

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Rorate Coeli

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths 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. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

Altar Flowers would have been sponsored this morning by *Pastor Daniel and Eleanor Holm celebrating their son – Elijah's 9th birthday!*

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today	Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper	9:00 a.m.
	Online Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

**Per Re-opening Plan other classes
are suspended at this time.**

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 11:1-5 † Galatians 4:1-7

† Luke 2:22-40 †

Sermon: Pastor Maggard

Third Sunday in Advent
Divine Service III - Abbreviated

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm Tone B



Introit

Psalm 19:1, 4-6

Shower, O heavens, | from above,*

and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may |
bear fruit;***

let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

The heavens decree the glo- | ry of God,*

and the sky above proclaims His | handiwork.

**Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their
words to the end | of the world.***

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.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.

Sit

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to Him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to My words that he shall speak in My name, I myself will require it of him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Tone B



Gradual

Psalm 145:18, 21

The LORD is near to all who | call on Him,*

To all who call on | Him in truth.

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*

And let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

Psalm 40:17b

Alleluia. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God! **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 1:19-28

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an

answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, ²⁷ even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from

heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the

Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

Stand

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Church

let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising
You and saying:
**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.**

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

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.

Sit

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
 Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
 That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
 By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh-
 Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
 Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
 God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
 From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God yet fully man,
 His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul
- 7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night
Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

△8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be you,
And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen.

Announcements

- ➔ The last Advent Midweek is this Wednesday, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Join us at church or online.
- ➔ **Christmas Eve service is on Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.**
- ➔ **Christmas Day service is on Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.**



Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth, break forth into joyous song
and sing praises!

Psalm 98:4

Daily Devotions

Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Dec 20	119:25-32	Isaiah 40:18-41:10	Revelation 8:1-13
Dec 21	102:24-28	Isaiah 42:1-25	Revelation 9:1-12
Dec 22	115:1-8, 11	Isaiah 43:1-24	Revelation 9:13-10:11
Dec 23	39:4-8	Isaiah 43:25-44:20	Revelation 11:1-19
Dec 24	98:1-6, 9	Isaiah 44:21-45:13, 20-25	Revelation 12:1-17
Dec 25	96:1-5, 11-13	Isaiah 49:1-18	Matthew 1:1-17
Dec 26	34:4-10, 19	Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16	Matthew 1:18-25

SERVING TODAY

Organist	<i>Gail James</i>
Elder	<i>Ron Pickinpaugh</i>
Ushers	<i>Allan Dellinger, Glen James</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Mike Draney</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sherry Herrera, Gail Picado</i>
Greeters	<i>Dolores Smith</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Mike Miller, Ron Pickinpaugh</i>

Thank you for remembering our shut-ins: Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.

Prayers requested this week for: Dolores Smith's son-in-law, Greg's cousin – Dave and his family, cousin – Shirley and her daughter, Sheila; Don Sidoti's Aunt Marge and her husband – Douglas, Aunt Marie, Mark and Danielle and their 3 little kids; Don and Judi Belter; John and Sandra Scharlemann; Dolores Smith's nephew – Jacob Blanton and his mom, Jenny; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and his wife, Erin.

We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Dave Nehls and family; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Heather Edgemon's friends – Kyle, Shaye and family; Glen and Gail James' friends – Chris, Sierra and their unborn child – Jack; Alma Rich's daughter – Dawn and her husband, Tim; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; Dolores Smith; Glen and Gail James' friend – Kathie; Bill Choske's co-worker – Fred and Fred's elderly mother – Joanne; Glen James' Aunt Jyrlene; Dale and Nancy Telizyn; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Kim Pickinpaugh's sister – Kristy and her boyfriend, Tony; Debbie Schwartz's sister – Suzanne.

We pray for all our troops overseas and their families and for our own young people in uniform: Kurt Wampole Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah Hart, Jacob Livoni and Jacob Blanton.