

# The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Word Made Flesh

December 21 & 22, 2024

5:30PM & 8:00AM

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
Faribault, MN 55021



## Week 4: Light of the World Order of Service

### Announcements

P I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

Opening Hymn ... "The People That in Darkness Sat" LSB 412, sts. 1-3, 6△

### Please stand

### Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*(Four blue candles are lit on the Advent wreath.)*

P Today, we light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath as we rejoice in Jesus our Savior, the Light of the World. To a world lost in the darkness of sin, Jesus brought the light of love and salvation, a light that we see shining out of the manger in Bethlehem.

C Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus, with the light of your love.

P Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world. ...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."  
(Matthew 5:14, 16)

C Lord Jesus, help us to reflect the light of your love to everyone we meet.

### Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God, and ask his forgiveness.

C Almighty God, even though we should shine with Jesus' light, we often become lost in the shadows of sin. We turn away from your Word and your will to listen to the temptations of the world around us. Instead of seeking to help and serve others, we pay more attention to our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.

P God loved the world and sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus died and rose from death for us, and our sins are washed away in his blood. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C Jesus, Light of the World, shine in and through us!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P Lord Jesus, on the first Christmas, light filled the night sky as angels announced your birth to shepherds and sang praise to God. You are the Light of the World, and those who follow you will not walk in darkness. Help us in the power of the Holy Spirit to reflect your light in a world still lost in the darkness of sin. As we bear witness to your love through our words and actions, we pray that others will come to trust in you and to walk in the light of your love. Mighty Lord, hear our prayer and accept our praise. Amen.

### **Please sit**

Hymn ... "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" *LSB* 839, sts. 1

### **Children's Sermon**

Hymn ... "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" *LSB* 839, sts. 2-3

### **Old Testament Reading ... Exodus 13:21-22**

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading ... 2 Corinthians 4:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand****Gospel Reading ... Matthew 5:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**Please sit**

**Sermon Hymn ... “O God of God, O Light of Light”** LSB 810, sts. 1-2

**Sermon** “LIGHT OF THE WORLD” *The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**Please stand****Apostles’ Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**Please sit**

**Tithes and Offering** (8:00 Only – Choir Anthem “Sing the Songs of Bethlehem”)

**Please stand****Prayers**

*Each petition concludes with the following response:*

P Jesus, Light of the World,

**C Lead us to walk in the light of your love.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

P Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

**C 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**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB p. 208**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

**AGNUS DEI**

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Please sit**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628, sts. 1-6

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

LSB 352, sts. 1-6

**Please stand****Dismissal**

**P** The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis** (*Song of Simeon*)

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Benediction** (John 8:12; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Numbers 6:24-26)

P Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**C God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C Amen**

**Please sit**

**Closing Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LSB 348, sts. 1-5**

**\* \* \* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \***

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## *Christmas Worship Schedule*

**Thursday, December 19**

6:00 PM - FLS Christmas Service

**Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24**

4:30 PM - Christmas Eve Family Service

*(Please note: The Christmas Eve Family Service will be broadcast on KDHL at 6:00 p.m.)*

10:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25**

9:00 AM - Christmas Day service with Holy Communion

**Saturday & Sunday, December 28 & 29**

Regular Services Times

Services of Lessons & Carols

**NO NEW YEAR'S EVE OR DAY SERVICES**

*Midweek Advent, Christmas Eve Family & Christmas Day services  
will be broadcast on KDHL (920 am) and live streamed.*