

Advent 4

December 19, 2021

THIS SEASON **KNOW**



Hated by Association
John 15:18-25

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE:

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. (Matthew 1:23)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, 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. AMEN.

WORSHIP NOTES:

Welcome to our worship at Our Savior. Advent is coming to an end. The marketing world begins ramping up its frenetic pace even more to make sales and fully realize its profit margins – The Christian world begins to wrap itself in Silent Night and O Little Town of Bethlehem. The battle lines are drawn. The lessons of today emphasize the divide between them and us. Because we value our connection to Christ above all, we can expect their hate. Yet we don't return hate, the love that chose us out of the world is coming and there is room for them all in the arms of the Savior.

GUESTS

Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: At the far side (south) of the entry.

Parents' Room: At the far left (southwest) of the entry.

Hearing Help: Enhanced hearing units are available.

HYMN "Peace Came to Earth"

(p.11)

CWS, 707

STAND

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

- P:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

MARK 10:47

Kyrie

- P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C:** **Christ, have mercy.**
- P:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of eternal life as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C:** **Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis (sung to the tune of O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars CW#31)

- 1. All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace, our favor toward our fallen race.**
- 2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

THE WORD

SALUTATION

- P:** The Lord be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON GENESIS 4:1, 2, 6-8, 25—5:5

The full account of Cain and Abel has been selected for Easter 6 series A. It is included here to emphasize the death Adam's image brought. From the death of Abel to Christ's coming again, the bell tolls in every generation: "and he died." Yet one life, one death, and one resurrection changes all of that for eternity. In Adam every generation tastes death, yet in Christ all will be made alive.

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD. This is the written account of Adam's line.

When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man."

When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 14 (p.13)

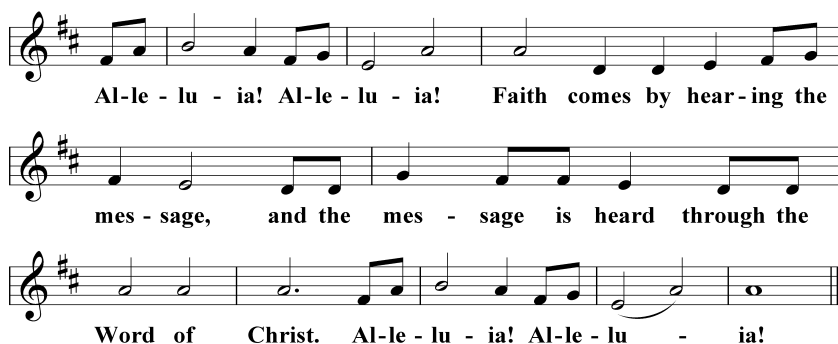
SECOND LESSON REVELATION 12:1-6

A great and wondrous sign appeared: God was born as man to work the salvation of all mankind. John's vision of Christmas is the only account in which we see things from God's point of view. How fiercely Satan fought to devour God's grace in Christ. Thanks be to God that Christmas spelled doom for Satan and blessing for all generations.

A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood

in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND

GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 15:18-25.**

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

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’”

After the Gospel:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

BE SEATED

SERMON**John 15:18-25****“For this Reason: Hated by Association”****STAND****NICENE CREED**

I We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering baskets up to the altar at this time. Please sign in on the Friendship Register (in each bench) or fill out a guest card at the Welcome Center.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & SPECIAL PRAYERS

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his wondrous birth became our Brother, taking on human flesh to live in righteousness before God and to become obedient even to death on a cross. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ISAIAH 6:3, MATTHEW 21:9

(sung to the tune of O Lord, How Shall I Meet You CW #18)

1. O holy, holy, holy
Lord God, to you we pray,
The heavens show your glory,
The earth your works display.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

2. Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach this Christmas with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Word and Sacrament, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

MATTHEW 6:9-13

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

**or 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

MATTHEW 26:26-28

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

JOHN 1:29

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. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Our Savior Lutheran practices member communion. We ask that only WELS or ELS members partake of the sacrament.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

LUKE 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis (sung to the tune of O Lord, How Shall I Meet You CW#19)

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| <p>1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.</p> |
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BLESSING

NUMBERS 6:24-26

- P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
- C:** **Amen.**

HYMN “What Is the World to Me” (P. 12)

CW, #477:4

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.

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What Is the World to Me

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1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y,
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey of - fers,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

When you, and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is he,
 I have a high - er good; Con - tent with it I'll be;
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, he a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth — What is the world to me!
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645-1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629-1701, alt.

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Alternate setting: 20

Psalm 14

Refrain



Psalm Tone



The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn—
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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To Thee My Heart I Offer

1 To thee my heart I of - fer, O Christ-child sweet and dear,
 2 My heart with - in is glow - ing, O Christ-child sweet and dear.
 3 What brought thee to the man - ger, O Christ-child, sweet and dear?
 4 Let me be thine for - ev - er, O Christ-child sweet and dear.

Up - on thy love re - ly - ing; Oh, be thou ev - er near! Take
 I love thee, Lord and Sav - ior; Oh, be thou ev - er near! I
 Thy love for me, a stran - ger — Oh, be thou ev - er near! O
 Up - hold me with thy mer - cy; Oh, be thou ev - er near! From

thou my heart and give me thine, And let it be for - ev - er mine,
 see thee in a man - ger laid, Near cat - tle rest - ing un - a - fraid;
 Lord, how great is this thy love That reach - es down from heav'n a - bove,
 thee I glad - ly all re - ceive, And what is mine to thee I give;

O Je - sus, ho - ly, un - de - filed, My Sav - ior meek and mild.
 I see thy deep hu - mil - i - ty And low - ly bow to thee.
 Thy love for us, by sin de - filed, That made thee, God, a child!
 My heart, my soul, and all I own — Let these be thine a - lone.

Text: *Ausserlesenes . . . GesangBuchlein*, Trier, 1653, abr.;
 tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR

OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 pm in the Family Life Center

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday, December 24th

6:00 pm Sunday School Service (Pre School – 6th grade)

8:00 pm Candlelight Song Service

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Saturday, December 25th

9:30 am Festival Worship

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 31st

6:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion



THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/19)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15 AM	Christmas Sing-a-long
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Christmas Practice
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	4:00 PM	OSLS Christmas Service
Monday	6:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday	5:30 PM	PTF Bowling Party at Circle B
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Eve Practice
	7:00 PM	Bible Information Class
Friday	6:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Eve Service
	8:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday	9:30 AM	Christmas Day Service
Sunday (12/26)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Second Lesson	Hebrews 12:10-18
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52
Psalm	Psalm 111

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

KNOW THE REASON
Service Theme

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HYMNS: 707, 477:1-3,
43, 477:4

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 4:1-2, 6-8, 25-5:5

SECOND LESSON:

Revelations 12:1-6

GOSPEL:

John 15:18-25

THE SERMON:

John 15:18-25

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