

*NICENE CREED LBW p. 84

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING LBW # 44

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

*OFFERING PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION LBW p. 89

*Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution

COMMUNION HYMNS LBW # 212

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

*BLESSING: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*SENDING HYMN LBW # 39

"Joy to the World"



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV



Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14, NRSV

*Welcome to
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Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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*"A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love."*

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LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: *THE ANGEL'S CANDLE*

NARRATION

RESPONSIVE READING

In the region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those who he favors!”

“Light One Candle”

*GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

LBW # 45

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*HYMN OF MERCY

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance 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. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

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PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

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*GOSPEL VERSE

“Alleluia, To Whom Shall We Go?”

*GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

“What Child Is This”

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SERMON

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