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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

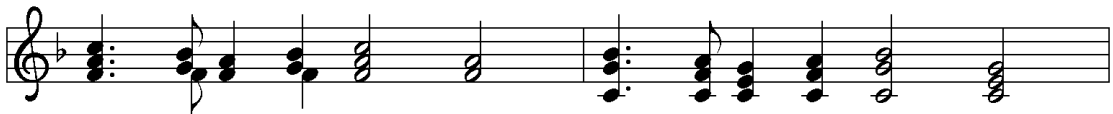
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

P: We praise you, Heavenly Father, for the Advent of your Son and the promise of your kingdom. As we light the fourth candle of this Advent Wreath, fill us with an obedient and serving spirit as Mary once shown to the angel Gabriel. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

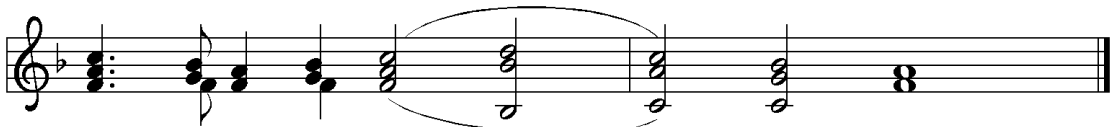
C: Amen

**Kyrie**

**ELW #155**



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . .	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . .	have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



# Taize

# "Raise a Song of Gladness"

Two-voice canon

♩ = 84 (A) D G A (B)

The musical score is written for a two-voice canon in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking of quarter note = 84. Above the staff are circled letters (A), (B), and (C) corresponding to the chords D, G, and A. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics. The third and fourth staves provide a second voice part, with lyrics that overlap with the first voice part.

Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra.  
Raise a song of glad - ness, peo - ples of the earth.

Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Christ has come, bring - ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

## Second Reading

## Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

# Children's Virtual Christmas Drama

*The Congregation stands and sings the acclamation*

## Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia"*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system, all using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a style suitable for children's singing.



P: The Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

## Gospel

**Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child 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 by 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 with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>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 powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

Hymn of the Day ELW 265 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 Glo - ri - a!

## **Apostle's Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

## **The Prayers**

**A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people  
according to their needs. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

**A: God of majesty, we pray for the advent of your kingdom, and your reign of  
peace throughout the world, when violence and war give way to healing and  
life and the veil of darkness is cast off your world. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: God of grace and truth, let the light of your church shine forth in the world. Illuminate your church with the grace and love of your Son and fill your people with gratitude and faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Father in Heaven, we pray for the advent of your Son as glorious Lord of all; bringing light to those who dwell in darkness, joy to those in sorrow, hope to those in fear and despair. We pray especially for *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Perry, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Lola, Morgan, Joe, James, all those diagnosed with COVID-19*, and for those who name before you...Lord, hear our prayer.

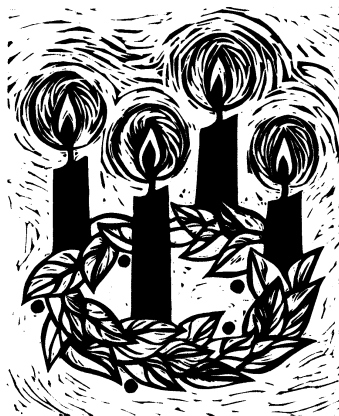
**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Blessed are you, O God, Lord of all creation, we give you thanks for the ministries of our congregation, and the blessings of Concordia Church and Concordia Place . Use us to make radiant the lives of those you have called us to serve. We ask this through him whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude  
as we prepare for communion.*

**Offertory**

*“Wait for the Lord”*

## **Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**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 our thanks and praise.

### **Eucharistic Preface**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
 You have filled all creation with light and life;  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.  
 You rescued Israel, your chosen people.  
 Through the prophets you renewed your promise;  
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,  
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom  
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every  
place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

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

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Communion Invitation**

*We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.*

*Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.*

## **Communion**

**Anthem**

***"Magnificat"* by Orlando Gibbons**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

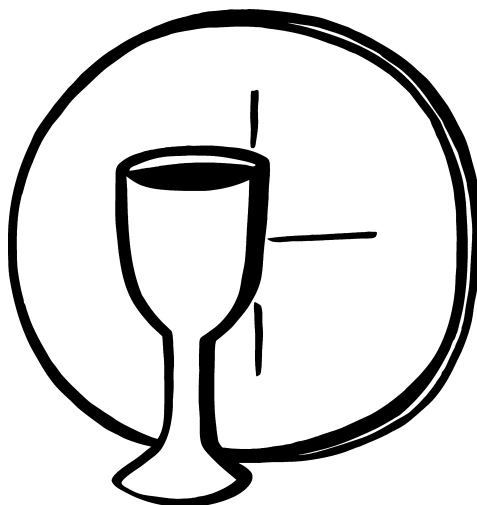
**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**A:** Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

**C:** **Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.**



Closing Hymn

ELW #267 "Joy to the World!"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
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 heav'n and na - ture sing,

## Announcements

### Blessing

### Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*“Adoration”* by Florence Price

*The Postlude continues the feeling of our time together as we leave worship and go share God’s love with our family, friends, and the community.*

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The final Advent Midweek Music Release premieres this Wednesday evening, December 22nd! Find it—and the first 3 releases—on [www.concordiafaith.org/christmas](http://www.concordiafaith.org/christmas) or on the church’s YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago.

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Concordia Church continues to partner with the Common Pantry to support a ‘Take What You Need’ food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital (newly re-named ‘The Cupboard’). Help sustain this partnership with donations of shelf-stable food and toiletry supplies by putting these in the basket at the church entrance. If you’d like to give a monetary gift, simply text the word "CONCORDIA" to 73256 to give using your mobile device and use the drop down list to choose our ‘social impact’ fund. Please connect with [Jen Phillips](#) if you have any questions.

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There will be no choir rehearsal on Sunday, December 26th. Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, January 2nd.

The church office will be minimally staffed December 23rd-31st. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Zook (773) 805-8191 or Jen Phillips (312) 933-4096.



# Hope

# for the holidays



We invite you to join us for the following events this holiday season



### Seasonal Sounds with Lakeshore Brass

*Saturday, December 18th at 7:00pm*

Concert is free in the sanctuary on Seeley. Enjoy the sounds of the season with Chicago-based quintet Lakeshore Brass. Pre-register at the website below.



### Christmas Eve Concert & Service

*Friday, December 24th: Special music at 4:30pm; Worship at 5:00pm*

We rejoice in the coming of Christmas with festive music and celebration!



### Christmas Day Worship

*Saturday, December 25th at 10:00am*

Celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning!

Concert & services offered in-person and virtually  
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### Opening Hymn

*ELW #155*

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

### Taize

*"Raise a Song of Gladness"*

### Gospel Acclamation

Setting Eight

### Hymn of the Day

*ELW #265 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"*

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924  
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

### Sanctus

Setting Eight

### Anthem

*"Magnificat"* by Orlando Gibbons

### Closing Hymn

*ELW #267 "Joy to the World!"*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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