DECEMBER 18, 2022 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prelude - "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" Sussex Carol.

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Versicles

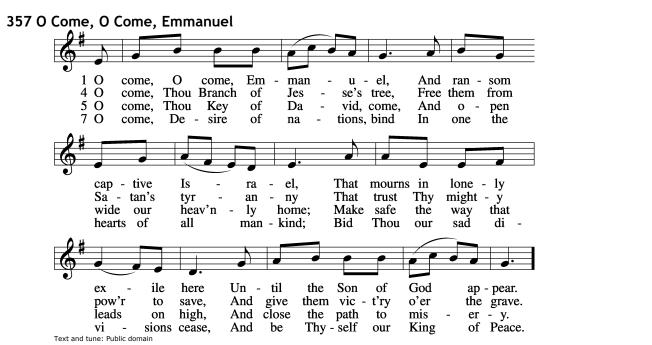
- A The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,
- **C** Points us the way to Jesus.
- A From Eden down to Calvary,
- **C** Our loving Savior frees us.
- **A** The promise is for you and me
- **C** And points the way to Jesus.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- Almighty God, from before the foundations of the world You planned to send Your Son, born of the Virgin, to redeem Your creation from sin and death. Illumine our hearts to see Your loving purpose at work in the lives of Your people who make up Christ's family tree; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Sit



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THE JESSE TREE: JESUS' FAMILY TREE

(Presented by the Sunday School)

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-4, 10; 9:6-7 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied sts. 1–2 1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild; shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line, Led The lamb and li - on side by side, by a lit - tle child! A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: fruit of God's de - sign. The Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955, © 1998 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000747 Tune: Public domain Second Reading Genesis 3:1-6, 14-15 **Recitation** (Adam and Eve) Third Reading Genesis 9:8–13 Recitation (Noah) Fourth Reading Genesis 12:1–3 **Recitation** (Abraham and Sarah) Fifth Reading Genesis 22:6-8 Recitation (Isaac) 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied sts. 3–4 3 As of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss, ban - ner 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store; That by His death a dy-ing world Would ral-ly to the cross. Lead past the an-gel's flam-ing sword—Come, o-pen heav-en's door. Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955, © 1998 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000747 Sixth Reading Genesis 28:10-14 **Recitation** (*Jacob*) Seventh Reading Ruth 1:15-16

1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13

Recitation (David)

Recitation (Ruth)

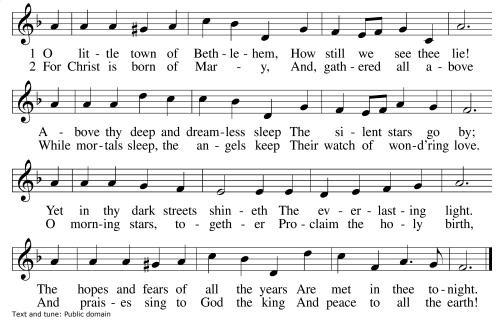
Eighth Reading

Ninth Reading 1 Kings 5:2–5

Recitation (Solomon)

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Tenth Reading Luke 1:11–16

Recitation (*Zechariah*)

Eleventh Reading

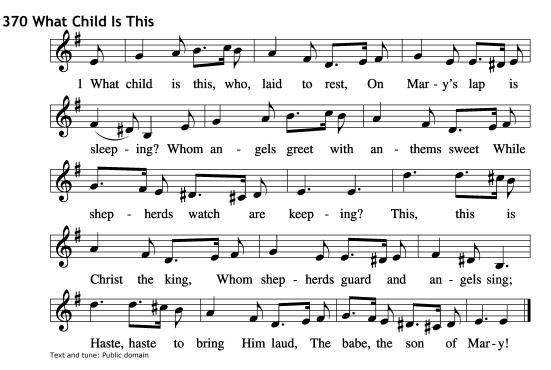
Matthew 3:1-6

Recitation (John the Baptist)

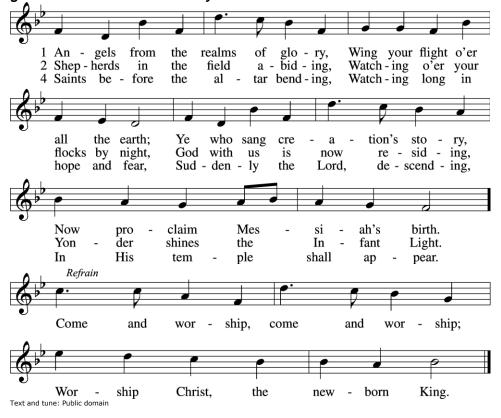
Twelfth Reading

Luke 1:26-38

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Anthem - "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" English Carol.

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Responsory

- A The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,
- **C** Points us the way to Jesus.
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Collect

A Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the shoot from the stump of Jesse, the Savior who was promised by God to Adam and Eve. Thank you for taking on our human flesh in the fullness of time and joining our family to save us from our sins. Strengthen us always to live as children of our Heavenly Father and as Your redeemed brothers and sisters. In Your name we pray.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Benediction

- Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.
- C Amen.



Postlude - "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" tune In Dulci Jubilo, German Carol.

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