

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday – December 19, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – December 20, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed
10:45 am. Worship



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† Call to Worship †

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.
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 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

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

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

(LSB 290) Psalm 43:4; Psalm 124:8

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254 Alt.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 203 [John 20:19-23]

- 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.

† Service of the Word †

Psalms 89:1-4, 14-17, 26-28

- P** ¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- C** ²**For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**
- P** ³You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
- C** ⁴**I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.”**
- P** ¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
- C** **steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**
- P** ¹⁵Blesséd are the people who know the festal shout,
- C** **who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**
- P** ¹⁶who exult in your name all the day
- C** **and in your righteousness are exalted.**
- P** ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength;
- C** **by your favor our horn is exalted.**
- P** ²⁶He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,
- C** **my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’**
- P** ²⁷And I will make him the firstborn,
- C** **the highest of the kings of the earth.**
- P** ²⁸My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
- C** **and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

Hymn # 357:4-5 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
Refrain
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re-joice!
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: 1 Chronicles 17:1-14

¹Now when David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, “Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent.”

²And Nathan said to David, “Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.”

³But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁴“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: It is not you who will build me a house to dwell in. ⁵For I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling. ⁶In all places where I have moved with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ ⁷Now, therefore, thus shall you say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel, ⁸and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ⁹And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall waste them no more, as formerly, ¹⁰from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. ¹¹When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹²He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. ¹³I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, ¹⁴but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

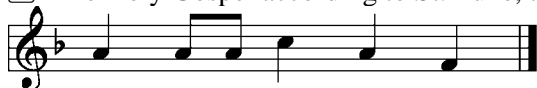
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Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:26-38

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "*Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!*" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "*Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.*"

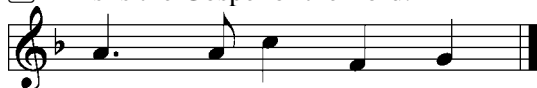
³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "*How will this be, since I am a virgin?*"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.*"

³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸And Mary said, "*Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.*" And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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Sermon "I Will Build You a House" 1 Chronicles 17:1-14

Stand

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.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

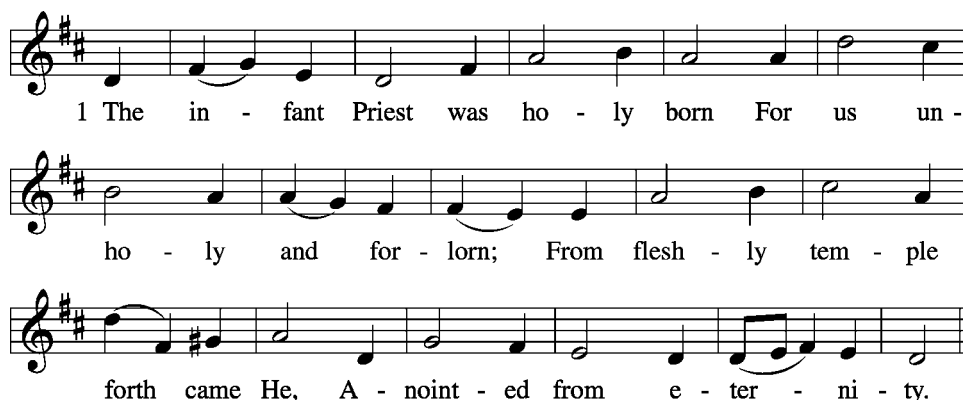
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came into
our world to bring us into the joys of eternal life.
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

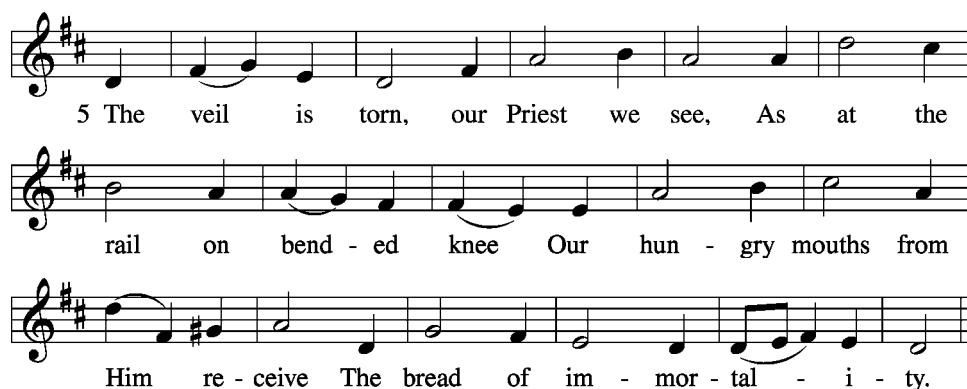
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P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 624:5 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

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.

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."*

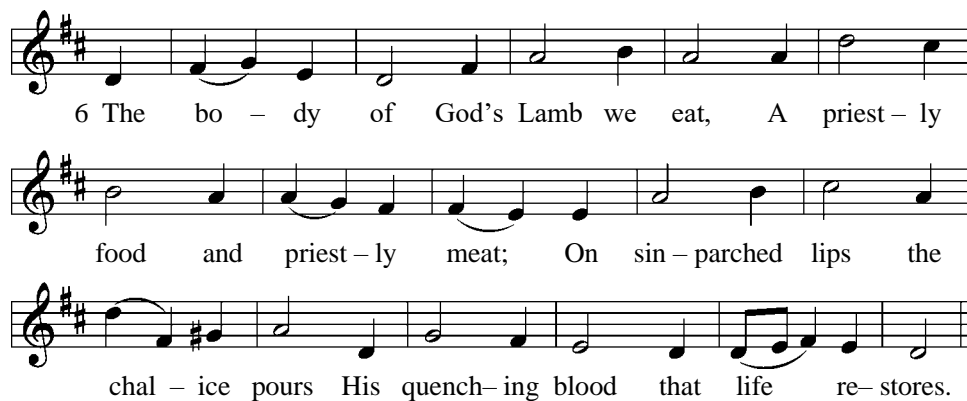
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Pax Domini

John 20:19 LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Hymn # 624:6 “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”



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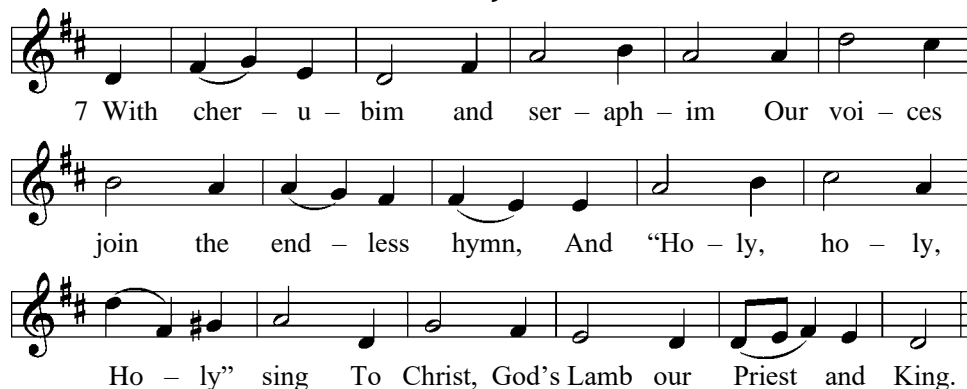
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Thanksgiving

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- A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Hymn # 624:7 “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”



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Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Hymn # 393 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new

Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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