

ADVENT

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We gather together...

INTROIT: *Wait for the Lord*

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: *Cinda Lium and Susan Johnson*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;

from generation to generation God gives mercy.

**ALL: O come, let us adore our God
offering our thanksgivings and worship.**

(based on Luke 1:46-50)

***HYMN** #140: *Jesus Came, The Heavens Adoring*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16 *(Old Testament page 636)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

HYMNAL #818: Psalm 80

SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:1-7 (*New Testament page 152*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25 (*New Testament page 1*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—
our hearts are filled with joy.

**By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom.**

Salvation is your gift to us.

**But we confess that often we try to replace your gift
with our own efforts.**

We try to complete what is already perfect;
we try to add to what is already full;
we try to earn what we already have.

**Forgive us for our foolishness.
Help us to focus on your grace.
Help us to live grateful lives in return.
For Jesus' sake alone. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news of our Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to our Advent God, who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN #131: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

SERMON: *Lauren Pattie*

...and to respond with our lives...

HYMN #125: *Hark the Glad Sound

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

Announcements

Offering

*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

HYMN #146: *Joy to the World*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

String Band

*Join us after the service for **Cocoa & Carols**,
an intergenerational time of carol singing with hot cocoa and treats,
downstairs in Fellowship Hall.*

Welcome!

GREETER: Sandy Larsen

ACOLYTES: Axel and Elsie

READERS: Corbin Sheffels and Jo Portinga

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Deeann Puffert

USHER: Mary Hjelm

COFFEE SERVERS: [Cocoa & Carols, Fellowship Hall]

LIVESTREAM: Catelyn Anderson

