

Holy Lord, give your wisdom and compassion to all who rule and guide the nations of this world. Through their wise leadership may your saving justice be made known. Put an end to violence and destruction in the world and let your peace reign in every corner of the creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing and wholeness, grant the light of your healing presence to all who are suffering illness, loss, grief, or anxiety this season. Give to all in any kind of need the assurance of your life-giving presence in the midst of trials.

Remind all who are facing troubles that you are God-with-us and that your promises of new life, here and now and in eternity, are trustworthy and true.

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### **The Lord's Supper**

The Great Thanksgiving

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Canticle** *"Thank the Lord and sing"*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** *"What Child Is This"* LBW #40

### **Dismissal**

*"Alleluia"*



December 20, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Announcements

During this season of the four Sundays before Christmas, we have four banners. We began with the banners "Watch," "Prepare" and "Rejoice." Today we add the banner "Behold." The cross/star flame is symbolic of Christ, who was prophesied as the star that would come out of Jacob (Numbers 24:17).

### Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 p.m.  
Church office closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

### In Our Prayers

Condolences to Greg Moen following the death of his father, Gary Moen.

Health: Dale Beckmann (Danita Broders' stepfather) in hospital (heart attack, blood clots); Steve Freese, BJ and Sharon Koeppel, Betty Oehlertz, Donna Day, Judy Larson, Keith Reeg

### Happy Birthday

Don Burke, Dec. 23  
Marilyn Nickols, Dec. 25

### Volunteers needed

Membership Care Team; contact Doris Hoffart  
Offering counters, Altar Guild; contact church office  
*Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the back table*

Please sign up for poinsettias (sign-up sheet on back table).

2021 offering envelopes are in mailboxes in the fellowship hall.  
Please use them. This benefits the offering counters and ensures accuracy.

### Fourth Week of Advent

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

~Luke 1:46-47

### Confession and Forgiveness

**Entrance Hymn** "Hark, the Glad Sound!" LBW #35

### Greeting

**Prayer of the Day:** 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. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Fourth Candle — PEACE

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R: For your steadfast love to your people, O Lord:

**C: We will sing your praises forever!**

R: For all the wonders you have performed among us:

**C: We exult in your name all day long!**

R: For your mercy to all generations:

**C: We extol your abundant grace!**

R: For the promise of joy and new life:

**C: Our souls magnify you!**

R: For the joy of the festal shout:

**C: Our spirits joyfully sing your praise!**

*(four candles are lit)*

**Prayer:** God of the ages, like Mary our souls magnify you and our spirits rejoice, for you have looked with favor on us and done marvelous things. May our lives be a response to the grace you have given us. Amen

**Advent Hymn** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" v. 1-2

### Scriptures

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

New Testament: Luke 1:46b-55

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### Message

**Hymn of the Day** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" LBW #171

### Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of the Church

Emmanuel, God with us, through your Word you beckon all people to the light of your love. May your Spirit kindle in your church, and particularly this congregation, a desire and ability to carry the torch of faithful witness to a world in need of your message of hope and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, grant safe journeys to those who will be traveling in the days ahead. May they be blessed with joyful home-comings. Bring us all to peaceful rest as we find ourselves at home in your presence. Grant that as we celebrate the nativity of our Lord, we would be filled with a renewed hope for the world you love. Let Christ's love shine through us and illuminate a world in darkness and need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**