

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*Sunday, December 22, 2019*  
*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles: The choir will sing as the candles are lit:

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Halleluia! A virgin will give birth to a Son; his name will be Emmanuel. God with us. Halleluia!

### OPENING HYMN: #24 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

*STAND*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly

sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a treble clef and a one-flat key signature.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of five notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, and A4, all connected by a slur. The notes are quarter notes. The staff has a treble clef and a one-flat key signature.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



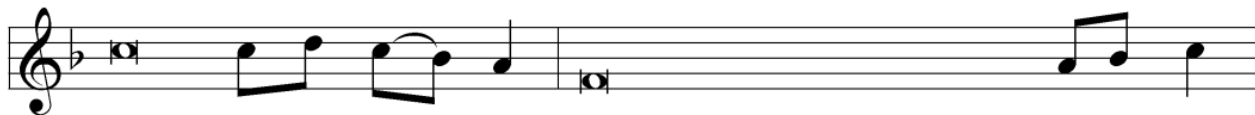
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, 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:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-14**

<sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup> And he said, "Hear then, O house of

David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24**

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Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord mighty in battle.

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:1-7**

**1** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **2** which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, **3** concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh **4** 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, **5** 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, **6** including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

**7** 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.

## VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by choir)

Alleluia! The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia! (Matthew 1:23)

### STAND

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is**

**worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

***BE SEATED***

**GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Gabriel, You Brought to Mary”**

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Gabriel, you brought to Mary Word from God that by his grace  
And the power of his Spirit God the Son to join our race,  
Would be born Child of the Virgin. Did her heart that truth embrace?  
She believed and she rejoiced.

Messenger to troubled Joseph, He with wonder heard you tell  
That our God had chosen Mary Mother of Immanuel.  
Did he make his home their haven, Trusting God in what befell?  
He believed, and he obeyed.

Angel from the brightest glory Shining into darkest night,  
When your dawn-song to the shepherds Praised the coming of the Light.  
"Christ is born to save from darkness!" Did they go to see the sight?  
They saw Daybreak, saw our Lord.

Holy Ghost, grant faith like Mary's To believe we are God's choice  
And belong to him who called us; Help us heed our Shepherd's voice  
And obey like faithful Joseph And come flocking to rejoice  
With the shepherds in the Light.

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" will be sung during the PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, after the sermon.**

## SERMON

STAND

### *PSALM 51 RESPONSE*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## **OFFERING**

**STAND**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**M:** The Great O Antiphons of Advent have been cherished for centuries by Christian worshipers. Each one consists of a title given to Christ in the Old Testament and a petition asking him to come and fulfill the scriptural promise or prophecy.

*The minister shall pray at the altar, and the congregation shall respond by singing the accompanying stanza of "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel."*

**M:** Let us pray.

O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the anointed of the nations and their Savior, come and save us, O Lord our God.

**C: Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily order all things; come and teach us the way of prudence.

**C: Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice ! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M: O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared  
to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on  
Sinai, come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.**

**C: Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times gave holy law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the  
peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the  
nations will do homage, come quickly to deliver us.**

**C: Oh, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem.  
From every foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save:  
Bring them in vic'try through the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you  
open and no one can close; you close and no one can  
open; come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness  
and the shadow of death.**

**C: Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting, come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

**C:** Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone for uniting all people, come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

**C:** Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be yourself the King of Peace.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)




C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:




heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the



forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**#9** “Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes”

**#1** “The Advent of Our King”

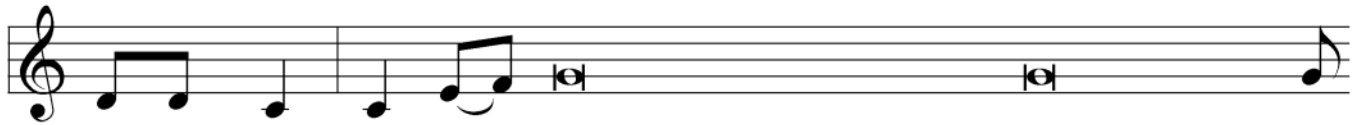
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STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

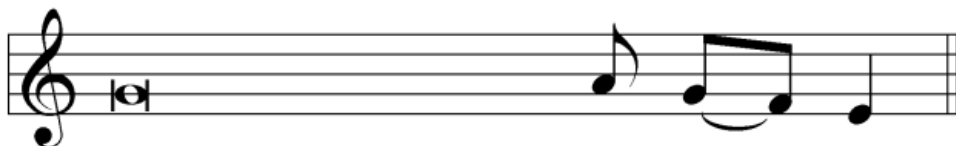


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistants: Ron Bude and Jim Cutler

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

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| Today     | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class         |
| Tuesday   | - 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Carol Festival<br>- 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Divine Service |
| Wednesday | - 10:00 AM Christmas Day Divine Service   |
| Thursday  | - NO Senior Choir rehearsal   |
| Sunday    | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class        |

Serving next week:

Altar Guild – 12/29 Barb Helmke

Ushering – 12/29 Team 3

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