



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude

Ring of the Bell

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Opening Hymn *“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”* #34

*The Apostolic Greeting

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.**

*The Kyrie *“Lord, Have Mercy”* (Words David Eck)



Lord have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on__ us.



Shine your light in - to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.
Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to love as one.



Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.__
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.__



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

The Hymn of Praise “Glory be to God on High” (Words David Eck)

Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed

joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glor -

- - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*The Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, 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. Amen.**

The First Reading

-Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his

God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Responsive Reading

-Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

⁵⁰ **You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁵² **casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**

⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

The Special Music

“Christmas Is Coming”

-Senior Choir

The Second Reading

-Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” ⁸ 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), ⁹ then he added, “See, I

have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation “*Celtic Alleluia*” (Words David Eck)

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 1:39-55

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child

in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” [⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”]

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children’s Message

The Sermon

“Magnificent”

The Hymn of the Day

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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*The 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 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.

*The Prayers

*The Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

*The Sharing of Peace

The Offering *“Your blessings are immeasurable”* (Words David Eck)

Your bless - ings are im - mea - sura - ble. Our homes are warm, our
 praise you, God, for love, for life, for sav - ing us from
 dark - est night. We of - fer now our - selves to you. God,
 use good news of the way you choose. We
 use good news of the way you choose. We

***The Great Thanksgiving**
 The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***Preface**
“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Words David Eck)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
 earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
 is the one who comes Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

***The Words of Institution**

*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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Advent/Christmas

"Lamb of God"

(Words David Eck)



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give_ us your
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-
joice! Re-joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra-el.

Communion Distribution

(#67, #44, #54)

*The Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

*The Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Sending

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

*Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

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USHERS: Brian Bartelt, Jeff Hofbauer, Cecil & Ryan Welhousen

JR. USHERS: Ivan Hanson & Rylan Ricke

LECTOR: Daryl Chapin

COMMUNION HELPER: Kristen Hinz

COMMUNION CLEAN UP: Cecil & Sandy Welhousen

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sandra Harms

DECEMBER KITCHEN DUTIES: Linda Gerdis

TODAY WE CELEBRATE *Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let the pastor or people serving communion know you need it.*

THE OFFERING today is for Current Expenses. The offering next Sunday is for Benevolence.

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon, 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel,
Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Chris Heille (Pastor John’s uncle), Gabby Trunkhill, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Our folks in the nursing homes, All active military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Travis Hoyle, Gary Meinders, Karlie Countryman, Dale Norland, Ben Van Hove, David Trunkhill, Chris Heesch, and Amy Harms-Hoad.

REPORTS FOR THE 2024 Annual Report book are due NO LATER than December 27th! Please get them to Kelly ASAP! Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Tues., Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve at St. John’s
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve at Immanuel
	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve at Good Hope
Wed., Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	Joint Christmas Day Service at Good Hope/Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
Sun., Dec. 29	10:30 a.m.	Worship

THE WELCA WILL have a short meeting after worship on Sunday, December 29th after our service. All women are asked to attend!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP in the Chapel before Church. Everyone welcome!

JOIN FAMILY & FRIENDS for Christmas Carols Sunday, December 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Titonka Care Center and then at 7:00 p.m. at Titonka Brewing Company.

—you are invited to bring food to share at the brewery

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

- *Two poinsettias are given in loving memory of their loved ones by Doug & Laura Phelps, Scott & Miranda, Chloe, and Rory, Janel & Bret and Audrey.*
- *Three poinsettias given in loving memory of Bud Heesch, and Joy Nelson Clarence & Hazel Akkerman, Bruce Akkerman, Harold Wibben, Randy Stock, Wayne Worth, Dave Huff, Marlin Ugland, Mike & Di Movick. They are given by Mark & Brenda Heesch.*
- *The two wreaths next to the cross are given in loving memory of Bill & Janet Madsen. They are given by their family.*
- *A poinsettia given in loving memory of Pastor Trudy Peterson and Pastor Timm Wilkin given by Kevin & Gail Hamilton.*
- *A poinsettia given in memory of their loved ones by Mike & Denise Heyer and Velda Harms.*
- *A poinsettia given in loving memory of Carter Trunkhill given by Matt, Monica, Jacob & Adam Trunkhill.*
- *A poinsettia given in loving memory of Dick, Lana, and Tony Trunkhill given by Matt, Monica, Jacob & Adam Trunkhill.*
- *A poinsettia given in loving memory of Don & Jan Baade given by their family.*