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**Advent #4**

December 21, 2022

**WELCOME** as we make preparation in our hearts for the birth of our Savior in a meager stable in Bethlehem.

Advent is the time of the church year when we rejoice in what Jesus has already accomplished for us as well as look forward to what is promised for us in the future. The overall theme of this series is "Await God's Future." The season of Advent is a good time to hear the prophets of ancient Israel announce the promised future for the people of God. During these few weeks, we heard from the prophet Isaiah God's promises for us which are fulfilled in Jesus' advents, both in His birth and His second coming. May these words of Isaiah instill in our hearts and minds repentance, faith, and hope in the coming of our Lord.

Please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to an usher or place it in the basket on the table as you leave this evening.

**Prelude**  
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**  
**Welcome**  
**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

**The Order of Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

LSB #357 vs 1-4

*(please stand)*

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

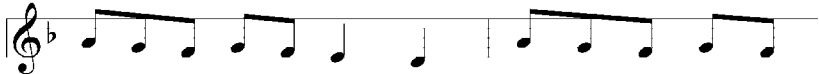
**P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** **and the day is almost over.**

**P** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** **and illuminate Your Church.**

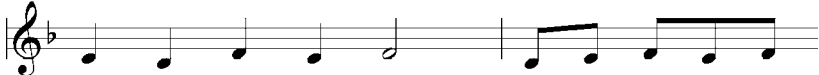
## Hymn of Light



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



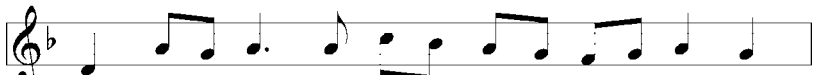
**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

## Psalm 141 (*all sing together*)



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice

when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;  
let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.  
Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.  
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before  
You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us

that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C**     **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## **Readings**

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 25:1, 6-9; 26:19*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

<sup>19</sup>Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

**P**     This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:51-58*

<sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup>"O death, where is your victory?"

O death, where is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>  
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Message

## Presentation of the Offering

### Magnificat *(please stand)*

LSB #934



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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## Litany

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect for Peace**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C 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.

**Benedicamus**

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

**Closing Hymn**

*“Stay With Us”*

LSB #879

**Postlude**

*“Soli Deo Gloria”*



Join us for Christmas Eve worship at 5:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day worship with communion is at 9:00 a.m.