with us, re-vealed in us;

A A/C \sharp Dm G⁷ F/C C

his name is called Em-man - u - el.