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Advent 4
December 18, 2022

Advent

*Rejoice In the
Lord Always!*

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *O Holy Spirit, what a blessing that You set me apart as one of Your children! Forgive me for failing to see the honor in that. Steel me to stand firm when the devil, the world, or my own sinful flesh would like to lead me to waver regarding Your truths. Bless my worship, O Holy Spirit! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

HOLY COMMUNION Gathering together at God's altar to receive our Lord's body and blood testifies to our unity as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our WELS or ELS to speak to our pastor before coming forward for the sacrament. Our hope is that all who join us at the altar will have a thorough understanding of the faith we profess.

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note:

Restrooms: far side (south) of the entry. **Hearing Help:** enhanced hearing units available.

Parent's Room: far left (southwest). **Large Print Hymnal:** Please contact an usher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING HYMN Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
- 3 You saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'ings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth, as he ap - proach - es, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb you shall be - hold,
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid-night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri-umph lay be - fore him your shin - ing crowns of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free.

Text: tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.; Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722, abr.

Tune: Swedish

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THE COMMON SERVICE

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Congregation: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

P: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al-so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Ruler of heaven and earth and all things, as we prepare our hearts for Your coming, strengthen us for the tasks that You have laid before us. Be with us in this world and keep our hearts focused on the glories above that have been earned and set aside for us by Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 12

¹In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;

let this be known to all the world.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,

for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

PSALM

Psalm 73

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

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

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:1, 17–24



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

²¹At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²²“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

²³Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to thee.
 3 Now through his Son doth shine the Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground,



he from whom joy stream - eth poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
 Death was reign - ing o'er us through sin and van - i - ty
 where the an - gels sing - ing with all his saints u - nite,



not so bright - ly beam - eth the sun in yon - der skies.
 thro' thy grace and mer - it, blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 till he o - pened for us a bright e - ter - ni - ty.
 sweet - est prais - es bring - ing in heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!	Thou my Sav - ior art!
draw me un - to thee!	Draw me un - to thee!
May we praise him there!	May we praise him there!
Oh, that we were there!	Oh, that we were there!

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THE SERMON **Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice In the Lord Always!**

1. Because we have His peace
2. Because we can pray to Him
3. Because His return is near.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and its Biblical Meaning

**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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot, by my own thinking or choosing, believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead; And He will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
- new a right spr - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
- way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
- tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

THE OFFERINGS

(The members Our Savior have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You're our guests - we thank you for joining us to worship God today! During the offering, please sign the Friendship register located on the inside aisle of your pew.)

THE PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYERS

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

THE SACRAMENT *"Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" found on page 156 in CW.*

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in glorious song:



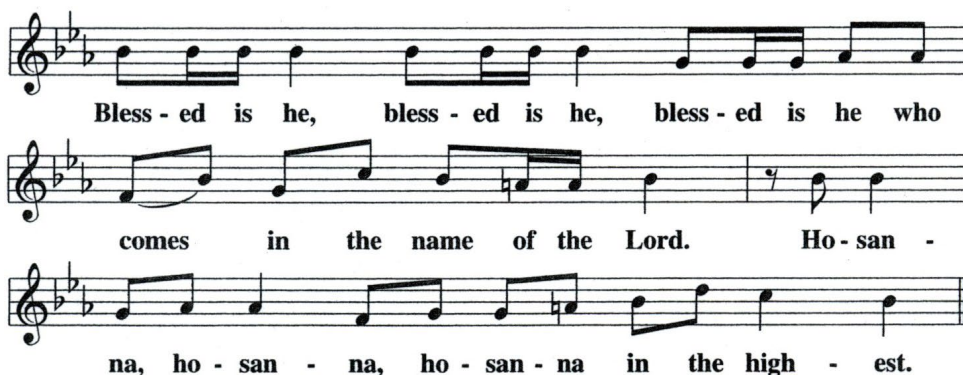
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and give 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

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1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 this is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
 an - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
 mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 the brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
 my strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
 your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

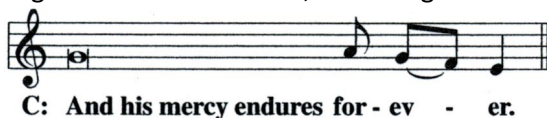
5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
 The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
 nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



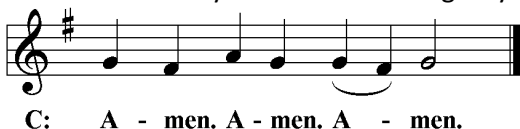
C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN

O Rejoice, All Christians Loudly

CW, 21 366



1 O re - joice, all Chris - tians, loud - ly, for our joy has
2 See, my soul, your Sav - ior choos - es pov - er - ty and
3 Lord, how shall I thank you right - ly? I am saved e -
4 Je - sus, guard and guide your mem - bers, fill them with your



now be - gun; won - drous things our God has done.
weak - ness, too; in such love he comes to you.
ter - nal - ly by your life and death for me.
bound - less grace, hear their prayers in ev - 'ry place.



Tell a - broad his good - ness proud - ly, who our race has
Nei - ther crib nor cross re - fus - es, all he suf - fers
Let me not for - get it light - ly, but with all my
Fan to life faith's glow - ing em - bers; grant all Chris - tians



hon - ored thus, that he has be - friend - ed us.
for your good to re - deem you by his blood.
heart be - lieve that from you I shall re - ceive
far and near ho - ly peace, a glad new year.

Refrain



Joy, O joy, be - yond all glad - ness! Christ has done a -



way with sad - ness! Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,



for the Sun of grace is shin - ing!

HOLIDAY WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR

OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 24th

6:00 pm Sunday School Service

8:00 pm Evening Service

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25th

9:30 am Festival Worship (Livestreamed)

No Bible Study or Sunday School

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Saturday, December 31st

6:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, January 1st

9:30 am Worship

No Bible Study or Sunday School



THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/18)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Service Practice
	9:15 AM	Bible Information Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Sunday School Service Practice
Saturday	6:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Service
	8:00 PM	Christmas Eve Evening Service
Sunday (12/25)	9:30 AM	Christmas Day Worship

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PREACHER:
CHARLES PAPENFUSS

ORGANIST:
JON HAHM

HYMNS:
AS PRINTED

FIRST LESSON:
Isaiah 12:1-6

SECOND LESSON
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

GOSPEL:
Luke 10:1, 17-24

THE SERMON:
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