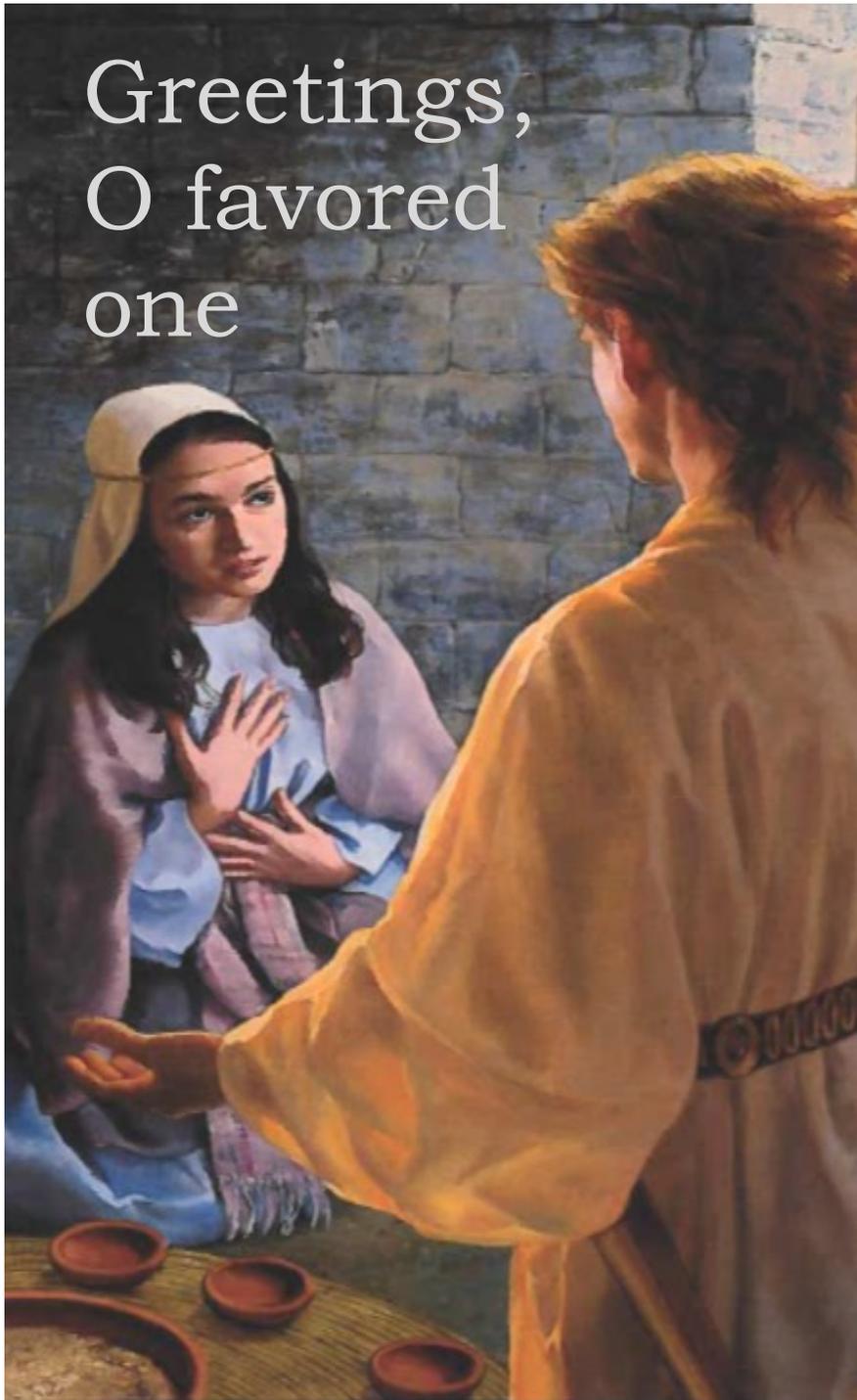


Greetings,
O favored
one



*Fourth Sunday
Of Advent*

*St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN
Sunday, December 20, 2020
9:00 a.m.*

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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Setting Four

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - "Peace"

P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

C **We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

P Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

(2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C **Come, Lord Jesus, our Light and Life.**

P Until that day, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Opening Hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB #343 vs 1-4

Confession and Absolution *stand*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a, b*

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

C **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.**

P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C **In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

P which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

C **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

P Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

C **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.**

Kyrie *LSB 204*

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Special Music "What Do You Think" (Connie Markquart)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.** *sit*

Old Testament Reading *2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

(God's covenant with David)

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God

dwells in a tent.”³ And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’”⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

Epistle *Romans 16:25–27*

(The apostle Paul encompasses the entire good news of God with this Doxology)

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of

the mystery that was kept secret for long ages²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *stand*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 1:26–38*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.”³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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

Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB #357 vs. 1-4*

Message "Greetings, O Favored One"

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB #357 vs 5-7*

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 208 stand*

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

- P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 208*

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.
With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" *LSB #637 vs. 1-3*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" *LSB #809 vs. 1-3*

"A Great and Mighty Wonder" *LSB #383 vs. 1-5*

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

C **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus *LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Glory Be To God The Father" *LSB #506*

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Take My Moments And My Days

Wednesday, December 23

No Confirmation

Christmas Eve, December 24

Family Service @ 3:00 p.m.

Family Service @ 5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service @ 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

No Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday, December 27 Worship Service will be held at 9:00 a.m.
There will be no Sunday school or Adult Bible Class.

Poinsettias We will display poinsettias in the church for Christmas. If you would like to place one in memory of a loved one please order by December 22. Cost is \$19.00. These poinsettia memorials will be printed in the Christmas bulletin, posted on the website at Christmas and published in the January newsletter.

Confirmation Classes will not be held December 23 and December 30.



Christmas Eve Services: We will have three services on Christmas Eve.

A Family Service will be held at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Candlelight Service with Holy Communion will be at 9:00 p.m.

No reservations or registering for these services. We will follow the social distancing guidelines.

Youth Envelope Fundraiser: The youth are raising money to go to the next National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas in July, 2022. Their envelope fundraiser is located in the hallway by the coat rack.

Church Offering Envelopes for 2021 have been placed in your church mailbox. If you did not receive one, please contact us at the church office.

Coping With Cancer: Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird



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Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Danielle Thate, Dennis Finke, Madasin Whitehead, Mary Lange, Jackie Schliesmann, Terri Stahn, Abby Gibson, Dustin Thate, Kathy Christensen, Nicole Behrens, Ray Brolsma, Dianne Beseke, Bonnie Wilson, Tom Davis, Nate Janssen, Patrick Bettin, Matt Janssen, Nolan Kneeland, Don Ziemer,

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Paul & Marlene Stueven, Kent & Erin Meyers, Gary & Ann Jacobsen