

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024



**St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

*“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin. As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.*

*O house of David, come,*

**let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel,  
comes to be with us. Amen**

### PRELUDE

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

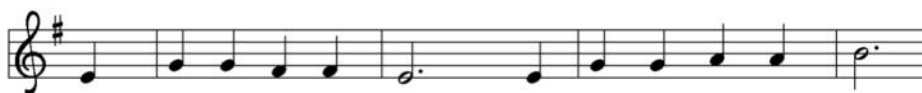
*Lani Smith*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

### KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**FIRST READING**

Micah 5:2-5a

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 80:1-7** *Sung responsively by whole verse.*



- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>1</sup> like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- <sup>1</sup> on the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>1</sup> and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and <sup>1</sup> come to help us.**
- <sup>3</sup> Restore <sup>1</sup> us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.
- <sup>4</sup> **O Lord <sup>1</sup> God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your <sup>1</sup> people pray?**
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the <sup>1</sup> bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of <sup>1</sup> tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made us the derision <sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh <sup>1</sup> us to scorn.**
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.



## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

ELW 254



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

**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**

*Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **ANTHEM**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Martin Luther/Roger C. Wilson

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
 he came down that we may have light;  
 he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
 he came down that we may have joy;

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

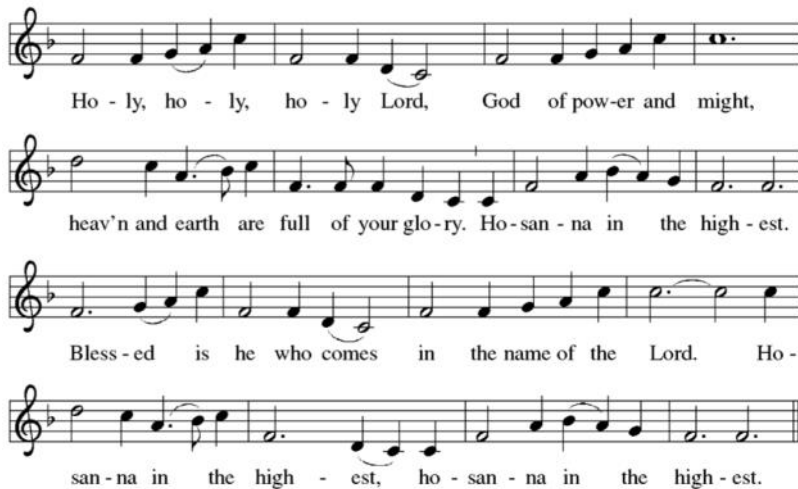
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . 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'n 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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### LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor (Gluten-free wafers are available). Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 257 (vs 7 & 8), 251, 793, 754, 472

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

ELW 267

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*People Look East*

Stephen Aber

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### Today's Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye

Assisting Minister: Brad Bolinger

Lector: Sue Purnell

Communion Assistants: Michael Peters  
& Linda Miller

Acolyte: Reece Chestnut

Greeters: Rodger & Cheryl Vorhauer

Altar Guild: Anita Walter  
& Velegai Beyan

Ushers: Jerry Peters  
& Dick Foster

Offering Counters: Dick & Sandy Foster

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### Weekly Worship Schedule

#### Sundays

10:00 am Holy Communion  
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

#### Wednesdays

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing  
7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom



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