

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 22, 2024

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** or indicate such **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

### THE ORDER OF MATINS

#### Prelude

#### Hymn of Invocation #62

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

#### Stand

#### Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics written below the notes.

Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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shall be: world with-out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

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#### The Invitatory

Y: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

R: For He is our Mak - er.

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The Venite

Psalm 95:1-7



1 O come, let us sing - - - - - unto the Lord:  
 3 For the LORD is a - - - - - great God:  
 5 The sea is His, and He - - - - - made it:  
 Glory be to the Father and - - - - - to the Son:



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- va- tion.  
 3 and a great - - - - - King a- bove all gods.  
 5 and His hands - - - - - form-ed the dry land.  
 and - - - - - to the Ho-ly Ghost:



2 Let us come before His presence with thanks- giv- ing:  
 4 In His hand are the deep places - - - - - of the earth:  
 6 O come, let us worship and - - - - - bow down:  
 7 For He - - - - - is our God:  
 As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,



2 and make a joyful - - - - - noise unto Him with psalms.  
 4 the strength of the hills is - - - - - His al- so.  
 6 let us kneel before the - - - - - Lord our Mak- er.  
 7 and we are people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 world - - - - - with-out end. A- men.

**Psalmody:** Ps. 80:1-7

*Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
 You who lead Joseph like a flock;  
 You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!*

**Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
 Stir up Your strength,  
 And come and save us!**

*Restore us, O God;  
 Cause Your face to shine,  
 And we shall be saved!*

**O LORD God of hosts,  
 How long will You be angry  
 Against the prayer of Your people?  
 You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
 And given them tears to drink in great measure,  
 You have made us a strife to our neighbors,  
 And our enemies laugh among themselves.**

*Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 Cause Your face to shine,  
 And we shall be saved!*

**The Gloria Patri** (see top of page 2)

*Sit*

**The Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments**  
*What is the Third Commandment?*

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**  
*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**  
*What is the Fourth Commandment?*

**Honor your father and your mother.**  
*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

**The Lection**

**The Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
 who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
 from you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to be ruler 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 given birth;  
 then the rest of his brothers shall return  
 to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
 And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
 to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

**The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,  
 “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
 but a body have you prepared for me;  
<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
 you have taken no pleasure.  
<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
 as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”  
<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, “Behold, I have come to do  
 your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by  
 that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus  
 Christ once for all.

*Stand*

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a  
 town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted  
 Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped  
 in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she  
 exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is  
 the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of  
 my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting  
 came to my ears, the baby 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  
 from the Lord.”

**Y:** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn #647**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Sermon: “Peace from Little Bethlehem” (8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)**  
**Micah 5:2, 5**

- I. We’re all in need of peace.
- II. The Ruler from little Bethlehem *is* peace.

**Children’s Christmas Message: “What Child Is This” (10:30 a.m.)**

**The Offerings**

*Stand*

**Hymn: LSB #936 (in place of The Benedictus)**

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
 2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
 3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
 4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
 oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
 way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
 lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
 Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
 His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
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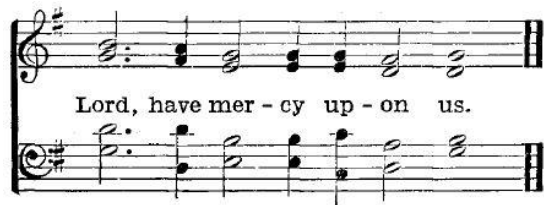
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 foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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### The Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### The 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.

☩: The Lord be with you.

### The Salutation



☩: And with thy spir - it.

### Special Petitions

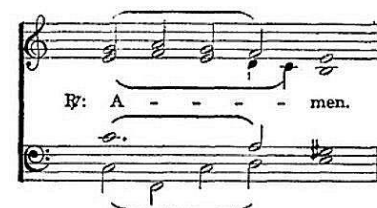
#### Collect Of The Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Thy

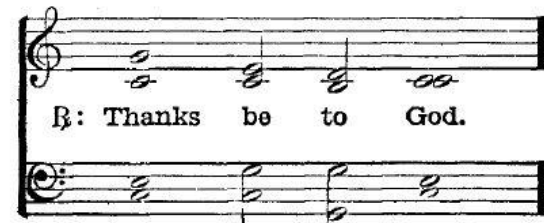
governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



☩: A - - - - men.

### The Benedictamus

☩: Bless we the Lord.



☩: Thanks be to God.

### The Benediction

☩: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.



☩: A - - - - men.

Sit

### Hymn #71

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

### Silent Prayer & Postlude

**DAILY READINGS:** December 22: Is. 43:1–24; Rev. 9:13–10:11; 23: Is. 43:25–44:20; Rev. 11:1–19; 24: Is. 44:21–45:13, 20–25; Rev. 12:1–17; 25: Is. 49:1–18; Matt. 1:1–17; 26: Is. 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16; Matt. 1:18–25; 27: Is. 51:17–52:12; Matt. 2:1–12; 28: Is. 52:13–54:10; Matt. 2:13–23.

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