

THE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

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Music: Jan Thompson

Coffee hour: Burns

Flowers: Burns

Communion Asst.: Carol R.

Reader: Jaws

Greeter: Boyd

Please sign up for greeter, coffee hour and flowers on clipboard in narthex.

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Linda Monahan

Wellman

Engebo

Jackie

Allan

Jaws

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Worship for Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent**



ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Burns Family.

Please turn in **Time and talent survey**. You can slide it under office door.

Newest stained glass window: If you donated to the latest stained glass window, please let the church office know. We don't want to miss any names on the plaque.

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Dec. 4- GLORIA DEI HOLIDAY BAZAAR. We hope, by now, that you have come up with some great crafts, baked items and donations for our upcoming Holiday Bazaar. The event will be held immediately following our morning worship service on December 4th.

Dec. 7 - 5:30 Advent potluck and Craft - Stars and snowflakes

Dec. 14 - 5:30 Advent potluck & Craft- Christmas card creations

Dec. 14 & 15- FISH

Dec. 18- 9:30 am HOMECOMING Service.... Home for the holidays. Let's see the whole church family together.

Dec. 18- 4pm Christmas dinner and short program (meet in the fellowship hall)

Dec. 21- 5:30 Advent potluck and Craft (Cookie decorating) & ("Oh Boy" Baby Shower).

We will be having a baby shower for the coming of our new baby Jesus. We will be having a diaper drive as the gifts for the baby and these will be donated to the women's Emergency Support Shelter. We will have cake, games and more.

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP: "To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His Love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. – **Thomas Merton**

Introduction to the day

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from a world of darkness

All: Into Christ's world of light.

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

All: Into God's strength and hope.

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

All: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

**Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear
fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the
Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW 257)

Sing Hymn ELW 240 Light one Candle to Watch for Messiah Sing verse 1&2.



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

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.

SENDING

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 *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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PLEASE RISE FOR THE COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION HYMN (Love has Come ELW 292)



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



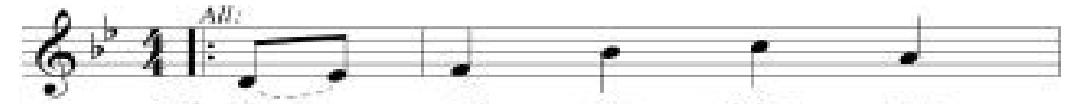
you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (MAGNIFICAT from Martyr Haugen)



All:
 1, 3. My — soul pro - claims your
 2. You have cast the might - y



great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
 down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of



you, heart, You have looked with love on your
 You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more,
 strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart,
 kind - ness for - ev - er — more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: : Isaiah 11:1-10 A reading from Isaiah.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The 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. ³His 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; ⁴but 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. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The 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. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰On 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

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

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴**He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (sung during communion)

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray Eternal God,
You make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be his glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13 A reading from Romans.

⁴Whatever 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. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For 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, ⁹and 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”;
¹⁰and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”¹¹and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”¹³May 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12 Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This 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.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But 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? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰Even 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. ¹¹“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. ¹²His 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.

COMMUNITY TIME- Children’s story of the birth of Jesus

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Wonder as I Wander WOV 642*

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Or, “who proceeds from the Father.” The phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (*especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy

, **hear our prayer.**

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation (*local examples may be named*). We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God Pray?