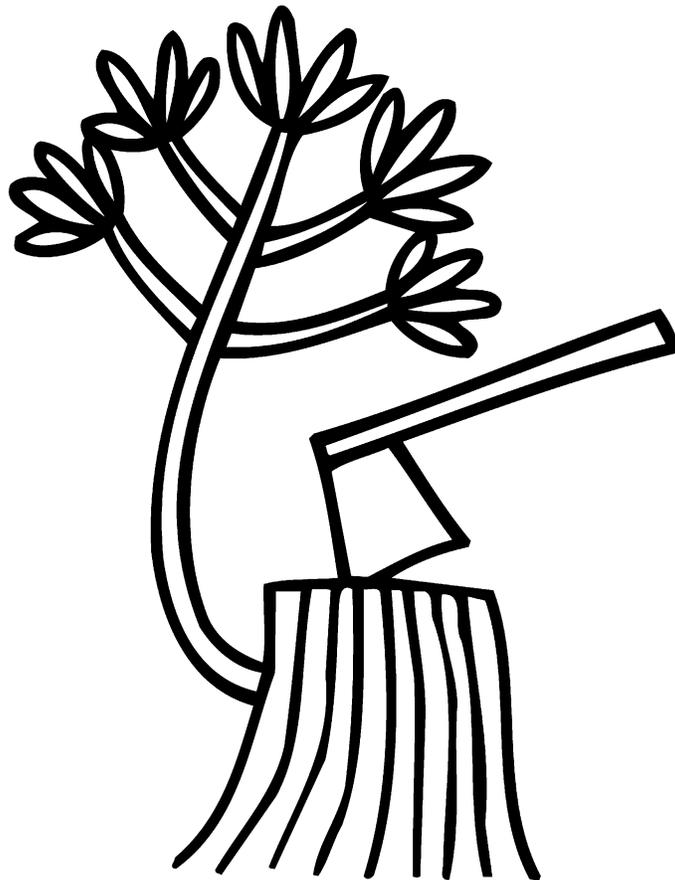




**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2022  
8:00 am**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Two

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: “Bethlehem Calls: An Advent Reflection”**

**Brian Gibson**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

- 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door  
and lives now inside us forever.
- 2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near,  
yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul  
and hymns of lovingkindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll  
to shatter all hatred and blindness.
- 3 In darkest night his coming shall be,  
when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free,  
so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong,  
and weapons be broken asunder.
- 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer  
and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share  
and bring us at last into glory.

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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**

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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**

**ELW p. 120**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Canticle of Praise**

**ELW p. 121**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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

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

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

### **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.*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The 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. <sup>3</sup>His 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; <sup>4</sup>but 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. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The 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. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They 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.

<sup>10</sup>On 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.**

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

## 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.*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever 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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

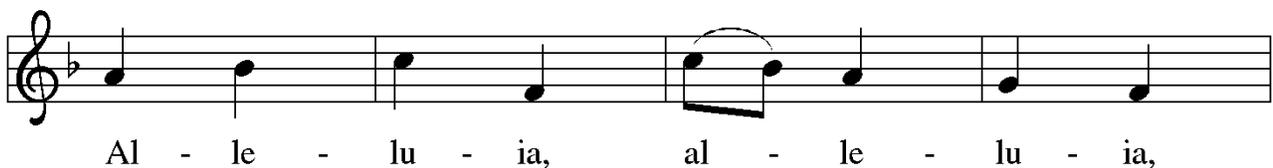
<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order 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"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

<sup>13</sup>May 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 Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



## **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.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This 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.’”

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

<sup>7</sup>But 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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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.

<sup>11</sup>“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. <sup>12</sup>His 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**

**Hymn of the Day: *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry***

**ELW 249**

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

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

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.

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.

## **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.*

**Offertory Music: "Prelude on "Wachet Auf"**

**Lani Smith**

## **Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

ELW 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



Scan code to give now.

## **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.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

### **Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW p. 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**



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| <p>1 I will bless the Lord at all times,<br/>praise with heart and voice;<br/>in my God I glory forever:<br/>listen and rejoice! <b>Refrain</b></p> <p>2 Look upon the Lord, be radiant,<br/>never turn away.<br/>God will save in ev'ry affliction,<br/>hear us when we pray. <b>Refrain</b></p> | <p>3 Angels fold their wings around us,<br/>guard through good and ill.<br/>Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;<br/>taste, and have your fill. <b>Refrain</b></p> <p>4 Saints of God, bow down and worship,<br/>bless the holy name.<br/>Rise to tell God's greatness forever,<br/>wondrous deeds proclaim! <b>Refrain</b></p> |
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## ***Come, Let Us Eat***

**ELW 491**

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)  
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
(Our Lord's body let us take together,)  
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)  
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,)  
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,)  
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3 Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.  
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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: *People, Look East***

**ELW 248**

- 1 People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today--  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today--  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
- 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today--  
Love, the Star, is on the way.
- 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today--  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

**Mark Hayes**

## Announcements

### Worship Online

#### Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: Luther

#### Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799

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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 of his new novel, *Daughters of Teutobod*.

**Congratulations** to Tricia & Alec Roschen on the baptism of Bristol at 10:30.

### 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** 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, please deliver to LOL by December 11. Place in the downstairs 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.

## **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**

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

### **Sunday December 11**

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

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