

Silverdale Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 18th, 2022

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Welcome to worship as we celebrate this Sunday. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. If you are using your laptop, tablet, or phone to join in the livestream at 8:30am and 11:00 am, link to <http://bit.ly/SLCworship>. Please note that those attending worship in person may at times be on camera.

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Confession and Forgiveness

P: We begin in the name of the one in whom we are baptized, the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: As people called out of darkness, let us confess our sins and seek forgiveness from the God of righteousness and mercy.

(silence for reflection)

P: Oh God of steadfast love,

C: We confess our impatience and resistance to your will. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings from created things and forces rather than through you, our creator. We are quick to judge others, yet refuse to see our own failings. We are numb to the cries of those in need and grow weary of righteousness and compassion. Restore us, Oh God; let your light shine on us, that we may be saved. Amen.

P: Hear the glad tidings of God! For the sake of Christ, your sins are forgiven and light has shone in your darkness. May the light of Christ shine through our lives as we wait for the full redemption of all creation.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn

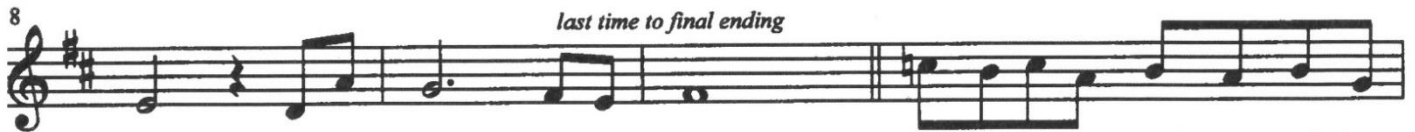
Jesus Come (Vs 4 and Chorus)



Je-sus, come, the wea-ry world a - waits You, Be our hope in pro-mis-es ful-



filled; Our lights burn bright a - gainst the si - lent dark - ness, as we wait, we



wait, Je - sus, come, Je - sus, come. *last time to final ending*
Come to us on clouds of roll - ing
Come to us in right - eous - ness and
Come to us in ways yet un - ex -
Come to us in stor - ies of the



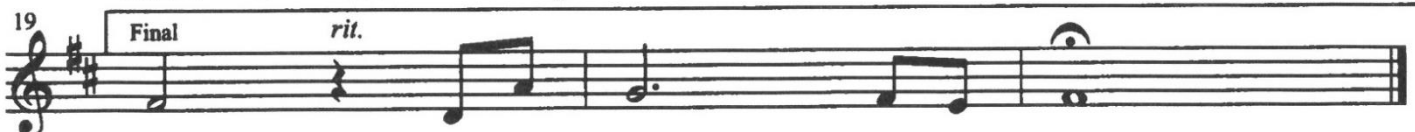
thun - der, Draw us clo - ser to Your heav'n - ly throne,
mer - cy, Teach us to re - flect Your per - fect light,
pect - ed, Words and deeds of mer - cy and truth,
man - ger, Gath - er us be - neath Your guid - ing star,



Ev - ery knee will bow in awe - some won - der,
Make us to be in - stru - ments of jus - tice,
Hope for all the lost and dis - nect - ed,
Teach us to be ma - gi and shep - herds,



Maj - es - ty be given to You a - lone. Je - sus
Bold - ly burn - ing lamps a - gainst the night.
Show - ing them the path - way to You.
Drawn to You from plac - es near and far.



come. Je - sus, come, Je - sus, come.

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Opening Litany

L: The advent of the Lord is near.

C: New light dawning where there has been darkness.

L: The advent of the Lord is near.

C: New hope reigning where there has been death and despair.

L: The advent of the Lord is near.

C: New light, new hope, new life for all creation.

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

As we light the fourth candle, we focus our attention on the gift of the incarnation, Immanuel, God's love coming to us in Jesus. As we hear in 1st John: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." Almighty God, we thank you for your love that you have poured into our hearts through Jesus. Give us your Spirit that we may love as you have loved us.

C: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!

Jesus Come – Repeat Chorus

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray... Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit into the midst of our preparations for Christmas, centering us once again on your reign of justice, compassion, and truth. May we, who are so often anxious over many things, attend once again to your coming among us.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Children's Sermon –

Kids' Word (11am) – *After children's message, those participating in Kid's Word meet at the back of the sanctuary.*

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation “Ave Maria”

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

melody

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Lord to whom

6 shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

12 life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu ia.

Chords: C, F, C, Gm, C, F, Bb, F, C, F

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

“Dream”

Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard

(after a brief period of reflection, please stand for the hymn of the day)

Hymn of the Day

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace

Community Time –

The Offering *(Please pass the black friendship pads down the pew – guests we would love to send you a thank you for worshipping with us, please provide your email or address.)*

THE MEAL

Offering

Musical Offering



Offering Response

Let the vine yards be fruit ful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bles sing.

Gath er a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all. U nite them with the prayers we of fer.

Grace our ta ble with your presence and give us a for taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

L: Merciful God,

C: As we journey in this in-between time, may our watching and waiting be filled with giving and receiving your blessings. We joyfully return to you what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, all signs of your gracious love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy

Am G Am F G Am

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord.

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God al - migh - ty

F G Am E Am F G Am 1.2. 3rd

5 Hea - ven and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Bles - sed three in one. one.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(All)*

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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)



All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be two tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets. Adults who do not receive the Supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would

welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, have mer - cy up - on us. Grant us peace to live a - new each

5 day. Lamb of God. You take a-way the sin of the world.

10 Grant us peace. Grant us your peace. 1. 2. peace.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff begins with a measure rest and contains the second line. The third staff begins with a measure rest and contains the third line, which includes a first and second ending. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined for emphasis.

Communion Song

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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Post Communion Blessing

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.

C: Amen

Prayer & Benediction

A: 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.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

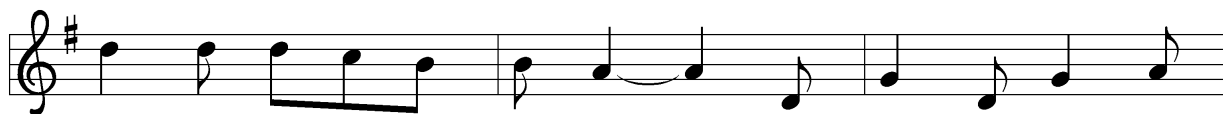
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Awake Awake and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Dismissal

L: We are grace filled!

C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Thanks:

**Preaching: Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard | Presiding: Pastor Bill Crabtree
December Altar Care: Jill and Scott Slocum and Beth Adams and family.**

Liturgists: (8:30am) Sue Shultz (11:00 am) Olivia Cormier

**Communion Assistants: (8:30am) Cathy Ford and Randy Randolph
(11:00 am) Sonny & Sharron Kanlian**

Acolytes: (8:30am) Madelynn Story (11:00am) Mae Ceraldi

Readers: (8:30am) Marilyn Hawks (11:00am) Kathy Ozimek

Readings for Christmas Eve:

Psalm 85:4-13, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 2:1-7,

Luke 2:8-14, Luke 2:15-20

Readings for December 25th

Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4 & John 1:1-14

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:

Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

Prayer and Care: Karen Knapp and family in the death of her father, Walt. Debbie White anticipating back surgery. Carmen Meherg's son, Brian and daughter in law Andrea, hospitalized with pregnancy complications. Ace Edwards anticipating knee replacement surgery. Jim Piatt recovering from surgery. John Daly recovering from serious illness. David Keller, that new chemo treatments are effective. Bruce Kramer's father, Tony, undergoing additional testing.

Recovering from Surgery/Illness: Jerry Gray, Sharon Malis, Bob Brien, Les Peterson, Karen McQuillan

Facing Cancer: John Ackenhusen, John Adair, Rudy Burress, Judy de Carbonel, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Melanie Ivanelli, David Keller, Ron Maddux, Michael Phelps, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Dave Ryan, June Stocks, David Trexler, Carol Wales, Scott Wills, Jim Weisbrodt and Darlene Yocum.

Deployed & Military Support & Their Families: Paul Voigt, Alex Iverson, Andrew Quam, Daniel Reed, Rebecca Mackey, Megan Seawolf, Jared Cain, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: Mary Ellen Heald, Jean Sherbesman, Vinny Rupp, Charlie Jones, Kim Grasmick, Bert Clark, Hilma Bridges, Elsie Sund, David Joseph Randall, Jerry Gray, Sharron Lindkvist, Marilyn Adair, Clara Barr, Webb Rhodes, Joyce Banka, Lucile Lampi, Matt Ryan, Randy Fossum, Marilyn Running, Dave Hagen, Craig Messett, Laura Gessner, Jean Locke & Michael Klein. All those who are dealing with COVID.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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