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# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live, Learn,  
Share, and Serve'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all generations,  
wherever they may be'*

## **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

## **A Time of Preparation**

### **Prelude**

### **"Emmanuel God With Us"**

Go tell it on the mountain  
The one that we've been waiting for  
The King of our salvation  
Born on this day our Savior Christ the Lord

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
That we can be forgiven  
The weight of all our sin He came to bear  
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus  
The Savior of the world is born  
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus  
The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain  
Humbly in a manger lay  
Mercy sent from heaven  
Angels fill the sky with highest praise  
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus  
The Savior of the world is born  
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The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain  
This baby born of virgin birth  
The ruler of all nations  
The glory of our God has come to earth

Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus  
The Savior of the world is born  
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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **“Christmas Day”**

Joy to the world On a night like no other  
Emmanuel God is with us

Beggars and kings Let us come and adore Him  
Rest in His peace And bow before Him

Sing all you people The Lord almighty reigns  
Sing ev'ry creature of God Come bless His name  
For He is good for He is good

He was born to conquer the grave  
Light of the world The reason for Christmas Day

Stars we have seen Over deserts and oceans  
The darkness was deep But never hopeless  
Redemption came And His name is Jesus

Sing all you people The Lord almighty reigns  
Sing ev'ry creature of God Come bless His name  
For He is good for He is good He was born to conquer the grave  
Light of the world The reason for Christmas Day

From the mountains We will shout it out  
For the Lord our God almighty reigns  
He is with us He is with us now  
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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

### **“Bethlehem’s Treasure”**

Gifts of praise, songs of love, Lord our lives we share.  
Celebrate, heav'ns above Glad tidings to bear.

Father's gift of love come down, Sacrifice beyond all measure,  
Heav'nly hosts proclaim this sound. Come and see the infant King,  
Bethlehem's treasure. Oh ....

Many kings from afar Seek the shining star.  
On our knees, in our hearts We cry, “Lord of lords You are.”

Father's gift of love come down Sacrifice beyond all measure  
Heav'nly hosts proclaim this sound Come and see the infant King  
Bethlehem's treasure, Oh .....

Riches untold, Frankincense and gold,  
They pale before the glory we behold.

Our Father's gift of love come down, Sacrifice beyond all measure,  
Heav'nly hosts proclaim this sound.  
Come and see the infant King, Bethlehem's treasure.  
Bethlehem's treasure. Bethlehem's treasure.

## First Reading

Micah 5:2

<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 coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

<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 away empty. <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.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### “Joy To The World”

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world 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

Joy unspeakable joy An overflowing well No tongue can tell  
Joy unspeakable joy It rises in my soul Never lets me go

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

Joy unspeakable joy An overflowing well No tongue can tell  
Joy unspeakable joy It rises in my soul Never lets me go

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### Message

### “Bundle of Joy”

## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- ☞ 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.**

## Sacrament

### The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
- 2. Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
- 3. Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
- 4. Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
- 5. Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
- 6. Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## Distribution Song

“Behold”

Behold the King has come Divinity incarnate  
Creator of the world breathing our air  
Behold what light has come And the dark cannot contain it  
The Savior of the world is finally here  
O come let us adore Him Come let us adore Him  
For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord  
Behold the Father’s love Beyond all comprehension  
He gave His only Son to die in our place  
Go and see that empty tomb He’s not there for He is risen  
Every heart prepare Him room Jesus Christ the King of Heaven  
O come let us adore Him Come let us adore Him  
For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord  
We give You all the glory we give You all the glory  
We give You all the glory Christ the Lord  
We give You all the glory we give You all the glory  
We give You all the glory Christ the Lord  
We praise Your name forever We praise Your name forever  
We praise Your name forever Christ the Lord  
O come let us adore Him Come let us adore Him  
For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord  
O come let us adore Him Come let us adore Him  
For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord  
Christ the Lord He is Christ the Lord

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## Blessing

- 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 T give you peace.
- G Amen.**



## Sending Song

## “What A Glorious Night”

Oo oo ...

The shepherds came to see the baby, stood by His mother's side.  
Here laid the Savior inside a manger. Oh what a glorious night!  
Oh what a glorious night!

I hear the angels singin', "Hallelujah! Let the earth receive her King."  
I know that love has come; sing it out: "Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!"

Oo oo ...

The shepherds wondered; they couldn't hide it, told ev'ryone in sight.  
All were amazed when they heard how God came down on the glorious night!  
God came down on this glorious night!

I hear the angels singin', "Hallelujah! Let the earth receive her King."  
I know that love has come; sing it out: "Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!"

Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night!  
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I know that love has come; sing it out: "Jesus Christ is born!"  
I heard that Jesus Christ is born!

Oo oo ...

All is calm now, all is quiet; a star shining in the sky.  
Below, in Bethlehem, the King is sleeping.  
Oh, what a glorious night! Oh, what a glorious night!

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