



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Krug

## Gathering

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Reader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light in Jesus Christ.

**All:** **Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.**

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 adapted*

**All Singing: 107 "Come Light, Light of God"**

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 81 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

**All: I wait for the Lord more than watchman wait for the morning.**

Liturgist: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption.

**All: The Lord will redeem us from all our failings, from all our faults, from all our stumbling, from all our sin, from all our brokenness, from all our despair, from all our fears....**

*Psalm 130:5-8 adapted*

### *Silent Confession and Reflection*

Soloist: "Love Was Born Today" Coleman

This is the manger warm with hay,  
where a king in the form of a baby lay.  
The angels looked down from quiet skies,  
to where the tiny baby lies.

They sang a carol soft and sweet,  
while shepherds came, this babe to meet.  
The precious savior, Prince of Peace,  
God is with us now, God is with us now.

His mother sings a lullaby,  
the tiny baby lets out a sigh.  
And wisemen followed a star by night  
bringing gifts to worship this wondrous sight.

Emmanuel, God is with us.  
Emmanuel, God is near.  
Emmanuel, God is with us.  
Love was born today, love was born today.

In a world so dark and torn apart  
this hope was born for every heart.  
That each one here their soul to win,  
the Son of God will enter in

Liturgist: Break forth into singing you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Israel.

**All: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Liturgist: Through the coming of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate, the Lord has comforted and redeemed us. In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.

**All: Glory to God in the Highest!**

*Isaiah 52:9-10, Luke 2:14 adapted*

\* **All Singing: 82 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Liturgist: Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

**All:** Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Liturgist: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**All:** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Liturgist: Since God so loved us, let us also love one another.

*1 John 4:7-11 adapted*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All Singing: 74 “Savior of the Nations, Come”**  
*Singing verses 1 and 5*

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Girl Interrupted

\* **All Singing: 69 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

Minister: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,

**All:** may shine forth in our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Minister: who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All:** Amen.

Minister: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

\* LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

\* **All Singing: 85 “Silent Night! Holy Night”**

Postlude: “In Dulci Jubilo”

Bach

**Worship Leaders**

Organist / Pianist: Lynn Hollender  
Vocalist: Marissa Carpenter  
Guitar: Aaron Carpenter  
Soloist: Marjie Coleman  
Percussion: Clay Carlson  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Advent: Drenth Family  
Liturgist: Debbie Larsen  
Prayer: Josh Larsen

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