



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**2nd Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2022
10:30 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: “Blessed Be Your Name

Beth & Matt Redman

Gathering Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus (x2)

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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.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Melody: Puer Nobis

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**Our Jesus gives the world God's love,
With peace and mercy from above.
He looks upon us with his grace
And shows his presence in this place.**

L: Christ has made himself known to us as a little child.

C: We see him humble in a manger. Let us be humble as we live for him.

L: Jesus is born gentle and mild, as he sleeps in heavenly peace.

C: We see him quiet and calm. Let our gentleness be known to all since he is near.

**The promises are now fulfilled
In Jesus Christ, so hearts be stilled
From trouble, toil, grief and shame
By true forgiveness in his name.**

L: Jesus is made known not just in Bethlehem, but he is revealed to everyone everywhere.

C: We are called to make known abroad the saying which is told us through God's messengers of Christ's birth.

L: Jesus is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome.

C: Let our lights so shine before others that they may see our good works and praise God who is in heaven.

**The Light that shines upon our life
Brings truth and certainty in strife.
Oh, may our lights expand the glow
That Christ appeared for us to know.**

L: Jesus declared that the Scriptures have come to life in our hearing.

C: Let us spread the word that our ears have heard and our eyes have seen his salvation.

**We spread the news that we have heard
That Christ has come, who is the Word
To be the sign that God has come
To grant his life to everyone.**

Kyrie

The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak*

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
to be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak **(repeat)**

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Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with

the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Amlin

Song of the Day: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name (x2)
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name (x2)

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Presentation

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Profession of Faith

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Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Baptism

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Congregational response after the baptism:

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Welcome

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Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

... In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Music: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (vs. 1,2,4)

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Offering Prayer in Unison

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Preparing for the Table

...So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

When Jesus ate with his friends, He took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God!

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution: *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (vs. 1,2,4) ELW 247

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Wait For You*

Verse 1

My heart is restless; let peace wash over me

Lost in distractions, but You, God I will seek

Chorus

I will wait for You

I will wait for You

Let my heart be still

for You are God

Verse 2

You know my longing; You listen to my fears

I'm not forgotten, Your goodness draws me near

Chorus

I will wait for You

I will wait for You

Let my heart be still

for You are God

You are always good

Lord, forever kind

I will trust and know that You are God

Chorus

I will wait for You

I will wait for You

Let my heart be still

for You are God

You are always good
Lord, forever kind
I will trust and know that You are God

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “*Wait For You*”

Announcements

Worship Online

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Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Marilyn Koehler in memory of Ted Koehler.

Adult Ed Today

LOL member Kurt Hansen discusses his new novel, *Daughters of Teutobod*.

Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Bristol Roschen, daughter of Tricia & Alec Roschen.

Midweek Advent Services

Midweek services continue Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm. Join us as we sing Holden Evening Prayer and hear a message from our seminary students each week.

This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Adult Ed – Kurt Hansen
	10:30 AM	Worship NOW in-person or online
Monday, December 5	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach meeting
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:15 PM	Advent Worship
	7:45 PM	Music & Worship Meeting
Thursday, December 8	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, December 10	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast

Children and Youth

The youth of LOL will be helping with the 10:30am worship service on December 18th. There are many roles to help with. A signup sheet will be available in the gathering space.

Christmas Food Baskets

If interested in providing a 3-5 lb. ham for the Dubuque Food Pantry Christmas baskets, please deliver to LOL by December 11. Please place in the downstairs refrigerator (overflow space if needed will be the sacristy refrigerator).

Staff Gift

You are invited to express appreciation to our paid staff through a monetary gift. Please note "staff gift" on the envelope or check and submit by December 16. Thank you! Susan Hansen

Christmas Caroling, December 18th

Meet at 1pm at Luther Manor Grand Meadows. Everyone is invited to join the youth for an afternoon of caroling followed by cookies at church. Talk to Maria Troftgruben for more information or if you'd like to donate frosting or sprinkles.

Christmas Eve

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday. Services will be at **4:00 & 6:00pm**.

Christmas Morning

This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. We will have one service at **10:00am**. This service is unique to Christmas Day and takes the place of our normal Sunday services. It's a beautiful way to enter into the day.

Prayer List

Daryl & Rose Wickre

Todd & Tracy Wiedenman and family

Karla Wildberger and Dean Boles

Anthony Windau

David & Kay Zepeski

Robert & Erika Ziegelmaier and family

Mike & Stephanie Ackerman and family

Servants:

Sunday December 4

	Tech	Assisting	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM	Nate Frambach	Diane Frambach	Steve Heer	Deckers
10:30 AM			Luke Boyle	

Sunday December 11

8:00 AM	Jon/Rita		Susan Hansen	Deavers
10:30 AM	Nate Frambach	Joan Cram	Gloria Klinefelter	Val Kennedy

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