

+ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT +
December 19, Year of our Lord 2020 | DS1



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matt 28:19*
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 Jn 1:8-9*
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. **C** **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47



My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.
My mouth derides my | enemies,*
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.

There is none holy | like the LORD;*
there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.
The barren has borne | seven,*
but she who has many children | is forlorn.

The LORD kills and | brings to life;*
he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.
The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*
he brings low and | he exalts.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.
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Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]

A For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent due to penitential nature of the season.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament

Micah 5:2-5a

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 origin is from of old, from ancient days. 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. 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. And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

C **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

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.’”

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), then he added,

“Behold, I have come to do your will.”

He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Matthew 1:23a

- P** Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

+ Sermon +

Announcement of Offering and Greeting of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

PRAYERS TO GOD ON BEHALF OF...

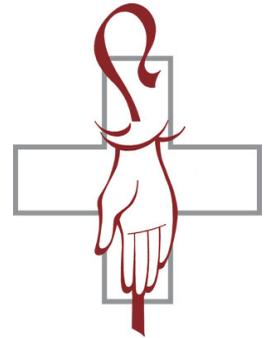
World: Troubled regions of the world. Church: Preparation for our King to come, Advent!
Birth: **Justin** (born to Pastor Jasper and Josephine in Kenya). **Frankie** (grandson and nephew to the Nunnink and Lee families at Praise. **Thomas Bean** (new grandson of friends of Judy Kalkitis)

Expecting a child: **Luke & Blair Johnson**

Recently Married: **Cole & Tamia Smith** (Oct 14); **Jackson & Morgan James** (Oct 23)

Mourning: Family of **Bruce Weirauch** (Vicky Gorman's uncle), especially Robin his wife. Family and friends of **Claudette Kinney** who passed on 11/23; Family of **Imogene Allen** who passed on 11/25. Family of **Roma Scotton** who passed on Aug 12. **Evelyn** (Carley Lawson's nana passed on 11/15; funeral on 11/27).

Health: **Jim Vesper's father** (hospice). **Cathy Wacker's parents: Charlene** (hospice), **Bill**, dementia, health. **Candace Pettyjohn's sister Debra**, Covid and flu. **Christy**, Kim Smolter's cousin, health and mourning. **Lee Schuck** (broken hip recovery). **Pam Truby** (cancer procedure recovery); **Dick Mohr** (lung condition). **Tim Smith** health. **Larry Wacker** health and improvement. **Joan Large** recovering after breaking arm near wrist. **Pastor Tony Sikora** (in Michigan, much recovery needed after effects of Covid). **Stevie** (Aurora's son; stroke recovery). **Marge Peterson** (a friend of Jeanne Lindenfelser) [Marge's] **cousin Sandy** who has 30 days of cancer radiation treatments and for Marge's two **greatgrandchildren** who both are having seizures. **Sean** (Judy's nephew, Florida friend of Tami DeHaven) recovering from coma. **Dwight & Kay** (Myrna's sister and brother-in-law) health. **KP Blizzard** (newborn great grandson of Sandy Bagley) paralyzed vocal cord. **Larry & Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister and brother-in-law) health. **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law—married to Travis) breast cancer treatments. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) pancreatic cancer.



Birthdays ... Phil B 12/20, Trish H 12/20, Mary S 12/20, Tamra DeH 12/22, Steven L 12/22, Jeff B 12/26, Janice K 12/26, Tim N 12/26, Judy T 12/27, Rose B 12/30, Ole J 12/31

Anniversaries... Thomas & Kathleen L 12/20, Larry & Janet M 12/20, Art & April P 12/30

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.**

Benediction (for those watching on the Livestream)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

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 and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.



Preface ~ 2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



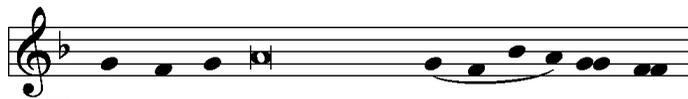
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and ...(*seasonal preface in Altar Book*)... You and saying:

Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3, Matt 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C 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.

Distribution



Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Distribution Hymn: 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Distribution Hymn: 933 My Soul Rejoices

Distribution Hymn: 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Thank the Lord



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Announcements

Write Rosa Linqvist (grandniece of Kris Smith; granddaughter of Pat Linqvist) who is in Navy training (send Christmas greetings, etc.):

SR Linqvist, Rosa C.

Ship 10, USS Enterprise, Division 034

3425 Sailor Drive

Great Lakes, IL 60088-3525

Midweek Advent Services (Evening Prayer) begin THIS WED, Dec 22 at 12:00 noon.

Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with candlelight vigil)

Christmas Day Divine Service Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas Dec. 26, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Young Adults (18ish to 25ish) Bible Study will meet again in the new year. Merry Christmas everybody. *Tonight's event canceled due to sickness.*

Youth Catechesis meets TODAY. Topic: The Apostles' Creed.

Youth and Families Christmas Party with Alex and Shelby Hicks will start at 4:00 p.m. on Wed, Dec 22 with cookie decorations, karaoke, and more! We'll have soup & sandwiches with the congregation at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy Smith & Cole's Christmas show!

Praise Christmas Extravaganza featuring entertainment **Smith & Cole** on Wed, Dec 22 at 6:00 p.m. (Soup & Sandwich dinner; Prayer Service; then Entertainment). We will announce some wonderful news about our year-end mission gifts at the event!

Bible Study on Sunday Mornings on the **Psalms** of the Bible. Join us at 10:00 a.m.

Choir meets this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. (at *Krogers this week*)