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*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 22, 2024
Worship 9:00 am*

Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk (*) you are invited to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *

OPENING HYMN * *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

RED #295

¹ Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

² Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

³ This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with

one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord evermore and evermore.

⁴ Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

⁵ Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant with high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be: honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore! Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING *

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KYRIE *

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HYMN OF PRAISE *

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Glory to God ...

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

See Celebrate

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN * *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

RED #257

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 you, O Israel.

² O Come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain:

³ O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes, on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain:

⁴ O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's

tyranny; from depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

FIRST READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*)

PSALM (*Chanted responsively by whole verse.*)
Psalm Tone #3

SECOND READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (BLUE p. 31) & GOSPEL *
(*Responses: Glory to you, O Lord. / Praise to you, O Christ.*)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY * *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

¹ The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

² "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

³ Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify His holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

⁴ Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

NICENE CREED *

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

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See Celebrate
See Celebrate

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See Celebrate

Meal

OFFERTORY VERSE *

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OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER *

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GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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LORD'S PRAYER *

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LAMB OF GOD *

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COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*All baptized believers are welcome, including visitors, to the Table
of the Lord! Wine (red) or grape juice (clear) is available.*

COMMUNION BLESSING *

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

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Sending

BLESSING*

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CLOSING HYMN * *Light One Candle to Watch for
Messiah*

RED #240

¹*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

²*Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

³*Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.*

⁴*Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your light be shining!*

DISMISSAL * (*Response: Thanks be to God.*)

POSTLUDE

Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.

Linda Freed, Marianne McCann, Shirley Lafferty (Jim Lubrecht's niece), Mike Densmore (Jeanette Logan's cousin), Chuck Walker (friend of Otis & Nadine Martin), Brad Neil, Dan Fleming, Linda Freed, Dennis Hocker, Marian Wilson (Otis's sister), Mick Mortiz (Sandy's father), Jeannette Spencer (Anneke Fleming's friend), Marietje Koning (Anneke Fleming's twin sister), Patsy Bauman, Randy Brittelli (Linda Schreier's son), Adam Mazur (Linda Schreier's godson), Jennifer Dupilka (Linda Schreier's granddaughter's mother), Abby Keith, Betty Nickle, Carol Gerig, Robin & Richard Walker (friends of Margo Whittaker), Betty Hammell, Jason Ziegler (friend of T.J. Johnson), Katherine Keister (friend of Nancy Pinko), Tina Stark (friend of Linda Schreier), Jacqueline Neil (Brad's mother), Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Grace MacMurtrie (Hope Bowling's mother), Marion Tosheff, Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Reed Pollock, Jack Pollock, Maxwell Reilly, Myles Reilly, George Schreffler, III, & Chris Stevenson.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Linda Freed, Shirley Kaltreider, Dottie Koppenhaver, Miriam Reinard, Pastor John Schaertel, Ed Seneca, Tom Snyder.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the power of the cross, we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to nourish those who hunger in mind, body, and spirit.

Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me."

We will have Children's Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **The next class will be Sunday, January 19!!!** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children's message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn!

A Little Reminder

If you use the "Designated Offering" envelopes that are in the pews & on the table in the Narthex for any contribution(s) **PLEASE!!** write your name on the envelope (space to do so is on the back) so they are recorded correctly on your giving statements. THANK YOU!!

Assisting Help Is Still Much Needed!

We need **additional help!** with ushering duties & communion assistants. If we have a few more "teams" then our current assistants would not have to be assigned as often, sometime more than once a month. If you would like to help us with either of these duties, on a rotating basis, please call the church office (717-545-9992) or email Barb at (ossec@comcast.net). Thank you.

Donations Please!

The Welcome Committee is asking for donations for our 1st Sunday Socials. If you would like to donate baked goods, please sign up on the sheet that is on the Welcome Committee bulletin board directly beside the main entrance door in the Narthex. Thank you!

Manna Food Pantry

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuously rising food prices, food pantries are seeing a greater demand for their services. If you would like to donate you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry", and place it with your regular giving envelope.

- **Welcome pads are on the pews** at the center aisle; please sign and pass to your neighbor. Please include any changes.
- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

The bulletins today are sponsored in memory of Pat & Noel Funk by Donna Miller.

TODAY

9:00 am	Reader	Herb Logan
	Ushers	Kathy & Bill Sheetz
	Communion Assistants	Alice & Jim Lubrecht
	Counters	Donna Miller, Sara Smith & Sandy Moritz

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 2024

9:00 am	Reader	John Zimmerman
	Ushers	Nadine & Otis Martin
	Communion Assistants	Deb Flage

NEXT SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

9:00 am	Reader	Joel Hains
	Ushers	Kathy & Bill Sheetz
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Logan
	Counters	Neil/Youngblood family

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	9:00 am	Worship
Tuesday, December 24		office closed
Christmas Eve	7:00 pm	Worship
Wednesday, December 25		office closed
Christmas Day		
Sunday, December 29	9:00 am	Worship of Lessons & Carols

**Pastor Frank's office hours are
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am to 12 noon.**

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

Our Psalm Today

Again this week our Psalm of the Day comes from the Gospel of Luke. The Magnificat (Latin for "[My soul] magnifies [the Lord]") is a canticle, also known as the Song of Mary. It is spoken by Mary upon the occasion of her Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. In the narrative, after Mary greets Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist, the latter moves within Elizabeth's womb. Elizabeth praises Mary for her faith and Mary responds with what is now known as the Magnificat. The Magnificat is one of the eight most ancient Christian hymns and perhaps the earliest Marian hymn. In Western Christianity, the Magnificat is most often sung or recited during the main evening prayer service: Vespers in the Lutheran church. The Magnificat may also be sung during worship services, especially in the Advent season during which these verses are traditionally read.

Baby News to Share

Congratulations to Jessica & Jesse Burigana on the birth of their 2nd daughter, Rowan Marie, who was born on December 12th. Little Rowan weighed 6lbs. 9oz. and measured 19" long. Congratulations also to the proud big sister, Mia and to the grandparents, Herb & Jeanette Logan.

In Your Church Mailbox Today

Your 2025 contribution envelopes are now in your mailbox. Please do not use your new envelopes until the 1st Sunday in January and please remember to **discard any unused 2024 envelopes**. This is important so that your contributions are recorded correctly. **Please note that the envelope number will change for some families and other families will retain their current number for 2025.**

Staff Christmas Gifts

Council is collecting donations for staff holiday gifts. If you would like to contribute you can use the envelope in your church mailbox. **Donations will be accepted until TODAY!!!**, December 22nd. You can either put your donation in the Zimmerman mailbox or give to Penny. Thank you!

2024 End of Year Giving

Please have your end of year offering in by **next Sunday, December 29th**, in order for it to be credited to your 2024 giving. Thank you!

Congregation Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 19th. A quorum of 30 voting members is needed to conduct this meeting, so please make every effort to attend.

Attention All Committee Chairs

In advance of our congregational meeting on January 19th, please start preparing your annual reports for 2024. All reports are due in the office no later than **Friday, January 10th**. Submission via e-mail is preferred. Thank you.

Pastor Joel's Installation @Holy Trinity, Lancaster

If you would like to attend, Pastor Joel will be installed at his new call on Sunday, January 5th @3pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke St., Lancaster. There is a reception to follow, and the church is asking if anyone is staying for the reception, to please RSVP to their church office at 717-397-2734.

Family Promise

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday evening, January 12 through Sunday morning, January 19, 2025.

Won't you **please** consider providing a meal, driving the van, or sleeping overnight at the Church?

If have any questions, please call me at (717)497-1200.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Thank you! Nadine Martin

Sponsorship of Sundry Bulletins

The sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the months of **January -June in 2025** are now on the bulletin board. Future months will be placed there shortly. The cost to sponsor remains \$12.30