

Second Sunday in Advent  
Children's Christmas Program  
December 8, 2024

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

*We stand* OPENING HYMN

#283

“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

*v1 only*

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

O God, our heavenly Father, **we confess that we have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which we cannot fully understand, but which are known to you. We repent and are sorry for our offenses, and we ask of your great goodness to have mercy upon us, for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive our sins, and graciously to help our infirmities. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you, and has given his only son to die for you, and for his sake ✠ forgives you all your sins. To all who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on you his Holy Spirit. On the other hand, I declare to the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God has not forgiven your sins, and will surely visit your iniquities upon you if you do not turn from your sinful ways and come to repentance and faith in Christ before the day of grace is ended.<sup>1</sup> **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Reclaim: Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home, Introductory Edition (Minneapolis: Bronze Bow Publishing, 2006)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Jesus Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

*Light two purple candles.*

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and

#283

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

*vv 2,3,4*

*Youth enters during song*

“HIS NAME IS JESUS”

*Call his name JESUS for he shall save his people from their sins. MATTHEW 1:21*

OPENING PRAYER: Heavenly Father...and share your love with others. **Amen**

PART 1: MESSIAH & EMMANUEL

Solid Rock Finger Play

Solid Rock sings

“Away in a Manger”

PART 2: LORD

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“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*vv 1,2,3 only*

PART 3: KING OF KINGS

Solid Rock Song

“Silent Night”

PART 4: SAVIOR

CLOSING PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus...all because of you!. **Amen**

St. Peter & Solid Rock Youth

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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“Joy to the World”

*Youth exit during song*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

For the Church, the world, for one another, and for the sake of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

*A brief silence*

Make your Church the herald of good tidings, fearless in proclaiming your Word. Through it, comfort those who are lost and afflicted by sin, sorrow, and suffering. Purify us, body and soul, heart and mind, to worship you and care for one another in the name of your Son. Let your Church constantly and faithfully announce: “Behold: Here is your God!”

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and prosper the work of this congregation: its pastor and council members, its committee members and other volunteers, and all who worship with us. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Keep us steadfast in faith, fervent in worship, radiant in holiness, patient in adversity, and beautiful in our love for you and for your people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to our earthly leaders. We earnestly pray that nation will no longer raise sword against nation. Grant integrity, courage, and competence to our military and first responders. Guide us all in the pathways of your righteousness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remove the burden of pain and sorrow from all who suffer, especially {List}. Bring them into a broad and spacious place. Let them rejoice in your goodness and give thanks for their deliverance.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, we entrust into your never-failing care our beloved dead. Comfort those whose grief runs deep. We pray for the families of {List}. Strengthen our hearts with the gift of your Spirit, so that we may be blameless at the coming of Jesus and make us abound in every good work. Gather us, with all the redeemed, into your eternal Kingdom, where we shall rejoice in your goodness and righteousness forever.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all these things we pray in the name and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, and commend into your mighty and merciful hands. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

*We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."*

OFFERTORY SONG *Giving back to God*



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*We stand #284*

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

*v3 only*

**3 What can I give him, poor as I am?**

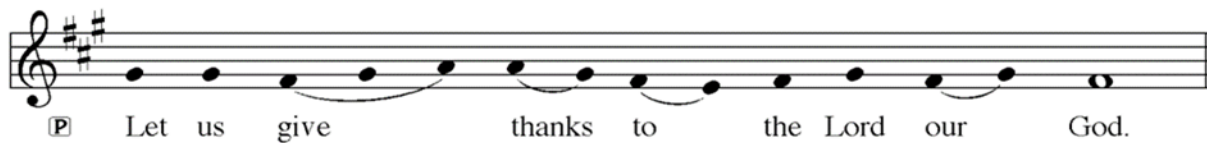
**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**if I were a wise man I would do my part;**

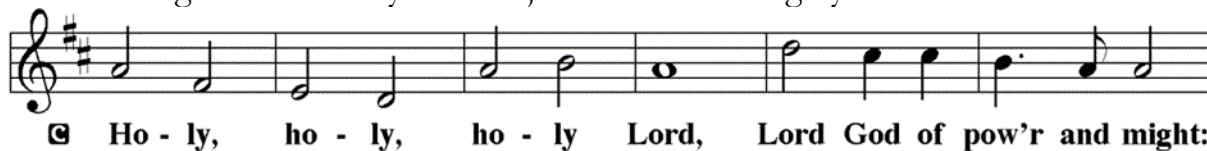
**yet what I can give him--give my heart.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy...

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

All honor and glory are yours...now and forever. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

*We sit.* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.*

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

*Communion administration occurs by row by intinction. To receive the host, extend your hand, palm up; you may dip the wafer into the chalice. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

p154 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, grant us peace.**

*We stand* POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER  
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

#242 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

*w 1, 4*

**1** Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

**4** Let the heights of heav'n adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore. **Amen.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#241

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

*Tune:*

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"  
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**COFFEE TIME IS OPEN ON DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>**

++++If you would like to bring snacks there is a signup sheet in the kitchen++++

**Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> -Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** Annual Poinsettia Donation in honor or memory of someone. We will adorn the church with the flowers beginning on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. The poinsettias will be a \$12 donation to be placed in the white/green pew envelopes designated "Poinsettias" and put in the offering box

**Wednesdays, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** Advent Services 6:00 pm Potluck Meal; 7:00 pm Service

**Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> LYO Fun Event:** Christmas Caroling/hayride/hot chocolate  
(please RSVP on the GroupMe App)

**SPECIAL ADVENT CONCERT: Wednesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** (Sponsored by St. Peter & Sacred Heart) David Kauffman, songwriter, recording artist, and composer of many Acts Retreat Songs is coming to Sacred Heart. Come enjoy an evening of Song and Story for Healing and Hope.

**Solid Rock Bingo "Let's Fiesta"** One-half Hog Processed Raffle Tickets are available in the office for \$5.00. *Only 500 tickets will be sold, and you have 2 chances to win.* If you would like to donate an item to the Silent Auction, please let Kari know in the office by **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**YTD (Jan-Oct '24)** \$232,627.73; **EXPENSES** \$256,269.51  
**DIFFERENCE +/-** -\$23,641.78(*due to increased insurance rate*)

**Attendance:** Sunday, Dec 1: 9AM 65

**Openings for:** (2025 Flower/Radio Sponsorships are available)



## **Serving This Weekend Dec 8**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting:* Sophie Teltschik

*Communion Set Up:* Rida Chovanetz (*Intinction*)

*Communion Clean Up:* Kari DeForest

*Organist:* Carol Drozd & Nathan Sandelovic

*Ushers:* Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Luther Lorfing, Aaron Henke

*Acolytes:* Adam Leopold & Finley Poeling

*Power Point Sunday:* Sharyn Sullivan

*Altar Flowers given by* James & Rida Chovanetz in memory of Tina Chovanetz

*Radio Ministry given by* Women in Mission in memory of Evelyn Lishinski

**Sunday PM:** *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

*Communion Clean Up:* Daniel Drozd

*Organist:* Carol Drozd

## **Third Sunday in Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28

## **This Week @ St. Peter**

**Sun** Dec 8, 9:00 am Worship (*St. Peter & Solid Rock Christmas Program*), 10:00 Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 3:00 pm -5:00 pm LYO Christmas Caroling/hot chocolate, 5:00 pm Worship Service

**Mon** Dec 9, 1:00 pm Quilting; 6:00 pm Church Council

**Tue** Dec 10, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Wed** Dec 11, 6:00 Advent Meal, 7:00 pm Advent Service

**Thu** Dec 12, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

**Sat** Dec 14, St. Nicholas Distribution (*See Judy Winfield if you would like to help*)

**Sun** Dec 15, 9:00 am Worship, 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship

**Our Prayer List:**— *Requests listed 4 weeks under **Concerns For** unless otherwise requested.*

**Concerns for:** Jerry Brown, Joseph Williams, L.A. Muehr, Johnny Draper, Amy Schifftrin, Joelle Mihalovich, Leon Koehne, Mark Hopper, Lucille Parker, Lisa Beyer, Jerry Bonewald, the Miller Family, Howard Loewe, Leroy Schroeder, Cheryl Whitley, James Kubecka, Carol Pope

**Extended concerns:** Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett, Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Misty Fletcher Remmers, Cody Rice Jr, William Lane, Brandi Orsak, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

**Other Concerns:** first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*); San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Biden; President-elect Donald Trump, our country; and those facing unrest & unemployment

**Grieving Families of:** Beverly Green, Larry Stillions, Elroy Tesch, Francis Christ, Bill Drozd, A.J. Kutac, Celia Ann Kruse, Milton Mika, Evelyn Lishinski, Sarah Sralik, Carl Tieken, Dorothy Ehler

**Serving Next Weekend Dec 15**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting:* Tammy Garner

*Communion Set Up:* Patsy Klekar

*Communion Clean Up:* Martha Bludau

*Organist:* Nathan Sandelovic

*Ushers:* Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Luther Lorfing, Aaron Henke

*Acolytes:* Allie & Cole Kocian

*Power Point Sunday:* Judy Garmon

*Altar Flowers given by* Leroy & Mary Schroeder in celebration for a grateful year!

*Additional Flowers given by:* Barbara Koehn in honor our grandson, Tyler Koehn, who received his Eagle Scout Award on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. He is the 5<sup>th</sup> immediate family member to receive this award.

*Radio Ministry given by* Sharon Schaefer in celebration of Rev. James Boyd's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Sunday PM:** *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

*Communion Clean Up:* Daniel Drozd

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

**SAVE THE DATES IN DECEMBER**

Saturday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Conaway/Martin Wedding

Tuesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Christmas Day Service

Sunday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Lessons & Carols Service

**ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (ELW 283)**

Text by Frederick Oakeley; Music by John Francis Wade

*v1 only for Opening Song; then vv2,3,4 after prayer of the day*

**1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:**

***Refrain***

**O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**2 The highest, most holy,  
light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest: *Refrain***

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

**SONG *Angels We Have Heard on High* (ELW 289)**

Text by H.F. Hemy; Music by Edward S. Barnes

**1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.**

**Refrain**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain**

**3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain**

## **SONG JOY TO THE WORLD *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)**

Text by Isaac Watts; Music by Lowell Mason

**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

CLOSING HYMN (ELW) *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* (ELW 241)

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
my hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,  
your lamp within my breast  
to do in spirit lowly  
all that may please you best.

2 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me,  
a treasure safe on high  
that will not fail or leave me  
as earthly riches fly.

3 Love caused your incarnation;  
love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
that led you to embrace  
in love, all love excelling,  
our lost and fallen race.

4 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,  
who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn your joys departed  
and tremble at your doom.  
All hail the Lord's appearing!  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
send forth your beams so cheering  
and guide us safely home.