



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Advent



The Virgin-Born Immanuel Comes to Save



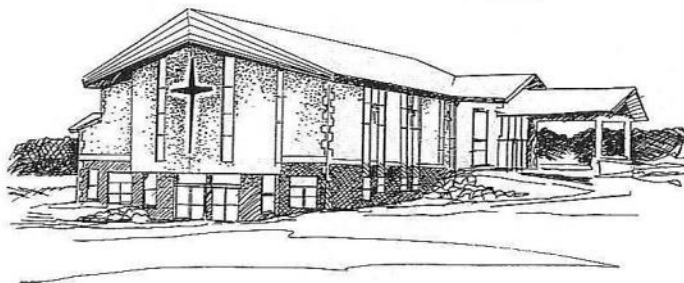
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*

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December 18, 2022

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CWS 702)

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and
own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -
greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and



val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall
All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:
doubt as - sail you! Ho - san - na to the
now a - dore him!
so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

M: We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary.
He came to share our humanity.

C: **We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.**

M: We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

C: **We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

Four Advent candles are lit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Ahaz again. He said, ¹¹ “Ask for a sign from the LORD your God. Ask for it either in the depths below or in the heights above.”

¹² But Ahaz responded, “I will not ask. I will not test the LORD.” ¹³ So Isaiah said: Listen now, you house of David. Is it not enough for you to test the patience of men? Will you test the patience of my God as well? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give a sign for all of you. Look! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and name him Immanuel.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Come, Emmanuel

SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised in advance through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. ³ This gospel is about his Son—who in the flesh^[a] was born a descendant of David, ⁴ who in the spirit^[b] of holiness was declared to be God’s powerful Son by his resurrection from the dead—Jesus Christ, our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and the call to be an apostle on behalf of his name, to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, ⁶ including you, who were called by Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all those loved by God who are in Rome, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia.



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
 4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: VENI, EMMANUEL (LM with Refrain) Plainsong melody, 15th century, alt.

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother, Mary, was pledged in marriage to Joseph. Before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her. So he decided to divorce her privately. ²⁰ But as he was considering these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Look, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son. And they will name him Immanuel," which means, "God with us."

²⁴ When Joseph woke up from his sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him. He took Mary home as his wife, ²⁵ but he was not intimate with her until she gave birth to her firstborn son. And he named him Jesus.

He Came! He Came! Immanuel!

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.**

GATHERING OF OUR THANK-OFFERING

*During the collection of the offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.
Thank you!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith and humility to receive the virgin-born Son of God in the signs where he is promised to be found: his Holy Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the apostolic Gospel and its ministers, that the name and resurrection of Jesus would be proclaimed among all the nations, including among us, to bring about the obedience of faith in every place, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all couples engaged to be married, that they may come to their wedding day chastely and without fear, shame or disgrace; that they may know that Immanuel is the one who saves his people from their sins; and that God would clothe all brides and grooms in the forgiveness of Christ, by which all can stand before him cleansed and confident of his blessing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and its rulers, that the Lord would bear patiently with this land despite its tiresome flattery and unbelief; that God would clear away all empty shows of piety; and that he would renew genuine faith in the virgin's Son, that his return may not be a sign against us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For penitent hearts, that God would preserve us from temptation and abuse of his name by seeking our own way, and instead move us to confess our sins and rejoice in Jesus, our salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those in any need, [*especially* _____,] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the faithful, that they may celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Word, singing his praises, and receiving his body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving his advent in the flesh, we may always confess him and remain watchful for his advent in glory at the Last Day; for you live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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 my blood of the new covenant, 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

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, What the
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's
 4 Wel - come, O my Sav - ior, now! Joy - ful,
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set



tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 help - er, Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold
 Lord, to you I bow. Come in - to my
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to



us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 race be - hold— Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
 heart, I pray; Oh, pre - pare your - self a way.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death,

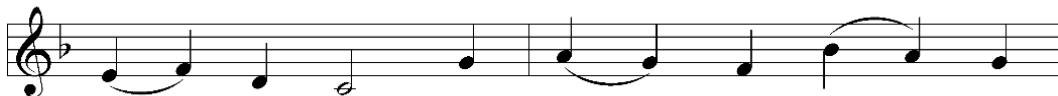
6 And, when you shall come again
 As a glorious king to reign,
 I with joy may see your face,
 Freely ransomed by your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, abr., alt.

Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820, alt.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

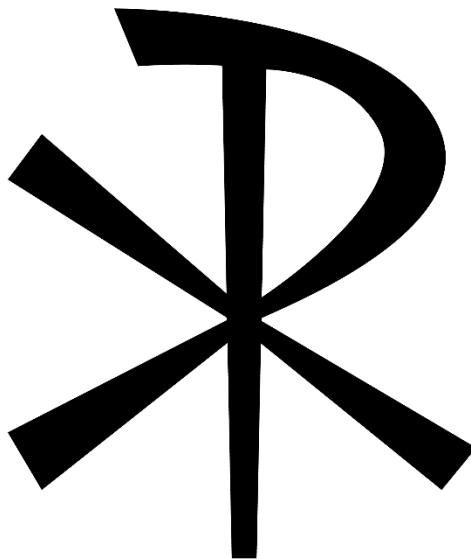
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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CLOSING HYMN (CWS 704)

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending
(on page 19)





1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -
 3 Those dear to - kens of his
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a -



scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner
 hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -
 pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y
 dore you High on your e - ter - nal



slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand
 ty; Those who ri - di -
 bears, Cause of end - less
 throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall



saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
 culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
 bow be - fore you; Come and take your



of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
 peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what won - der, With what won - der,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
 You shall reign and you a - lone!



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

To the congregation at Lord of Love:

Thank you all for helping me celebrate my 60 years of being an organist. You made the day special for me! I have enjoyed playing all these years in many churches from the Milwaukee suburbs to the Madison area. I hope to continue serving our Lord and this congregation.

Yours in Christ, *Sharon Freund*

Teen Group: The teen group will be meeting in the classroom upstairs next to the elevator today. The Sunday school will be using the basement space for practice for their upcoming children's service.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am

1 Peter, Sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am

Judges, Upstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm – *this study resumes January 4*

Psalms, Downstairs

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45)

Matthew, DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday December 18: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Joe Hornbeck (8:00) and Andy Holzman (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer/Donna Cotter • A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Wednesday December 21

6:30 pm Children's Christmas Service: *Christmas Light*

Children arrive at 6:00 pm

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Ushers: Lanna LaGrange and Reagan Oughton
- Music and service coordinator: Kristin Huebner
- Sunday school coordinator: Jen Olson
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Mike Wilson
- AV and Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Saturday December 24: Christmas Eve

6:30 pm Worship

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers: Roger LaGrange and *volunteer needed*
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- AV and Recording: Julie Doyle



Sunday December 25: Christmas Day

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion – *one service*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: Mike Wilson and Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers: Sef Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer/Donna Cotter
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

*Note, there will not be a New Year's Eve Worship service on December 31.
This is a change from what was previously listed.*

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Nolan Craney (12/18), Nora Immel (12/18), Phil Boll (12/19), Alexandra Mendez (12/19) and James Gould Jr. (12/23) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking Ahead:

- **December 21: Children's Christmas Service, 6:30 pm**
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Worship 6:30 pm**
- **December 25: Christmas Day Worship, 9:00 am – one service**
- **December 31: No New Year's Eve Worship service**
- **January 1: Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am**
- **January 1:** Food Drive begins to support the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **January 7:** Take down Christmas trees, 9:00 am
- **January 19, 2023:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, 12:00 – 5:00 pm

Offerings December 1 - 10:

- General Fund: \$9,916
- Building Expansion Fund: \$150
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10
- Carpet Installation (Wishlist): \$500

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997



Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to the church electronically through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(December 1 - 10, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$3,486 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$500 was given towards Carpet Installation – Wish List.)

