



## Fourth Sunday in Advent

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**AS WE GATHER**

The Advent season of preparing for the promised Savior to be born as one of us soon reaches its climax. Though in our homes and lives we may be wondering if we have done all we have needed to get ready for our own celebrations, we give thanks that at the center of our coming Christmas observations the Lord has prepared all we need. In this last Sunday of Advent and in the days ahead of anticipated Christmas joy, may we find peace in the preparations done freely for us out of grace, mercy, and perfect love centered on the Savior we soon welcome, who was born for us and all the world.

**INVOCATION** (Remain Seated)

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH***John 1:5, 9; 3:16; Psalm 36:5–9*

- P We light the fourth Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P The fourth Advent candle has been known as the angel candle and the candle of love. As our Advent season soon ends, we await the angelic message of the good news of a Savior. We have come to know the love of the one true God this season and always as we have prepared to celebrate His birth. We know God's promises come to fruition in Jesus, who later made known His Father's love in His being born into this world; in His life, ministry, teaching, preaching, healing; and ultimately in His dying and rising. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."
- C **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**
- P Guided by the light of love, we respond with the psalmist: "Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.
- C **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.**
- P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
- C **They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**
- P For with You is the fountain of life;
- C **in Your light do we see light."**

*Four Advent candles are lit.*

**THE GREAT O ANTIPHONS** (See news and notes for explanation)

*for December 22*

- P O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:  
C **Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.**

**HYMN**

**PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY**

**LSB 343**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 32:5; 80:7; 124:8*

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- C **who made heaven and earth.**

- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

- C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

- C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

- P We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

- C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

- P Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to be born in our flesh, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

- C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

- P As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Those that believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

- C **Amen.**

## INTROIT FOR ADVENT 4

- C **My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**
- P My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in Your salvation.  
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.
- C **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.**

**My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

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## \*KYRIE

- C **Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

## \*SALUTATION

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Micah 5:2–5a*

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 80:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

<sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might  
and come to save us!

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

<sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 10:5–10*

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>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.’”

<sup>8</sup>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), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Matthew 1:23a*

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

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 1:39–56*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## Preparing for the Promise Fulfilled

**\*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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING****\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After bringing our petitions to the Lord:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **\*CLOSING SENTENCES**

*John 1:5, 9*

- P The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
C **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

### **HYMN TO DEPART**

### **LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD**

**LSB 352**

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#### **What are these O Antiphons, and what do those terms mean?**

The “O” part is easy to figure out. Each antiphon begins with that address, just as other songs of the Church do, such as “O Come, All Ye Faithful” and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.” Each of the seven O Antiphons addresses Christ with a different title from the Old Testament: *O Wisdom*; *O Adonai* (the Hebrew word for Lord); *O Root of Jesse*; *O Key of David*; *O Dayspring*; *O King of the Nations*; *O Emmanuel*. For more information visit: [www.witness.lcms.org/2016/o-antiphons-what-are-they/](http://www.witness.lcms.org/2016/o-antiphons-what-are-they/)

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“Let all together praise our God before His glorious throne; today He opens heav’n again to give us His own Son.” (LSB 389) During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we lift our hearts and voices, praising God for the gift of his Son, our Savior. Thanks to the following musicians who glorified God with their talents at our worship services: Kristen Gutierrez, Andy Koch, Beth Koch, Isaac Koch, Susan Koch, Hannah Kroonblawd, Lynn Kroonblawd and the seasonal choir, Éowyn Prusak, Merlin Simon, Diane Streich, Ethan Swenson, Dave Workman, Marsha Workman, and TLO Sunday School children.

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#### **Christmas bags for TLO members**

**Until gone | take and deliver at your convenience**

Pick up a prepared bag(s) from the narthex and deliver it to the address on the bag. You will deliver Christmas goodies while receiving much more in return.



### Serving our Lord

		December 22, 2024	December 29, 2024
Musician		Marsha Workman	Kristen Gutierrez
Cantor		Dave Workman	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Nancy Strand and Sharon Drews	Nancy Strand and Sharon Drews
Elder	9:00am	Andy Olson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	9:00am	Keith Prusak	Jon Peterson
Usher Team	9:00am	Brian Nack	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	9:00am	Open	Open
Acolyte	9:00am	Isaac Koch, Beth Koch	Dana Vallin
Projection	9:00am	Open	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	9:00am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	10:15am	Open	Open

<b>COMING UP AT TLO — December 15, 2024 — December 26, 2024</b>		
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship
	10:15am	Adult Bible Study; no Sunday school
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
		No Men's Basketball
Mon	No School; church office closed	
Tue	3:30pm	Family Worship
	7:00*pm	Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
Wed	9:00*am	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Commuion
Thur	No School; church office open	
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Thur	6:00pm	Peniel events
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship
	10:15am	Adult Bible Study; no Sunday school
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Men's Basketball
Mon	No School; church office closed	
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 15, 2024

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	5,112.60
(Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	25.00
(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)			
	Tuition	\$	4,724.12
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	25,487.04
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	136.00
	Church and school fees	\$	335.40
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>35,820.16</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	185.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund - supporting TLO School student tuition	\$	N/A
	Chapel offerings - supporting Dakota Woodlands, Eagan	\$	30.73
	Sunday school - supporting Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	7.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan; Dec. 11 Advent Meal	\$	215.00
	Music Fund - Christmas concert free will offering	\$	402.50
	Concordia Fund - supporting TLO members attending a Concordia	\$	N/A
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	252.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>1,092.53</b>



### Birthdays this week

Dec 22 Corban Lumives  
 Dec 24 Ben Swenson  
 Dec 25 Noel Koss  
 Dec 27 Cheryl Barnes



**Calendars, offering envelopes, congregational directory ...these are all waiting for you in the narthex—pick up yours today!**

## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

- We each are missionaries, carrying the message of the Gospel in our workplaces, in the marketplace, and at family gatherings. Pray that God would give you courage as you speak His Words in the mission field this week of Christmas!

### Blessings and Thanksgiving:

- Is there anything more amazing to realize “God chose me to be His child”? Ponder that thought and thank God for the great gift of salvation that is ours through Jesus.

### Those with Health Concerns:

Hospitalized, in rehab, or on hospice

- Joanne Clark, recovering from extensive surgery December 13

Dealing with health concerns:

- Eddie Burdick's genetic brain disease is progressing, and symptoms are worsening
- Pam Burdick, colon cancer surgery scheduled for January 15
- Dixie Cliff
- Teresa Dornseif, sister-in-law of Alice, recovering from ankle reconstruction surgery
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, continued prayers as she goes through chemo
- Silas Kohn, undergoing treatment for LCH until August 2025
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, autoimmune liver issues
- David Nystrom - godson of Alice - recovering at home
- Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn
- Sally Pieper, recovering after surgery
- Samantha, granddaughter of Al and Linnea, and her son, Keaton in an auto accident
- Jeff Schaaf, moved to Benedictine Assisted Living
- Joanie Wachter, recovering after knee replacement surgery, please continue to pray!
- Pastor Don Wilke, former TLO pastor, recovering after a serious fall

### Ongoing Prayers

- For our members and friends in care facilities or homebound  
Donine Leatherby  
Char Tim
- Ryan Kroonblawd - 2nd Year Seminarian - Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, MO



### Our weekly memory verse:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. John 1:1-3



## Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

**For those with small children**, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children's bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**Restrooms** are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

**Large print copies of the worship folder** are available. Please ask an usher.



## Christmas Worship

Join us as we worship Jesus this Christmas season. Postcard invitations in the narthex make it easy to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you!

December 24 | 3:30pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship

December 24 | 7:00\*pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

December 25 | 9:00\*am | Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

December 29 | 9:00\*am | Worship with Holy Communion (**note only one Sunday service**)

\*livestreamed at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)