

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”*



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Prelude

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INTROIT

Psalm 130:5-8; antiphon: Is. 64:1



**P:** Oh, that You would rend the heavens ^and come down,\*  
that the mountains might quake at Your ^presence.

**C:** I wait for the LORD, my ^soul waits,\* and in His ^Word I hope;

**P:** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the ^morning,\*  
more than watchmen for the ^morning.

**C:** O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**For with the LORD there is ^steadfast love,\*  
and with Him is plentiful re^demption.**

**P:** And He will redeem ^Israel\* from all his in^iquities.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and ^to the + Son\* and to the Holy ^Spirit;  
as it was in the be^ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. ^Amen.

**P:** Oh, that You would rend the heavens ^and come down,\*  
that the mountains might quake at Your ^presence.

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

**P:** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your Mighty Deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** Amen.

**P:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “**Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.**”

But Ahaz said, “*I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.*”

And he said, “**Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.**

**He shall eat curds and honey when He knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the Boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”**

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26*

**C:** **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of ^Zion.\***

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Je^rusalem.**

**Behold, your King is com^ing to you;\***  
**righteous and having sal^vation.**

**Blessèd is He Who comes in the Name ^of the Lord.\***

**From the house of the Lord we ^bless You.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, Who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA VERSE

Is. 7:14

**C:** Alle<sup>^</sup>luia.\* Alle<sup>^</sup>luia.

**Behold, the virgin shall conceive and <sup>^</sup>bear a Son,\*  
and they shall call His name Im<sup>^</sup>manuel.**

**Alle<sup>^</sup>luia.\* Alle<sup>^</sup>luia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with Child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, *“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”* All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

*“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”*

(which means, **God-With-Us**). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a Son. And he called His name Jesus.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

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## SERMON

**NICENE CREED**

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## PRAYER

**OFFERING (Instruments)** *Veni Emmanuel* by Thomas E. Lock

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## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



**If this is your first attendance at Trinity, we kindly ask that you speak with one of the Pastors before receiving the Lord's Supper.**

*We believe* the Lord's Supper to be a participation in the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. *We teach* that under bread and wine Jesus delivers life and salvation to His church. *We confess* Jesus desires you to partake in this meal, and He instituted the Holy Ministry to serve His gifts with care.

The Holy Apostles warn us in the Scriptures not to receive the Supper to our harm, thereby the Pastors would hope to know who you are and where you are from before they serve you what Christ has given. We are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. If you are a member in good standing of one of our churches you can expect to be welcomed to our rail.

If you need help or prayer, would like to learn more about our congregation, or about attending Holy Communion in the future we will be honored to speak with you about these things.

See Matthew 26:26-28, John 20:19-23, 1 Corinthians 11:16, 26-28, Acts 2:42

## Service of the Sacrament

### PREFACE SANCTUS

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*It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at 'Blessed is He Who come in the name of the Lord.'*

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving will be omitted after the Sanctus.*

### LORD'S PRAYER

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*During the Lord's Prayer it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at 'Deliver us from evil.'*

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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### AGNUS DEI

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### DISTRIBUTION

*During the DISTRIBUTION the following hymns will be sung from the hymnal page shown:*

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES	341
JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE	900
JESUS CAME, THE HEAVENS ADORING	353
COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME	350

*After the Distribution, the pastor shall dismiss the communicants with the following blessing:*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **+** in peace. **C: Amen.**

### NUNC DIMITTIS

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## Postlude



A **Christmas Eve wine and appetizer reception** will be held following Christmas Eve service. Please bring an appetizer to share! All out of town family and friends are welcome!

As a token of appreciation, the council is again sponsoring a **"STAFF LOVE GIFT"** this Christmas. Donations will be collected until the last Sunday of December for a monetary gift to be divided equally between Pastor Bauer, Pastor Sherrill, and Kantor Lock unless you specify otherwise. Please make any checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and use a designated envelope marked **"Staff Love Gift."**

**Food for Foster Families:** Last month we put together 34 meals for foster parents in the Collaborative Foster Care Program. Megan and I want to give a shout out to the **Gokey, Kellogg, Stuchlick, D'Souza, Lujan, Clubb, Bauer, and Koskosky** families for your support. A special thanks to Sous Chefs **Ron and Marcia Pfister, Lynn, Gabby and Mackayla Stuchlick** for your work in the kitchen. We are planning meet again next month, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, to make another batch of meals. The families who have received meals are appreciative and we are encouraged to keep this going.

**BUDGET:** Needed per week: \$5,737.38; December 15 received: \$9,448.65 (Plate: \$8,579.55 + Electronic: \$869.10)

**ATTENDANCE FOR 12/15** Divine Service 171

**Community Ministry** needs for December: Canned Fruit

## VERSES TO LEARN-BY-HEART FOR DECEMBER:

**December 1 – Philippians 3:20-21** But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body.

**December 8 – Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**December 15 – Isaiah 9:6** For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**December 22 – Luke 2:10** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.

**December 29 - Matthew 1:21** She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin.

With families traveling and the like...there is **no Bible Class/Sunday School next Sunday, December 29.**

**Nurturing Newborns has donation ornaments on the Christmas Tree in the hallway. As you are able, please take one and donate the requested amount.**

**Thank you** to all who contributed **poinsettias** this year! The flowers may be picked up any time after the service Christmas Day!

Pastor & Linda Bauer

Helen Kort

JoAnn Bickman

Holly and Larry Kort.

Mark & Megan Brand

Mary & Mike Koskosky

Dawn Clevenger

Deb & Gerry MacGilvray

Marjorie Cocchiarella

Josh & Heather Malloreay

Jeremy & Sally Crawford

Kim & Jim Malloreay

Nathan & Elisabeth Fehr

John & Ruth Oss

David Forsyth

Les Osten

Deb & Gary Gokey

Marcia & Ron Pfister

Theresa & Dustin Green

Helen Rudduck

Kathy and Rob Grossman

Pastor & Linda Sherrill

Jan & Ron Holle

Kathy & Bruce Vincent

Verona Huckaby

Helen & Lee Roy Weiss

Susan & Richard Huebner

Bob & Dixie Yergert

Shirley Knopp

### **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – LSB 357**

This classic Advent hymn from the 12<sup>th</sup> century is based on the O Antiphons (antiphons for the *Magnificat* or *Benedictus*) which are used December 17-23); the text for these antiphons is on the same page as this hymn. The antiphons and this hymn are based on Scriptural descriptions of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Emmanuel (God with us: Is. 7:14 and Matt. 1:23) Who saves His people held in sin's bondage; freeing them by paying the Father's ransom, Christ's all-atoning death on the cross. Jesus is the Wisdom from on high Who has built His house, His Church (Prov. 9:1). Christ is the mighty I AM, the LORD God, Who appeared to Moses, rescued the people Israel, and gave him the Law (Ex. 3, 14 & 20). Our LORD is the Branch and Root of Jesse, born of the tribe of Judah, Who rescues His people from Satan and leads them unto heaven (Is. 11). The Christ for Whom Christians wait is the Key of David, the One Who opens the way to heaven for Christians and encases the fallen angels and unbelievers in hell. What He opens, no one can shut; what He closes, no one can open (Is. 22; Rev. 3). The Dayspring from on high is our Savior Who has visited His people and redeemed them (Luke 1:78), turning us from darkness to His glorious Light. Jesus Christ is King of the nations (Jer. 10) and King of

Kings (Rev. 17 & 19), sitting on David's throne (Is. 9), Who knits His people into one body, His Church (Col. 2). Rightly, then, all saints rejoice as they cry out (Rev. 22), "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" – *Rev. Thomas E. Lock (for Logia Online)*

**TODAY 12/22 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion  
10:30 AM – Sunday school/Bible class  
11:30 AM – Adult Choir with Children's Choir

**TUESDAY 12/24**

**Christmas Eve Evening Prayer 4:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY 12/25**

**Christmas Day Divine Service**

**NEXT SUNDAY 12/29 First Sunday after Christmas**

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

**SERVING THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 22, 2019**

**Acolytes** (Sunday) Jeramiah Basham, Tim Wood;  
(Tues.) Gregory Wood, Elijah Thomas, Jr., Nathan Clapp, Jeremiah Mulholland  
(Wed.) Elijah Thomas, Sr., Jeramiah Basham

**Ushers** David Forsyth, Gary Gokey, Rob Grossman, Benjamin Sherrill

**Greeters** Sandra Potter

**Counters** Terri Kellogg, Larry Kort

**Altar Guild** (Sunday) Docia Love, Kathy Vincent: (Tuesday/Wednesday) Kathy Lock

**Sunday School** (Tues.)

**Children's Choir** (Tues./Wed.)

**Adult Choir** (Tues./Wed.)

**Adult Handbells** (Tues./Wed.)

**Instrumentalists:** (Sun.) Deb MacGilvray, Megan Kophamer; (Tues.) Jacob Kophamer;  
(Wed.) Dustin Green

**SERVING NEXT WEEK AT TRINITY December 29, 2019**

**Acolytes** Benjamin Sherrill, Nathan Clapp

**Ushers** Nathan Fehr, David Johnson, Tom Matson, Samuel Sherrill, Joshua Stuchlik

**Greeters** Linda Bauer, Jo Ann Bickham

**Counters** Docia Love, Ryan Badtke

**Altar Guild** Kathy Lock

**Soloist** Megan Kophamer

**Coffee Clean-up** Thomas family

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