HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Good King Wenceslas

arr. Mallory

Augustus Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: He Came Down

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He Came Down



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **→** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you

and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C Amen.
- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- **P** Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

 We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

 Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the
 → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Use this blessing when lighting four candles.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

G Amen.

HYMN: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (Stanza(s) all)

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Congregation, please sing when you hear each organ introduction.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above your deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light, The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O morning star of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright. Round you virgin, mother and child Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

THE FIRST NOEL

The first noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

THE FIRST NOEL

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

THE FIRST NOEL

Then entered in those wise men three, Full rev'rently upon their knee, And offered there in his presence Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense, Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

CHORUS: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. [Chorus]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. [Chorus]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn [Chorus]

Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

NICENE CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

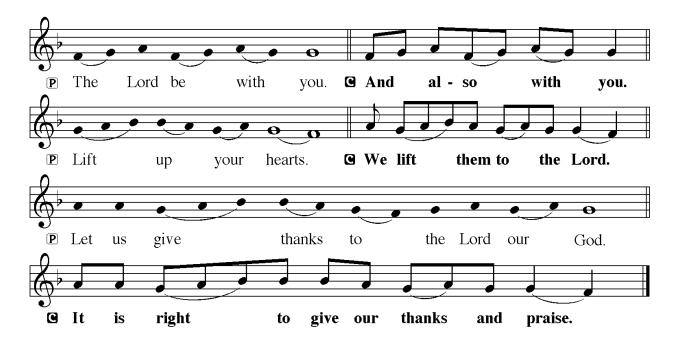
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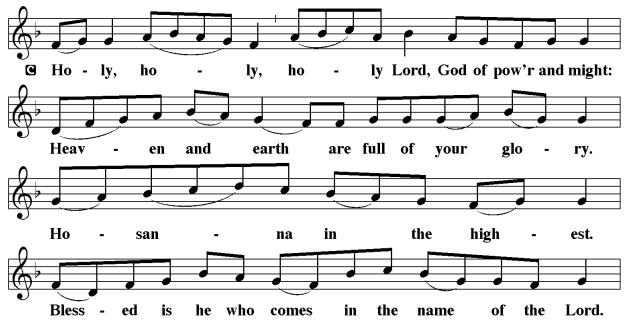
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:





The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

P IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,

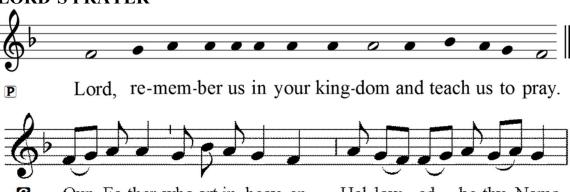
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:

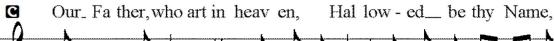
THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD,

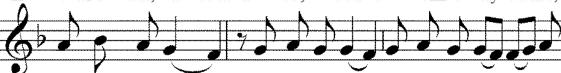
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LORD'S PRAYER



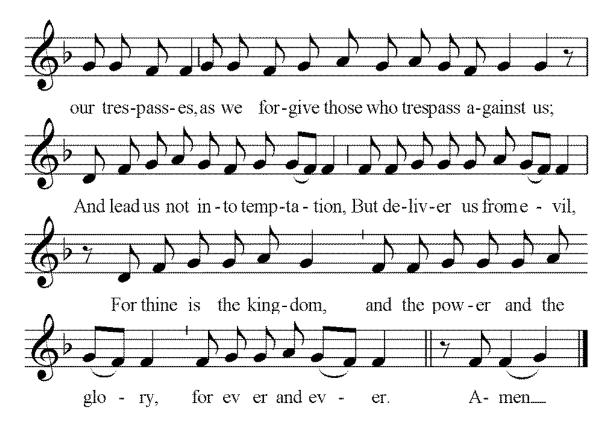




Thy King-dom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it__is__in



Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us heaven.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

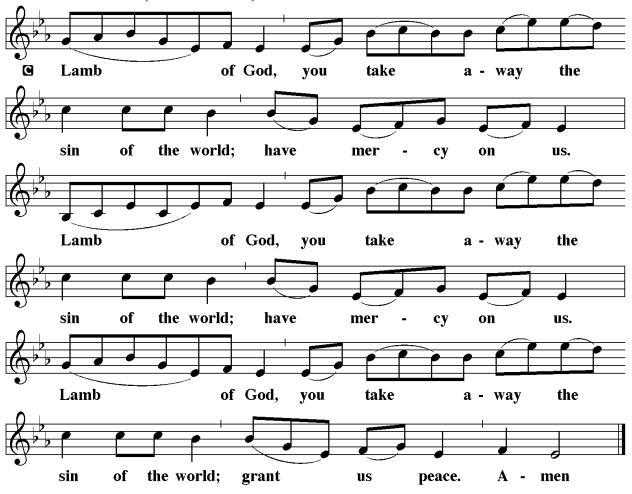
and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



ANTHEM: Mary Did You Know

arr. Raney

Ali Backlund, Flute

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

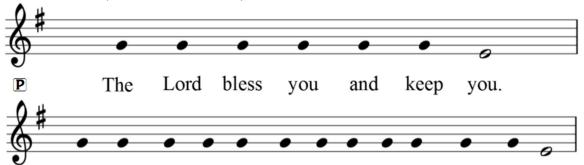
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



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



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Joy to the World*

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Joy to the World



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Joy to the World arr Limbaugh

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The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

A Hymn of Praise is not appropriate during Advent because of the season's preparatory nature.

The liturgical color blue, symbolic of hope, is used for the Advent season.

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Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney 10:30 am: Becky Quirk

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Allebach in loving memory of the December 15th birthday anniversary of Mother, Blanche J. Allebach.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by the Menendez family in loving memory of dear friend Kathy Lentini.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Elaine Johnston in loving memory of husband and parents.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE has recently delivered Christmas Ornaments to the residents and staff at Brandywine Assisted Living on behalf of the congregants of Augustus Lutheran Church. As the year draws to an end, many residents are home-bound, isolated, and lack family. As a token of acknowledgement and recognition of our friends at Brandywine, ornaments with the Augustus logo were distributed this past week. The Outreach Committee is honored, grateful, and appreciative of Brandywine's ongoing and continuing support of Augustus events and partnership throughout the year.

NATIVITY PROGRAM PLAYERS

Narrator	Lilly North
	Lucas McCrea
Maria	D.:: -11 - D.::1.1
	Brielle Pribbernow
Joseph	Leo North
Donkey	
Innkeeper	
	Abe Van Alstine, Ed Van Alstine,
	Abigail Catagnus, Liam North, Mya Schiller
Magi	Elle Ralph, Abigail Catagnus, Madison Catagnus
Camel/Magi	Turner Collins
Star	Lilly Catagnus
Angels/Sheep	Thomas Brown Aubrey Collins,
· →	Brayden McCrea, Rory Collins,
. •	Landon Pribbernow, Vincent Brown
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Christmas Eve Services

Start your Christmas family tradition at Augustus with our candlelit pathways, gas lamps wrapped in greens, and Candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church or our traditional service in the newly decorated Brick Church!

5:00 pm A Living Nativity will be presented in the Old Trappe Church.

7:00 pm A family service with carols and lessons in the Old Trappe Church

Old Trappe Church is a 1743 unheated and unelectrified Church. Please dress accordingly and remember your flashlights!

9:00 pm Our traditional Christmas Communion service in the heated and

delightfully decorated Brick Church

ATTENDEES TO THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT, COURTESY OF AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH!



<u>The Outreach Committee has re-released Christmas Cards</u> by the famed local artist, Julia Longacre. The re-release has been remastered, enhanced, and printed on archival paper suitable for framing. A box of 8 cards are on sale for only \$20.00. Contact Brian at brian.ohara24@gmail.com.





NEW TRAPPE "PANDORA STYLE" **CHARM** - Anticipated Release Date: Sport your local pride with monuments of the local landmarks. The charms are made from sterling silver and are designed by a local artist. A new charm is currently in the design process. The charm will be the second parsonage and current parsonage of Augustus. The charms are made of sterling silver and they make a great gift. We are anticipating it to be released around Thanksgiving weekend and in time for the Christmas season. Look for additional details to come. Additional charms will be released in the future. However, you can still get any one of the charms we released in the past, such as the famous Old Trappe Church charm or the Augustus Brick Church Charm. We also have several charms designed for the Augustus Women's Ministry. A limited supply of charms is on hand at any giving time.

purchasing a charm, please reach out to Brian O'Hara at brian.ohara24@gmail.com or stop by Augustus Lutheran Church on Sundays for the 10:30 and ask for Brian. Proceeds benefit Augustus Outreach Ministries.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allebach in memory of Loved Ones.

Augustus Women of the ELCA given to the Glory of God in loving memory and in honor of all its members.

Given to the Glory of God by Jamie and Nancy Berg in honor of our children: Julieann, Michael, Justin, Alisha, Lindsey and Emily.

Glory to the newborn king! In loving memory of my sister, Shirlee Rykiel, from Judy Bubeck.

Nancee Rambo Clelland in loving memory of husband, William Clelland.

Nancee Rambo Clelland in loving memory of parents, Gunnar and Sara Rambo.

Nancee Rambo Clelland in loving memory of brother, Gunnar Rambo, Jr.

LaVonne Johnson to the glory of God in loving memory of my husband, Dennis L. Johnson.

Elaine Johnston in loving memory of my husband and parents.

Charles Hallman in memory of Carole Hallman.

Anita Halteman in memory of Galen Halteman.

Anita Halteman in honor of family members.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of my parents, Tom and Anne Lachenmayer.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of Dorothy Keffer and Miriam Bennett.

Stan and Heather Lilienthal in memory of Richard and June Himes.

Stan and Heather Lilienthal in memory of Stanley and Irene Lilienthal.

Jim and Sally Lorah in memory of loved ones.

Nancy Loughery to the Glory of God.

Pat and Tony Mancuso in memory of Guy and Dorothy Kinzer.

Pat and Tony Mancuso in memory of Anthony and Suzanne Mancuso.

Pat and Tony Mancuso in memory of Pia and Kampang Tapunoi.

Karen McClain with sincere thanks to the O'Hara family for all they do at Augustus.

Cathy Menendez in loving memory of my parents, Catherine and Bob Engel and dear friend, Kathy Lentini.

Phyllis Oehlert in loving memory of husband, Paul Oehlert.

Patrick, Dale and Brian O'Hara given to the Glory of God in loving memory of family and friends.

Ethelyn Perkins in memory of Loved Ones.

In loving memory of our parents from the Redeyoff family.

Robert Reichner – You and I may never get the chance to meet but regardless, we stand together. Merry Christmas.

Barbara Rice in loving memory of my parents, E and B Freiberg.

Barbara Rice in loving memory of my sister, Lillian and her husband, George.

Mary Saylor and Laura Peljae in loving memory of Kenneth Saylor,

Mary Saylor in loving memory of her children, Jon Madill, Cynthia (Madill) Klacike, Pamela Madill.

Deborah Scholl in memory of loved ones.

Susan Snow and Barry Amole in memory of our parents, Charles and Kathryn Westman and Clifton and Lidalee Amole.

Sonya Sowards in thanksgiving for Augustus Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders.

John and Denise Staub in loving memory of our fathers, Dennis L. Johnson and John F. Staub.

Michael Van Blaricun

John, Charlotte, Jennifer and Michael Wentworth given in loving memory of Leon and Leona Linsenbigler, and John and Mary Wentworth.

